



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 28th April



Parking on Mount Pleasant Avenue

Please can we remind parents not to park at any point on Mount Pleasant Avenue when dropping off and collecting children.

There are signs around the area explaining that Mount Pleasant Avenue is now a **pedestrian and cycle zone only** at specific times of the day, meaning that cars are not permitted to enter unless they belong to a resident of the avenue and hold a valid permit.

On Monday to Fridays between 8:20am and 9:05am and again between 12:45pm and 3:25pm parents are not permitted to use Mount Pleasant Avenue by car.

This includes parking on the pavement next to the school gates, above the school gate and at the top of the road where it joins Pellon Lane. We also ask that parents do not use the entrance to the school as a place to turn their cars round. Not only are all of the above **illegal**, they are also very dangerous for children, parents and residents of our local community.

Please help us to keep our children, parents and community safe by finding other places to park and respect the residents of Mount Pleasant Avenue.

Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Eid Parties

On Monday and Tuesday this week Eid parties were held across school.

Children were invited to come into school dressed in party clothes and they enjoyed juice and crisps while taking part in some fun activities.

The ladies in the kitchen even made some special Eid Mubarak buns and biscuits which the children had at lunchtime.

We hope all our families celebrating, had a lovely time!



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Quote of
the week
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“True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart.”

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Dates for your Diary

Mon 1st May - School Closed for the Bank Holiday

Thu 4th May - Open Minds Parent Workshop 'Difficult Behaviours' (book via Parent Pay)

Fri 5th, Wed 17th & Thu 18th May - Y2 Rrips to Shibden Hall

Mon 8th May - School Closed for Bank Holiday

Tue 9th to Fri 12th - KS2 SATs Week

Mon 15th May - Kings Coronation Celebration Day

Tue 16th May - Orchestra Concert

Fri 19th May - U9 Cricket Tournament

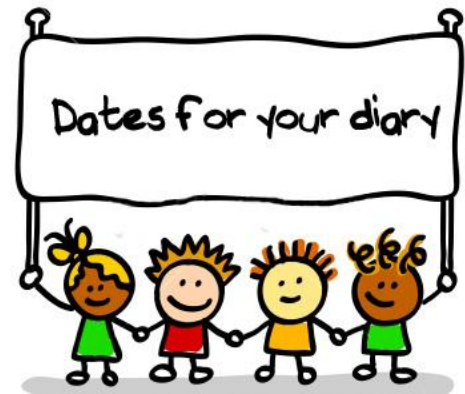
Mon 22nd May - Reception Trip to the Madni Mosque

Tue 23rd May - Y1 Trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Wed 24th May - Girls Cricket Tournament

Thu 25th May - Grammary Awards

Fri 26th May - Y6 Sports Day at Dean Field



Rights Respecting Parent Workshop

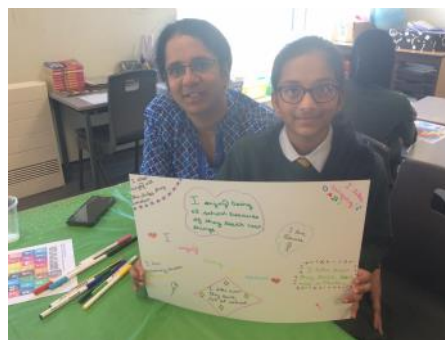
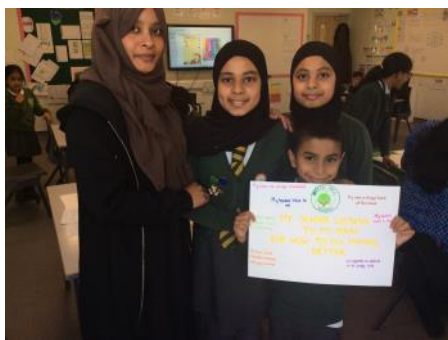
This week we had the privilege of welcoming our School Council families into school to talk all about the rights of children.



We discussed the many rights of children and talked about how Beech Hill meets these rights. We then looked at a range of statements taken from the pupil survey and created posters to explain how these are achieved in school.

It was a lovely afternoon, sharing all the amazing things we are doing in school with our families.

Thank you to those who could attend.





TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy

Year 2 - Abubakr Naveed (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Ayaan Subhani (Mexico)

Year 4 - Aryaan Hussain (Australia)

Year 5 - Katie Kotlarova (Denmark)

Year 6 - Azmin Darioglu (Egypt)

Class with the highest average of coins earned
per child

Switzerland

House Points

These children have all been awarded a **bronze** certificate for receiving **50** House Points.

Jibril Ahmed
Esa Hussain

These children have all been awarded a **silver** certificate for receiving **100** House Points.

Matias Granados
Alex Greenwod
Sara Noor
Viviene Sugar
Habibah Rahman

Well done everyone. Keep up the hard work!

London Marathon 2023

A massive congratulations to Mr Bowling, one of our Early Years Practitioners who works in Nursery, for completing the world-famous London Marathon 2023 on Sunday.

The marathon is a 26.2-mile route all around London, starting in Greenwich Park. The course took him round the Cutty Sark, across Tower Bridge, around Canary Wharf, then past St Paul's Cathedral and the London Eye, towards Big Ben and the Houses of Parliament before passing Buckingham Palace to the finish line.

