



BEECH HILL NEWS



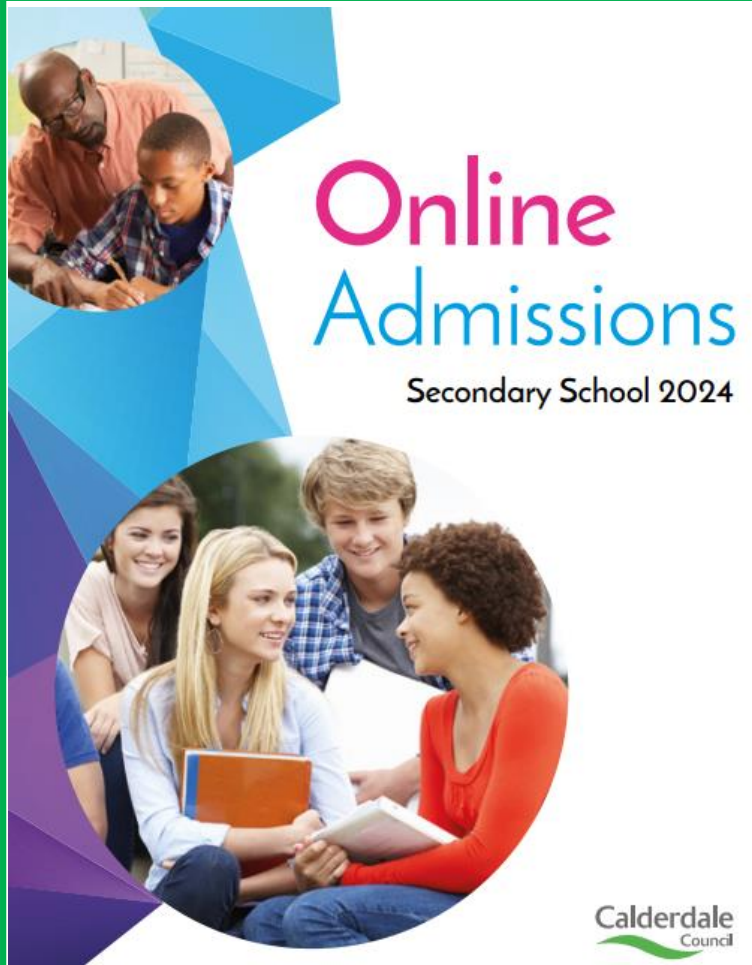
Friday 23rd June

Eid Parties

Eid Parties will be taking place in school on **Friday 30th June**.

Children are invited to come into school wearing party clothes (please ensure that they wear sensible shoes).

There will be juice and snacks on offer and some fun Eid themed activities for the children to take part in.

Online Admissions

Secondary School 2024

Calderdale Council

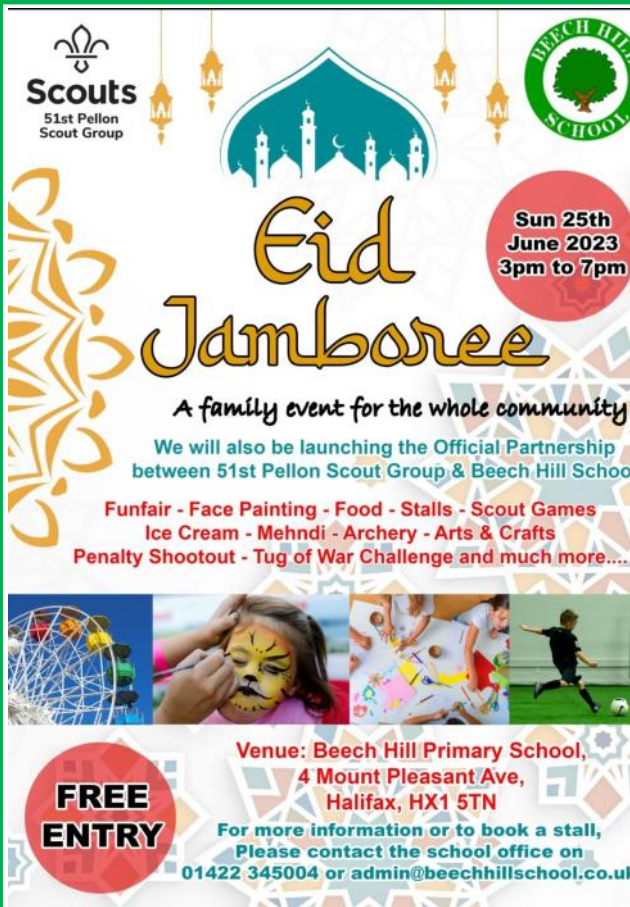
The online admissions process for secondary school places is now OPEN!

