



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 27th October

Harvest Festival

Some of our Rights Respecting School Council have been busy this week helping volunteers from the Halifax Community Fridge pack all the food collected from the Harvest Festival collection. There was so much food that it filled the back of a transit van. We would like to say a BIG thank you for the fantastic effort from all our families and a special mention must go to Miss Rakha and her family for their huge donation of food.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



Attendance

16.10.2023 to 20.10.2023

Last week's attendance has dropped significantly from the previous week's 95.4% to 93.3%.

To ensure we are on track to achieve above the national average, we need to achieve a higher weekly percentage than we did last week.

If your child is feeling slightly unwell, please give them the appropriate medication, bring them to school and inform the class teacher. In order to build resilience with minor ailments, children should attend school whenever possible.

Congratulations to class Northern Ireland for achieving the highest attendance last week with 99%.

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

| Group | % Attend |
|------------------|-------------|
| USA3 | 97.0 |
| USA4 | 92.2 |
| USA5 | 97.8 |
| Wales | 86.9 |
| Northern Ireland | 99.0 |
| Switzerland | 96.9 |
| Nigeria | 97.7 |
| Canada | 97.5 |
| Jordan | 86.9 |
| Mexico | 91.8 |
| Morocco | 88.1 |
| South Africa | 96.9 |
| Australia | 93.6 |
| Denmark | 92.5 |
| Singapore | 97.0 |
| France | 93.9 |
| Tanzania | 89.0 |
| Egypt | 90.6 |
| Totals | 93.3 |

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Year 5 Trip to Clement Court

A group of year 5 children represented Beech Hill at Clement Court this week.

The children took their reading books to read to some of the residents. The children introduced themselves to the residents and enjoyed having conversations with them.

The residents complimented our children saying that they were 'fluent readers', 'kind and friendly children' and that we as a school should be proud of them.



Reception Trip to Copley Woods

Last week Reception went on their first trip to Copley Woods.

The children behaved impressively and had a fantastic time. The children spoke about the natural materials they could see, hear and feel.

Well done everyone for doing lots of walking too!



A New Look for Seesaw

The Same Features You Know and Love

Seesaw began over a decade ago with a mission to provide every elementary student with joyful and connected learning experiences that lay the foundation for success in life.

Our next chapter includes a new logo, app icon and marketing website inspired by the Seesaw learning loop.



New Logo, App Icon & Colors

We've also updated our fonts and colors to demonstrate our commitment to more inclusive instruction, for all. You'll see some familiar Seesaw colors woven into our new website and materials with the same playful touch.

New Marketing Site

This site is designed to make it easier for teachers, administrators and families to find inspirational resources, printables, tutorials, and more.

Resources for Teachers, Students & Families

We have created a variety of resources, including printables, tutorials, and FAQs to help your students and families become familiar with our new app icon and logo.

The great news is while the colors have been updated inside Seesaw, none of the functionality has changed. This means you can continue to use Seesaw as you always have!



Find Exciting Resources and More FAQs Here!



The learning experience platform for elementary.

Seesaw | www.seesaw.com

Seesaw is Changing

From next week, Seesaw will be changing its branding.

The logo and website is changing but all of the other things on the website will remain the same.

You will need to familiarize yourself with the new Seesaw App Icon so you can locate this easily when accessing Seesaw on your smart phone.



New app Icon



TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Aliza M (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Esa A (Morocco)

Year 4 - Michaela Z (South Africa)

Year 5 - Muhammed F (Denmark)

Year 6 - Hannah M (Tanzania)

Class with the fastest average speed per question

France (0.99 seconds)

House Points

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



Adam P
Harris U-R
Muhammed H
Umamah A
Abdul M
Haider H
Haleema U
Hashim A



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

Rehan Ali



Well done everyone. Keep up the hard work!

When we return after half term, there will still be the opportunity to purchase poppy merchandise.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Poppy merchandise is now available to be purchased.

Our Head Boy and Girl and the deputies will be coming round to classrooms from Wednesday 25th October, where children can purchase items or make a donation.

If your child would like to buy something, please send some money to school with them. Alternatively, parents can purchase merchandise from the school office.



Weather

As we enter autumn and winter, the weather is starting to change. One day it could be mild and dry, another day it could be wet and windy and another day it could be absolutely freeeeezing!

With this in mind, we must remind all parents to send their children into school with sensible footwear and a coat suitable for all types of weather.



Leavers

We would like to wish Mrs Lewis a happy retirement! She has been a fantastic member of our kitchen staff for the past 8 1/2 years.

Our year 6 prefects made her a wonderful card to say thank you for her hard work. Her smile and friendly nature will be missed by all the children and staff.

Good luck and enjoy.



This half term, we also say goodbye to one of our Midday Supervisors Mrs Ibrar. Mrs Ibrar has worked at the school for 12 1/2 years. She has been a wonderful member of the Beech Hill family and she will be greatly missed by all.

Good luck in the future Mrs Ibrar.

Mrs Pask joined the cleaning staff in September and after a short spell, will also be leaving us. We wish her all the best for the future.

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 6th November

| 3 | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Hot Meal Option | Southern Fried Chicken Strips 1, 5 | Sausages 5 Gravy | Battered Fish 2, 5 | Homemade Spicy Kebabs 12 Chicken Tikka Wraps 5, 12 | Pizza 5, 10 |
| | Tomato Pasta 5, 10 | Homemade Vegetable Biryani 3 | Homemade Cheese and Onion Quiche 5, 10, 12 | Vegetable Burgers 5 | Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14 |
| Vegetables | Ziggy Fries Beans Veg Sticks | Potato Puffs Broccoli Carrots | Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn | Herbies 5 Mixed Veg Peas | Wedges Beans Sweetcorn |
| Served Daily | Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request | | | | |
| Dessert | Sweet Waffles 4, 5, 10, 12 | Chocolate Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10 | Parkin 5, 10, 12 | Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10 | Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12 |
| | Strawberry Swirls 10 | Angel Delight 10 | Jelly | Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12 | Strawberry Ice Cream 10 |

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



West Yorkshire
Fire & Rescue Service

Celebrate Safely: Follow The Firework Code

- Plan your firework display; making it safe and enjoyable, and make sure it finishes before 11 pm.
- Only buy fireworks that are CE-marked. Keep them, in a closed box, and use one at a time.
- Always read and follow the instructions on each firework. (Use a torch if you need to).
- Keep an arms-length distance with a taper and stand well back when lighting fireworks.
- Keep naked flames like cigarettes, away from fireworks.
- Never return to a firework once it has been lit.
- Do not put fireworks in your pocket, and never throw them.
- Fire any 'rocket' type fireworks well away from spectators.
- Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire.
- Make sure that any bonfires are out and the surroundings are made safe before leaving it unattended.

For more information scan the QR code on the front of this flyer or visit:
[westyorksfire.gov.uk/bonfire-night-safety](https://www.wyfs.co.uk/bonfire-night-safety)

Firework and Bonfire Safety

Please use the link below to find some useful information including a list of places where organised events are taking place, how to enjoy bonfire night safely at home and where to report any anti-social behaviour.

<https://www.wyfs.co.uk/bonfire-night-safety>



Calling all young people

Free holiday activities and food sessions

HALF TERM FUN

30th October to 3rd November 2023

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

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE

COST OF LIVING support for calderdale

Calderdale Council

ACTIVE CALDERDALE

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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 games 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

ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

Advice for Parents & Carers

SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has genuine friends who they play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with others safely in the digital world.

Meet Our Expert

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