Despite the pouring rain, Mr Bowling completed the marathon in a fantastic time of 4 hours and 24 minutes. He raised over £1400 for the Children with Cancer UK charity.



Locala Health Visiting Calderdale

Good news! All Calderdale residents have access to online courses from 'In Our Place.'

To access the courses to help to understand your child using the Solihull approach, all parents/grandparents, carers and teenagers have to do is click on the following link www.inourplace.co.uk and use the access code TKparents. Once registered the courses can be accessed free for life.

- Understanding your pregnancy, labour, birth & your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child 0-19+ years (main course)
- Understanding your child with additional needs 0-19+ years (main course)
- Understanding your teenagers brain (short course)
- Understanding your child's feelings (taster course)
- Understanding your relationships
- Understanding your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Understanding your brain (for teenagers only)
- Understanding your feelings (for teenagers only)



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 1st May

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	<div style="border: 1px dashed gray; padding: 10px;"> Bank Holiday School Closed </div>	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12 Gravy	Shepherds Pie 10 or Flipper Dippers 2, 5	Chicken Tikka Wrap 5, 8, 12 Or Shredded Chicken 5	Pizza 5, 8, 10
Vegetables		Homemade Cheese and Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Homemade Creamy Broccoli Pasta 5, 10	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry Naan Bread 5
Served daily		Roasties Broccoli Carrots	Ziggy Fries Peas Sweetcorn	Wedges 8 Broccoli Peas	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Mixed Veg
Dessert		Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Chicken Tikka, Bolognaise, Chilli, Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request			
		Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 5, 10 Jelly	Parkin 5, 10, 12 Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 5, 10 Choobs 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12 Vanilla Ice Cream 10

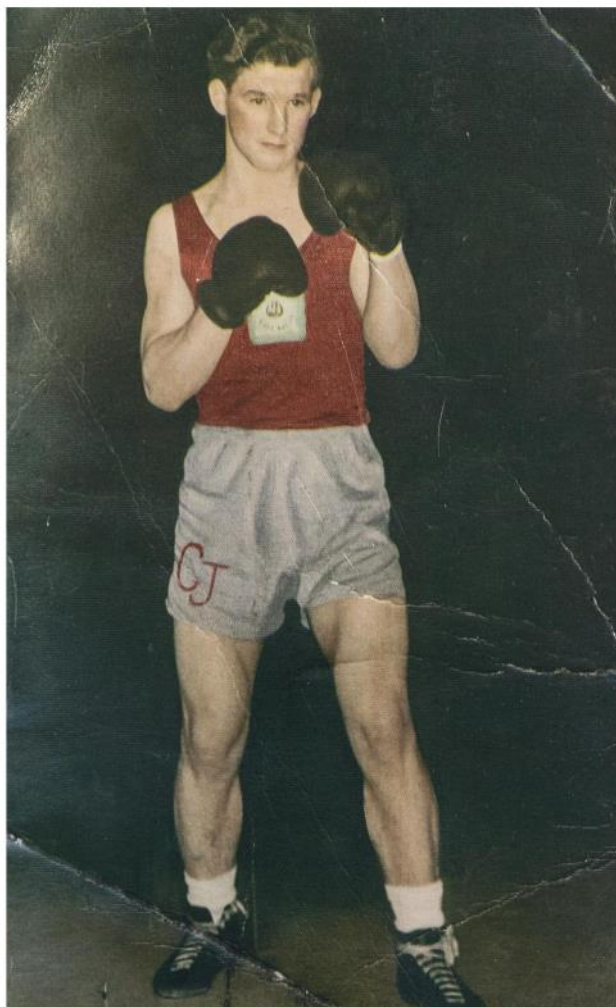
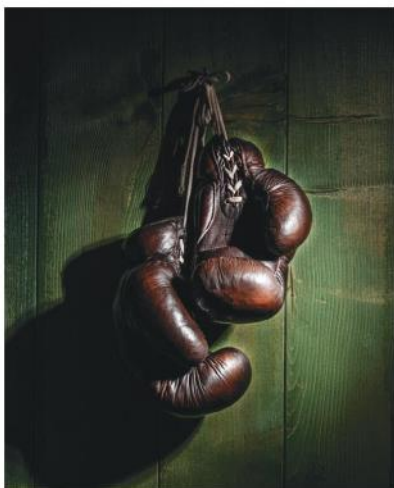
If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk

Join us at THE PIECE HALL from Saturday 29 April - Sunday 28 May 2023

A celebration of boxing past and present as we bring together stories and memories of the original clubs, with the hopes and dreams of the next generation of young boxers in Calderdale.

For more information about this wonderful event, please follow the link below:

<https://mailchi.mp/622b8181529a/halifax-stars?e=962e7eeb97>



"Boxing is the sport to which all other sports aspire ...!"
BIG GEORGE, Halifax Star Boxing Club

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Halifax Stars

A FILM & ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

BOXING & WORKING CLASS CULTURE IN HALIFAX

The exhibition will be open to the public
Saturday 29 April – Sunday 28 May 2023

THE PIECE HALL
Blackledge, Halifax HX1 1RE

The gallery will be open daily 10am-4pm

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National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app does use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who looks younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a false account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snapchat' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Critics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

18 MEET STRANGERS

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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