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 it is time to apply for their place in secondary school.

You can apply online from **21st June to 31st October 2023**.

For more information about the process and to submit your application, please follow the link below:

[Calderdale Council Admissions - 2024](https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions)



Scouts
51st Pellon Scout Group

Eid Jamboree

Sun 25th June 2023
3pm to 7pm

A family event for the whole community

We will also be launching the Official Partnership between 51st Pellon Scout Group & Beech Hill School

Funfair - Face Painting - Food - Stalls - Scout Games
Ice Cream - Mehndi - Archery - Arts & Crafts
Penalty Shootout - Tug of War Challenge and much more....

Venue: Beech Hill Primary School,
4 Mount Pleasant Ave,
Halifax, HX1 5TN

FREE ENTRY

For more information or to book a stall, Please contact the school office on 01422 345004 or admin@beechhillschool.co.uk

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Refugee Week 2023

We have had an amazing time celebrating refugee week across the school!

Children in years 5 and 6 started early by joining the Day of Welcome on Friday 16th June. They read the book 'The Waiting Place' and joined a live webcast with the author where they explored issues facing people who are displaced and are in refugee camps. The children had some very meaningful discussions and enjoyed hearing from the author herself.

During this week children, staff and families have enjoyed exploring the theme of compassion through creative dance, origami, clay, baking, cricket and poetry workshops. In class children have read a variety of books to help them understand and empathise with what it is like to be someone seeking refuge. The whole school have contributed to a collaborative piece of artwork that will be put together in the following weeks to commemorate this year's refugee week. Be sure to keep an eye out for it in one of the newsletters before the summer!

Thank you to all the families that have been involved and the staff that have organised such a wonderful week.



TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy



Year 2 - Kesara G (Canada)

Year 3 - Ayaan S (Mexico)

Year 4 - Afraah A (Australia)

Year 5 - Alexander G (Denmark)

Class with the most active players this week

Australia

House Points

These children have all been awarded a **gold** certificate for receiving **200** House Points.

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Well done!

Online health & wellbeing advice for families

West Yorkshire Healthier Together is an online tool that provides consistent, accurate and trustworthy healthcare advice to parents, carers, young people & professionals in West Yorkshire.

Recently added content includes:

Asthma

Childhood vaccinations (including to protect against Measles)

Hay fever

For more information visit the following website

wyhealthiertogether.nhs.uk

Friday Club Fun

During our Friday Athletics club, we have been having a great time taking part in some traditional sports day activities such as tug of war, wheelbarrow races and the three-legged race.

The children have shown great sportsmanship.



Important message from Calderdale Public Health and West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue

We have been made aware of an incident where a small number of children have become unwell after playing, swimming or paddling in local rivers and canals.

At this time of year, we respond to many concerns about young people swimming and jumping into open water.

Be aware! Open waters are exposed to the elements and may therefore contain bacteria/viruses from natural sources such as animal waste. This can make you extremely unwell.

Please tell your children to:

- Avoid drinking water from open water sources
- Wash hands thoroughly after playing in or near rivers, lakes, streams and canals

If your child becomes unwell after contact with open water, seek medical advice as appropriate.

Please also remind your children about the other hidden dangers of open water. There are many dangers when entering canals, rivers, and reservoirs, which have tragically taken lives. **The number of accidental drownings in our region is on the rise.** Even with all the hot weather we have been having, the water temperature will be cold. Below 15°C is defined as cold water and can seriously affect your breathing and movement

If you get into difficulty in the water **#FloatToLive:**

- **Take a minute** - The initial effects of cold-water pass in the less than a minute so don't try and swim straight away
- **Relax and float** - on your back to catch your breath. Try to get hold of something that will help you afloat
- **Keep calm** - then call for help or swim to safety if you're able

If you see someone in difficulty in the water call **999** and ask for **FIRE!**

For more information on keeping your family safe in, on and around water have a look at our website: www.westyorksfire.gov.uk/water

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 26th June

3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Strips 1, 5	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
	Vegetarian Quarter Pounder 4, 10	Homemade Cheese and Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Homemade Creamy Broccoli Pasta 5, 10	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry Naan Bread 5
Vegetables	Curly Fries 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Roasties Broccoli Carrots	Ziggy Fries Peas Sweetcorn	Wedges 8 Broccoli Peas	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Mixed Veg
Served Daily	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				
Dessert	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 5, 10	Parkin 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 5, 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Ice Cream 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Choobs 10	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillsschool.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 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

OMETV

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webchat function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

VIDEO RECORDING

When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

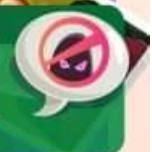
FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.



DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webchat function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.



ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.



Meet Our Expert

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