



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 1st December

Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 8th December, we will be holding our annual Reindeer Run in support of Overgate Hospice. Your child will have brought home a sponsorship form for this event - please return these to school with your sponsorship money by Friday 8th December.



On this day, we will also be inviting children to wear Christmas jumpers or festive wear.

Orchestra

Our established orchestra members were invited to the Hippodrome Theatre in Todmorden last Saturday.

This fabulous group performed with the Music for the Many orchestra along with other musicians from different schools as part of the Todmorden Book Festival. It was very pleasing to see them perform with confidence - they were extremely focused, kept in time with those around them and played with smiles on their faces. We are very proud!

Thank you very much to Mrs Haigh for setting up and supporting our orchestra club alongside Daniel Bath (from Music for the Many) who provided this opportunity for our children.



Futsal Tournament

Last Thursday, a group of Year 5 and 6 boys took part in the Adam Heslop Community Futsal Tournament, which was held at the 3Gi Soccer, Shaw Lodge Mills, Halifax.

With over 30 teams taking part, the boys made a slow start to the tournament with a close defeat in their opening game. This was the first time the group of boys had ever played together and although this showed at times, they kept their heads up and continued to impress opposing teams with their tenacity, teamwork and gamesmanship. In the end, the team finished in a respectable position, with them only missing out on a place in the quarter finals based on goal difference!

Well done to the team on giving a good account of themselves as well as working for one another throughout the tournament.



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TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Eesa H (Canada)

Year 3 - Adam K (Morocco)

Year 4 - Kiara S (Australia)

Year 5 - Ehsan W (France)

Year 6 - Matias G (Tanzania)

Class with the quickest average speed per question

Singapore



"When we listen and celebrate what is both common and different, we become wiser, and more inclusive."

House Points

The following children have received their **bronze** award for achieving 50 house points:

Areeba N
Inaya A
Esa A
Mohammed Y
Naomie K
Alina H
Ibrahim R
Inaya O
Zainab N

Samanyu N
Ayaaz A
Mohammed A
Abdul R
Mouhammadoul A
Husnaa Z
Muneebah K

House Points

The following children have received their **silver** award for achieving 100 house points:



Kesara G
Ariana G
Aahil N



Attendance Update (w/c Monday 20th November)

Last week's attendance is so close to our target of 96% but sadly we have just fallen below.

It is important children attend school regularly and are punctual every day. Arriving to school late affects pupils learning. If your child is late, please ensure they go to the main office where they will be asked to sign in. If they are a few minutes late, they will receive a late mark. If they are very late, this will be marked as an absence for the morning session.

Punctuality is good because it will help your child:

- Get the day off to a good start
- Establish patterns for the future
- Help your child's development
- Help your child make and keep friends

To discuss your child's attendance, please ring Mrs Farhat Hussain - Attendance Officer on 01422 345004.

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.

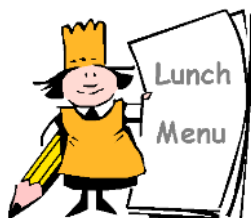
Group	% Attend
USA3	96.0
USA4	98.9
USA5	85.6
Wales	90.7
Northern Ireland	93.8
Switzerland	96.5
Nigeria	97.7
Canada	99.1
Jordan	92.4
Mexico	98.5
Morocco	97.0
South Africa	96.2
Australia	100.0
Denmark	95.4
Singapore	92.0
France	94.6
Tanzania	96.8
Egypt	98.7
Totals	95.7

Year 2 Parent Lunch

This week we had the privilege of welcoming year 2 parents into the hall to have dinner with their children.

Over the two days, we had 34 parents who came in to share this moment with their child. The children absolutely loved spending quality time with their parents.

Thanks to all those parents who came in and made new memories together.



