



# BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 24th March 2023

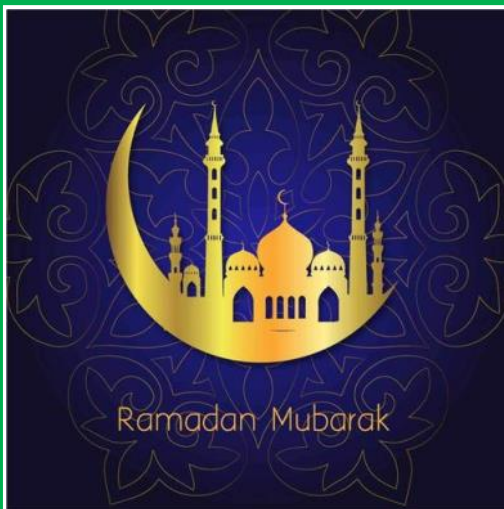


## Car Parking at the Bus Stop

Good afternoon - we have a request for parents not to park in the bus bay on Pellon Lane when collecting children from school. Last week, when our Y5 children returned from swimming, the bus had to stop in the road to let the children off. This is not the safest practice and caused significant disruption to traffic in the area.

Please consider your parking choice carefully, being mindful of when the bus stop needs to be used. Y5 swimming is every Monday and we also use the bus stop when using a coach for other trips.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Ramadan Mubarak

Ramadan Mubarak to all of our families that are celebrating.

May this Ramadan bring you joy, health and peace!

If your child will be fasting during the month of Ramadan, we kindly ask that you inform your class teacher or the school office so alternative arrangements can be made during meal times.

Thank you for your support.

## Attendance Update

Well done to USA 3 - our highest achieving class this week!

Can you help your class to have the highest attendance next week?

If your child is absent from school you must ring the school office before 9.10 am to inform us of his/her absence.

Our contact number is 01422 345004. Please note you may be requested to provide medical evidence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Farhat Hussain  
Attendance Officer

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

Group	% Attend
USA3	98.9
USA4	93.3
USA5	87.8
Wales	94.8
Scotland	92.7
Northern Ireland	97.4
Switzerland	95.6
Canada	96.9
Morocco	93.8
Jordan	95.2
Mexico	97.0
South Africa	97.6
Australia	96.8
France	90.4
China	95.2
Denmark	97.6
Tanzania	96.7
Egypt	95.3
Totals	95.3

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## TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy

Year 2 - Aiyah Hussain (Canada)

Year 3 - Mohammed Ayaan (Jordan)

Year 4 - Barin Mohammed (France)

Year 5 - Alexander Greenwood (Denmark)

Year 6 - Shayan Haroon (Egypt)

**Most Accurate Class - Mexico**



Quote of the week



"IT MAKES SUCH A DIFFERENCE," SAID POOH, "TO HAVE SOMEONE WHO BELIEVES IN YOU."

### House Points

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

Valentina Kalasova  
Jibril Ahmed  
Eeas Hussain

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

Amelia Altaf  
Yousaf Majid  
Safa Ali  
Hasnain Afzal  
Matias Granados

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

Musa Butt

Well done everyone. Keep up the hard work!

### Year 1 - African Safari Dance

On Tuesday the year 1 children performed their African safari dance in front of their parents.

We were blown away by how confident the children were when they performed and think that they did a fantastic job.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Boylan for working with the children this half term and creating a fantastic dance routine.



## Light Up Our Lives

Year 6 have taken part in a project with Verd de gris, a local charity, over the last two weeks in order to learn about and celebrate Black African heritage and culture. This has involved drumming, singing, creative writing and creative arts. We were also delighted to work alongside members of the local Black African community in order to understand more about their traditions, exploring our similarities and differences and understanding how to respect these.

The culmination of this project was an uplifting and inspiring performance at the Viaduct Theatre on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March along with children from Holy Trinity Primary School, Sharon (Verd de gris), Teresa (singing teacher), Phil (drumming teacher), Bola (Light Up Bahc) and members of the local community. It was fantastic to see our children showcase the new talents they have learnt and some were even brave enough to share the words they had written about their views of the world and how it should be - see below for an example of these.

**Well done year 6 - we are all incredibly proud of you!**

Fly away in a world, where the Earth is full of joy,  
Where the broken rise up and greed doesn't sit on the soul,  
Where every man is free and peers through his window to see  
that peace is past the Dawn,

No other man will scorn the Earth and all will know freedom's  
pathway,  
The bounties of the Earth is a pearl of such I dream a world,  
Love, will bless the world and attend the needs of all mankind.  
Black or white, whatever race you be,  
No man will be broken  
with love in a world of joy.

Whether you fear, or don't fear your mistakes,  
It doesn't matter in a world that you dream, where mistakes  
are your solutions,  
and your solutions fix the life of your soul  
to be the best you can be.  
Greed, distrust, racism, and all the other problems leave your  
soul in a perfect world  
to leave it in peace

# verdegris





AT CALDERDALE COLLEGE  
FRANCIS STREET, HALIFAX, HX1 3UZ

**STARTING FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2023**

(NEW PLAYERS CAN JOIN AT ANYTIME DURING THE YEAR/PROVIDING PLACES ARE AVAILABLE)



Group 1	5:00pm – 6:00pm	Ages 4 - 5
Group 2	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Ages 6 – 7
Group 3	7:00pm – 8:00pm	Ages 8 – 9
Group 4	8:00pm – 9:00pm	Ages 10 - 13

Dear Parents,

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of previous year's courses we are expanding the football coaching programme for the season. The course will run on a weekly basis EVERY FRIDAY during school term times.

