



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 27th January 2023

ZERO TOLERANCE of Abuse Towards Staff Members

Sadly we have had a few incidents this week where parents have been rude and verbally aggressive towards members of school staff.

We would like to remind parents that we have a zero tolerance approach around abuse and need to make parents aware that aggressive behaviour, be it verbal or physical, will not be tolerated towards any members of staff and may result in parents being banned off site.



Message Regarding Strike Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the National Education Union have declared strike action which will take place on a number of dates, the first of which is Wednesday 1st February. The strike has been called because of a national dispute between the unions and the government over many issues.

We are getting in touch to let you know that Beech Hill School **WILL BE OPEN** on Wednesday 1st February and children should attend school as usual.

We will keep you updated (giving as much notice as possible) regarding any future strike action dates.

Open Minds Parent Workshop - Managing Emotions

This is a reminder about the parent workshops we will be holding over the next few months.

The workshops will be run by Open Minds and our first workshop, Managing Emotions, is on **Monday 30th January at 10am**. You can book your place via Parent Pay, under the 'trips' section and it is free to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

This workshop will look at the difference between feelings and emotions and how children may communicate their emotions through their behaviour. It will also look at anger and how this can be supported, as well as some practical strategies and resources that can be used to help your child manage their emotions.

This workshop is suitable for parents/carers of primary-aged children (5-11 years) and is for everybody, not just those who feel their child may need support.

Further information about the remaining workshops will be sent out nearer the time:

Thursday 23rd February - Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

Thursday 4th May - Difficult Behaviours



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INVESTORS
IN FAMILIES

INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Healthy School



TT Rockstars Weekly Winners

Year 2 - Ariana Granados Ruano (Canada)

Year 3 - Mohammed Kafeel (Mexico)

Year 4 - Abdul Aziz Al Anazi (Australia)

Year 5 - Matias Granados (Denmark)

Year 6 - Noor Iman (Tanzania)

Overall Winner - Mohammed Kafeel (Mexico)

House Points

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

Anne Al Baker
Yasin Ahmed
Anastacia Anghelinei
Shayaan Saghir
Aayan Sheraz

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

Haidar Ali Samir
Sahasra Mandula

Well done. Keep up the good work!

Y6 Futsal Tournament

Last Wednesday a group of y6 boys took part in the Adam Heslop Community Futsal Tournament at 3Gi Soccer, Shaw Lodge Mills Halifax.

With the competition being played out in a league style format, it meant all 12 schools would play one another. Our boys made a slow start to the first few fixtures, with our goalkeeper keeping the scores respectable, in what were some very competitive matches. However, as the games went on, our boys were gelling more as a team and becoming harder to play against. Their hard work showed with them finishing the tournament in mid-table.

Overall it was a great learning experience for those involved - one in which they discovered the importance of teamwork and determination to finish better than the previous matches.

Well done to all for not giving up and for supporting one another.



Chicks



Year 2 have had some very special visitors in the last two weeks.

Last Monday ten eggs arrived in an incubator. Over the week, ten chicks hatched and the children got to see it! Three boys and seven girls have hatched and are being well cared for by year 2.



Right of the week

This week we are looking at article 12 which means you have the right to give your opinion and for adults to listen and take it seriously.



At Beech Hill School, children are encouraged to speak up if they have any problems or worries. We ensure that all children understand which adults they can speak to and classes also have a 'worry box' that children can leave a note in, if they wish to speak to an adult. During our PSHE lessons, we discuss how to respect each other's opinions and learn how to show empathy. Each class has a class charter displayed in their classroom where children have signed to say they listen to others and respect their views. Children can also self-refer themselves to our school counsellor if they wish to discuss their worries further. Adults ensure they listen to children whether that is in class, around school, at lunch times or during after-school clubs.



Year 1 Parents - School Dinner Day

This week year 1 parents were invited to join their children for lunch.

It was a lovely opportunity for the children to spend time with their parents during lunch time. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it was great to see lots of smiles and laughter in the dinner hall. Thank you for coming. It was lovely to see you all!



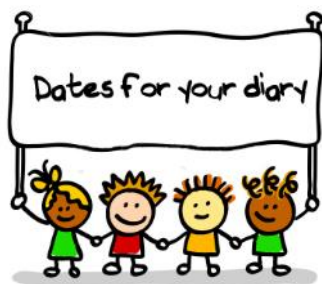
"The greatest test of courage on earth, is to bear defeat without losing heart."

Term Dates 2022/23

Below you will find the remaining term dates for the 2022/23 term.

Please note that **Monday 8th May** has been added to the term dates as a Bank Holiday. This is due to the King's Coronation.

2023 Spring Term	Re-open	Tuesday 3rd January
Half Term	Close	Friday 10th February
Easter	Re-open	Monday 20th February
	Close	Tuesday 4th April
2023 Summer Term	Re-open	Monday 17th April
May Day	Closed	Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday	Closed	Monday 8th May
Half Term	Close	Friday 26th May
	Re-open	Monday 12th June
Midsummer	Close	Tuesday 25th July



Come and tell us what matters to you in Park

Up for discussion

- Councillor Update
- Police Priorities update
- Open forum - Your chance to have your say!

Park Ward Forum and PACT (Police and Communities Together) Tuesday 7 February 2023 at

Hanson Lane Enterprise Centre, Hanson Lane, HX15PG
Meeting starts at 7pm, signing in from 6.30pm

Halifax Central Ward Forum Team




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Halifax Central Initiative



Calderdale Council

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 30th January

BEECH HILLS SCHOOL					
School Meals Menu - Week 1					
1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Full English Breakfast	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 4, 5	Homemade Keema Curry	Fishcakes (2, 5) Parsley Sauce (5, 10)	Sausage 5 or Quorn Sausage 5 Omelette 10, 12	Pizza 5, 8, 10
	Quorn Big Mac and Cheese 4, 5, 10, 12	Samosas (5) Homemade Onion Bhajis (10, 12) Savoury Rice	Homemade Macaroni Cheese (5, 10) Garlic Bread (4, 5, 10)	Hash Browns 5, 8, 10, 12  	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry Naan Bread (5)
Vegetables	Fries Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges (8) Broccoli Carrots	Potato Cubes (5) Peas Sweetcorn	 Beans Tomatoes	Ziggy Fries Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings (Homemade Chicken Tikka, Bolognese and Chilli. Tuna, Cheese, Beans) Salad Bar Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Assorted Puddings 5, 10, 12	Marble Sponge (5, 10, 12) Custard (8, 10)	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Pancakes and Syrup 5, 10, 12	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Ice Cream 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

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

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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE?'

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access to your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, 1Password and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version - by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' - such as your birthplace or a pet's name - in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task far harder.

7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up: they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency - even if they appear to come from someone you know.

11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates - so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure - criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at www.haveibeenpwned.com (yes, that spelling is correct). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack - or simply as motivation to review your account security.

8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win: devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun - so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it's essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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Calling all young people



Free holiday activities and food sessions

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE



HALF TERM FUN

13th February to 17th February 2023



Join #HealthyHolidaysCalderdale for a variety of activities during February Half Term!



Calderdale Council



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR CALDERDALE

HALF TERM FUN

This is your chance to take part in free, fun activities during the half term holidays! Scan the QR code to find out what activities are available to book.



Find out what's on and book your place at...www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays



Whether it's abseiling or caving, drama or dance there is something for everyone.

Calderdale Council are providing free activities for young people eligible for free school meals aged 5-16.



Calderdale's Healthy Holidays Half Terms provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe & fun environment, during the school holidays.



Calling all 5-16s on Free School Meals - Book your place now!