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 4th December

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steaks 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Keema Curry 3 Rice	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 or Shredded Chicken 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12 or Roast Chicken Dinner	Pizza 5, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Vegan Pizza Rolls 5, 8	Vegan Strips 1, 4, 5	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry 3 Rice
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges Broccoli Peas	Herbies 5 Sweetcorn Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Broccoli
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Choc-Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 4, 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Angel Delight 10	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

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

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 issues 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

ANIME

Anime, which originates from Japan, is currently one of the most popular sources of entertainment in the world. This style of animation goes back to the mid 20th century, with a broad audience ranging from children to adults. Known for its epic stories, anime often crosses over with video games and other avenues of pop culture via adaptations or spin-offs – such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, an anime web series based on the popular video game, Cyberpunk 2077. The most common intersect, however, is manga: a form of graphic novel from which most anime is adapted.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some people assume that anime is safe for children purely because it's animation. However, a large amount is actually geared towards adults, often featuring swearing, graphic violence and nudity. Many anime series follow dark storylines, such as Cyberpunk: Edgerunners, which has swiftly become known for its extreme gore, sexual content and disturbing depictions of mental health conditions.

COMMON CROSSOVERS

It's easy for children to get drawn into anime through its many crossovers into video games, such as Fortnite and Call of Duty, while anime art styles are often used for other products, due to its popularity. Titles like the RPG Genshin Impact may look quite cute and accessible, but its loot-box mechanics can introduce young players to behaviours that have much in common with gambling.

DECEPTIVE APPEARANCE

It's easy to mistake anime graphics for a sign of harmless, child-friendly content. This style (big eyes, colourful hair and cute voices), however, can disguise some extremely adult themes. Yandere Simulator, for example, strongly resembles a child's game at face value, thanks to its art style, but in reality it features incredibly dark themes such as murder, kidnapping and torture.

ROBLOX REPRODUCTIONS

There are hundreds of user-created Roblox games which take their inspiration from anime and manga. While many of these titles will be perfectly age appropriate, there are some that prefer to focus on the storylines of adult and horror anime. Death Note, for example (based on the manga and anime series of the same name) would probably be extremely disturbing for most younger players.

MATURE MANGA

The majority of anime is adapted from manga: a form of Japanese comic book. Manga usually features an age rating on the back cover, and it's worth bearing in mind that just because it's a comic, that doesn't mean it's suitable for youngsters. In fact, most popular manga leans heavily towards darker subject matter, which is unquestionably aimed at an adult audience.

ADULT THEMES

Hentai is a type of manga, anime and video game which revolves around characters engaging in explicit sexual encounters. While anime of this kind is usually only found on pornography sites, some gaming platforms – such as Steam – do allow the sale of these titles (referred to as 'H-Games' in the community) and even feature them on the front of their store page when sales are on.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DO YOUR RESEARCH

Despite all the problematic content, there's still a lot of anime out there which is completely child friendly. Pokémon and One Piece are all long-running anime shows which have family-friendly stories and content. Make sure you check for age ratings and content warnings on streaming platforms when deciding if a particular anime series is suitable for your child.

WATCH WITH YOUR CHILD

Anime covers a multitude of topics, so it's easy to find something that the whole family can enjoy. Anime shows typically involve action and adventure, superheroes, romances, comedy and much more. Watching this content alongside your child isn't only a way to spend quality time together – it will also help you to spot quite quickly if there's potential for any difficult topics to arise in the show.

IT'S NOT JUST TV

Anime is most often in the format of a TV series, but it is also presented as films. Studio Ghibli is often referred to as 'the Japanese Disney' due to the quality and number of films they produce. Most of their movies are fine for children, though they often feature more mature subject matter than western animation: Grave of the Fireflies, for instance, is set in Japan during the Second World War.

CHECK GAMES' FEATURES

Often, crossovers with video games simply involve using anime characters as 'skins' to modify the appearance of characters while playing (as in Fortnite, for example). If your child's interested in an anime-inspired game that you're unfamiliar with, however, look online at the game's features and for any content warnings to gain a clearer idea of what your child might be exposed to.

Meet Our Expert

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