All of our courses are run by F.A. QUALIFIED COACHES INCLUDING EX-PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS. All of our coaches have been DBS/CRB police checked. The course is open to boys and girls aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through fun and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed.

At the end of the term (usually 10-15 weeks) every child will receive a merit trophy and course certificate, with chances to win extra trophies including penalty shoot out and american shoot out and champions league competitions.

The cost of the course is £7 per week, which is payable every four weeks (E28) with the first payment due on week one. Parents are welcome to stay and watch however the club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care. We have the use of excellent facilities including the large indoor sports hall.

**TO BOOK A PLACE ON TO THE COURSE PLEASE TEXT**  
**'HALIFAX' + CHILD'S NAME & AGE + GROUP(1/2/3/4) TO:**  
**07846 770 250 Steven Nugent (Course Co-ordinator)**

**APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL FUN DAY - TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

At Calderdale College 10.00 am - 3.30 pm (FOR BOYS + GIRLS AGES 4 - 14)

The day runs from 10.00am - 3.30pm and children must bring a packed lunch and drinks from home. At 3.00pm there is a medal presentation when all players receive their awards. The cost of the day is £20. ALL CHILDREN ARE GUARANTEED TO RECEIVE AT LEAST ONE MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE PLUS THERE ARE ADDITIONAL TROPHIES AND PRIZES TO BE WON.

**TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE TEXT**  
**'HALIFAX EASTER' + CHILD'S NAME + AGE to 07846 770 250**

YOU WILL RECEIVE CONFORMATION BY TEXT THEN REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT IS MADE ON THE FIRST MORNING OF THE COURSE

# JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING

## AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

### HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the April school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment.



To book scan the QR code or visit [healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/](http://healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/)

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.

For more information on the programme and support in booking a place on the spring programme please contact:

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale  
Twitter: @HAFCalderdale  
Website: [www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays)  
Email: [healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk](mailto:healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk)



## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 27th March

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@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Ten top tips for STRONGER PASSWORDS

Passwords continue to be the most common way to prove our identity online. A combination of a username and a password known only to the user provides access to our online accounts and data – and hopefully keeps unauthorised individuals out. As a security measure, though, passwords are relatively weak. People are often predictable in how we choose our passwords, for example – making them less secure. With increasing volumes of usernames and passwords being leaked online, what can we do to keep our data more secure? Here are our top tips for stronger passwords.

### BE UNPREDICTABLE

We often choose passwords which are easy to remember, featuring the name of our favourite sports team or favourite film, for instance. Those are predictable passwords. Cyber criminals will routinely try various combinations of passwords relating to sports teams, actors, musical artists and the like – and they often focus on these during major sporting events or around high-profile movie releases.

### AVOID GETTING PERSONAL

Many of us use passwords relating to our family, such as children's names or favoured holiday destinations. The problem here is that we also typically post about our holidays and our family on social media – making that information potentially visible to cyber criminals and supplying them with clues which could help them in narrowing down possible passwords we might have set.

### NEW PLATFORM, NEW PASSWORD

Where cyber criminals gain access to an online service through a data breach, they often use the data they've stolen to try and access the victim's other accounts. This is because the criminals know that, for convenience, people often use the same password across different services. When we reuse passwords, our security is only as strong as the weakest site where we've used it.

### LONGER IS STRONGER

Our passwords are often stored by online services in an encrypted format. In case the service suffers a data breach, the strength of this encryption, however, is dependent on the length of the password you've selected. If your password is only a short one, cyber criminals are significantly more likely to be able to break the encryption and identify your password.

### CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY

Staying up to date with friends and relatives on social media is part of everyday life now. We need to ensure, though, that we limit who can see our posts via each platform's privacy settings. It's also wise to consider what we're posting and if it's really safe to share online. If we restrict what cyber criminals can see, we reduce the chance of them using that information to identify our passwords.

### Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), 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 is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



Source: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/>

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IN OPERATION

### 'DOUBLE LOCK' YOUR DATA

It's possible that cyber criminals may eventually discover your username and password. Enabling multi-factor authentication (MFA) on your accounts, however, reduces the chance of them obtaining access to your data, as they'd also require a code which is provided via an app, SMS message or email. MFA isn't infallible, but it does definitely provide extra protection and security.

### DELETE UNUSED ACCOUNTS

Data breaches occur when cyber criminals gain access to an online service and all the data contained within it – including usernames and passwords. Whenever you stop using a service, it's wise to make sure that you delete your entire account and not just the actual app. If the service no longer has your data, there's zero risk of it being leaked should they suffer a data breach in the future.

### TRY PASSWORD MANAGERS

Even though most of us have numerous online accounts to manage these days, it's advantageous to avoid password re-use. Specialist password management software (like Dashlane or OnePassword, among others) can help by storing a different password for every online service that you have an account with: the only one you or child will need to remember is the single master password.

### GET CREATIVE

The British government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) recommends the 'three random words' technique. This method helps you create a password which is unique, complex and long – yet which is memorable enough to stay in your mind ("FourBlueShoes", for example). The NCSC website, incidentally, also offers plenty of other useful information relating to personal cyber security.

### STAY VIGILANT

The best way to protect your accounts and your data is to be vigilant and careful. If you receive an email or text message that's unusual or unexpected, treat it as suspicious until you're able to verify whether it's genuine and safe. Starting from a position of vigilance and caution will reduce the likelihood of you or your child being tricked by a malicious email, text or phone call.



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