



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 17th November

Attendance

It is important that 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 to do the following:

- 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

Congratulations to Northern Ireland and France for achieving 100% attendance last week.

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

Group	% Attend
USA3	87.0
USA4	97.8
USA5	88.2
Wales	81.4
Northern Ireland	100.0
Switzerland	96.6
Nigeria	93.8
Canada	94.5
Jordan	95.9
Mexico	95.6
Morocco	88.9
South Africa	98.5
Australia	97.5
Denmark	86.2
Singapore	90.0
France	100.0
Tanzania	98.1
Egypt	99.4
Totals	94.1

Diwali Celebrations

Last week, we celebrated Diwali.

Both lower school and upper school enjoyed an assembly learning all about Diwali and how different people around the world celebrate 'The Festival of Light.' Each year group has taken part in Diwali activities and produced lots of amazing work linked to Diwali, such as: firework pictures, rangoli patterns and diya lamps. The children were also able to come in their own clothes and the kitchen staff made some Diwali themed cupcakes at lunchtime.



It was lovely to see Beech Hill so vibrant and colourful.



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Year 5 Money Minds Workshop

Over the past few weeks, year 5 were visited by the Yorkshire Building Society for a Money Minds Workshop.

The children were taught the basics of budgeting and had an introduction to money and finances. Children worked in teams to plan a party. They had to stick to the budget, work out costs and provide individual ticket prices.

The children really enjoyed their workshops and were fantastic role models for Beech Hill.



Friday 23rd February

Please be aware that there will be no Friday afternoon clubs on 23rd February due to staff training.

Nursery will still be running as normal but all children from reception to year 6 will be finishing at 1:10pm.

We will send out regular reminders in the run up to this date so you are aware of the change.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.



The Beech Hill Value for this term will be:

Tolerance and Respect

We encourage you to help your children demonstrate the values at home and in the wider community. We also welcome you to let us know different ways in which your child has demonstrated the different values.



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IN RECOGNITION OF GOING ABOVE & BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY AND EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

This is a huge moment of pride for Halifax marking a significant achievement for both the 51st Pellon Scouts and the entire community. This accomplishment reflects the dedication, hard work, and acknowledges their unwavering commitment and exceptional contributions to the local community. Scouting has long been synonymous with leadership, community engagement, and personal growth, and the 51st Pellon Scouts have exemplified these values to the highest degree. Their dedication to community service, their involvement in numerous local initiatives, and their commitment to the Scout oath and law have earned them this remarkable recognition. Equivalent to an MBE, KAVS is the highest Award given to local voluntary groups in the UK, and they are awarded for life.



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Reception Parent Lunches

Reception children enjoyed having parents and family members join them for lunch this week. It was fantastic to see such a big turn out.

Thank you to everyone that came along.





TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Alishba U (Canada)

Year 3 - Mubashra R (Mexico)

Year 4 - Abdul R (A)

Year 5 - Muhammad Ur-R (Denmark)

Year 6 - Vanshika T (Tanzania)

Class with the highest average correct answers

Egypt



"The first step towards tolerance is respect and the first step toward respect is knowledge."

House Points

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

Abdul M
Callum G
Aila A
Zarina A
Aizah U
Ozaan A
Fajr-Noor W
Keyan A
Maryam A
Arooj A
Habiba B
Adwaith C
Osman O
Hasanain S
Leonardo S
Umayah S
Maleeha W
Darwn Saied
Eesa H
Mohammed Ayaan
Amelia A
Mareme A
Nitika K
Mohammed Alanazi



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 20th November

2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Nuggets 5 Fishcakes 2, 5	Homemade Chicken Curry 3 Naan Bread 5	Full English Breakfast Sausage 5 or Quorn Sausage 5 Omelette 10, 12 Potato Puffs	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12 Gravy	Pizza 5, 10
	Vege Nuggets 5	Homemade Onion Bhajis Samosas 5 Savoury Rice		Homemade Cheese and Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Ravioli 5
Vegetables	Curly Fries 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Ziggy Fries Mixed Veg	Beans Tomatoes	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Cauliflower	Chips Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Orange Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Chocolate Swirls 10	Crispy Buns 4, 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Chocolate 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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalcollege.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well as connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

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