



# BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 22nd September



## Morocco Earthquake Appeal

We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents that have supported us with the Morocco Appeal.

We raised an overwhelming £1504.64, which is a fantastic effort in one week.

Well done everyone!

## Packed Lunches

Earlier this week, a child came in to school with a whole chicken leg in their packed lunch.

While we appreciate that cooked chicken is a good option for a packed lunch, we urge parents to remove the meat from the bones before sending it in to school with their children as this can become a choking hazard.

Thank you for your continued support.



## Attendance Update

It is fantastic to see the majority of our classes achieving above the national average. Well done to our winners for achieving the best attendance in Reception, Lower school and Upper school and earning well deserved house points.

They are:

- Reception winner - USA 3 with 98.9%
- Lower school winner - Nigeria with 99.6%
- Upper school winner - South Africa with 99.2%

I would like to remind all parents/carers about the importance of all pupils attending school promptly and regularly. Where pupils attendance begins to drop below the national average a referral will be made to the Education Welfare Officer, also known as an EWO. As a school we aim to provide the very best for our pupils and can only achieve this with parent/carer support.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

Group	% Attend
USA3	98.9
USA4	93.5
USA5	94.1
Wales	86.3
Northern Ireland	93.3
Switzerland	97.1
Nigeria	99.6
Canada	99.0
Jordan	95.5
Mexico	97.4
Morocco	99.2
South Africa	99.2
Australia	93.7
Denmark	91.6
Singapore	90.2
France	93.3
Tanzania	90.3
Egypt	93.7
Totals	94.5

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# WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT

## MacMillan Coffee Morning

On Friday 6th October, we will be hosting a coffee morning in support of MacMillan Cancer Support.

Parents will be able to book a place via Parent Pay from **Friday 22nd September** for £1.

Please note that this event is not just for the parents. If you are attending, your children will be able to join you from their class.

All the money raised will go directly to MacMillan Cancer Support.

There is a Just Giving Page that has been set up should families wish to donate additional support <https://coffeefundraising.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm23065208>

Thank you for your continued support!

## Parent Meetings

It has been wonderful welcoming so many parents from years 1-5, to go over year group expectations and to inform you of all the wonderful experiences on offer this academic year.

We look forward to welcoming you again throughout the year, for a range of parent events.



**Reminder:** The year 6 meeting will be held on Tuesday 26th September at 8:40am.

Thank you all for your support and we look forward to a fantastic year at Beech Hill making lots of memories.



### TTRS - Most Accurate

Year 2 - Morgan N (Canada)

Year 3 - Romello N (Mexico)

Year 4 - Sumayah-Noor M (Australia)

Year 5 - Abdul Hadi R (France)

Year 6 - Jana D (Tanzania)

**Class with the most active players**

South Africa

“Quote  
of  
the **Week**”

“Honesty is the  
foundation for trust.  
You can't have one  
without the other.”

“Quote  
of  
the **Week**”



# Online Admissions

Secondary School 2024

## Secondary School Admissions 2024

The application process for Secondary School 2024 places is open.

If your child was born between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013 then you must apply for their secondary school place now.

**The deadline for applications is 31st October 2023.**

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

<https://new.calderdale.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>



## Dinner Menu w/c Monday 25th September

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steaks 1, 3, 4, 5, 10 Fish Fingers 2, 5	Homemade Keema Curry 3 Rice	Homemade Lasagne 5, 10 or Shredded Chicken 5	Homemade Chicken Pie 5, 10, 12 or Roast Chicken Dinner	Pizza 5, 10
	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Vegetable Pasta Bake 5, 10	Vegan Pizza Rolls 5, 8	Vegan Strips 1, 4, 5	Homemade Kidney Bean Curry 3 Rice
Vegetables	Criss-Cuts 5 Beans Veg Sticks	Wedges Broccoli Peas	Herbies 5 Sweetcorn Mixed Veg	Potato Puffs Peas Carrots	Chips Beans Broccoli
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches/Subs/Wraps Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Choc-Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 4, 5, 10	Marble Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Angel Delight 10	Cornflake Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Vanilla Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

### PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

### ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

### AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

### DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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CENSORED

### FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

### ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

### TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

### BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

### Meet Our Expert

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