



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 26th April

Lights, Camera, Score

Year 4 have composed, rehearsed and recorded the musical score for their project 'Lights, Camera, Score.'

Their ideas have been superb and the pieces of music sound fantastic.

They are now rehearsing to perform their pieces at the Victoria Theatre alongside the English Chamber Orchestra on the 10th of June!



Johnstone's Decorating Centre



We would like to say a huge thank you to Dan and the team at Johnstone's Decorating Centre (located on Horne Street) for donating a large selection of paintbrushes and paint rollers to the school.

The paint brushes and rollers will be used by the children for water play to help with their imagination and creativity.

The Decorating Centre stocks everything you could need for all your decorating requirements so call in and have a look!



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TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy



Year 2 - Amelia N (Canada)

Year 3 - Aiyah H (Morocco)

Year 4 - Abdul R (Australia)

Year 5 - Faryal H (France)

Class with the most active payers

Australia

House Points

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

Aila A
Amelia N
Andrea K

The following children have received their **gold** award for achieving **200** house points:

Ariana G
Kesara G
Arooj A
Habiba B
Aarav D
Abubakr N
Hasanain S
Haider S
Maleeha W
Aizah R
Mareme A
Innayah J
Adam P
Amima W

The following children have received their **platinum** award for achieving **300** house points:

Adwaith C



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

Aliha A
Eesa H

Attendance Update

Period: 15.04.2024 to 19.04.2024

Overall, attendance was much better last week with 10 classes achieving 95% attendance or more. A huge congratulations must go to class Canada and Class Australia for achieving 100% attendance - well done!

Please may I take this opportunity to remind parents that the school start time is **8:35am** meaning we expect children to be in school and ready to learn by this time. Please ensure you are arriving ready for a prompt start.

School finishes at **3:10pm**.

If you wish to discuss your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Farhat on 01422 345004.

Group	% Attend
Halifax 3	93.8
Halifax 4	91.1
Halifax 5	97.0
Wales	95.6
Northern Ireland	91.0
Switzerland	98.4
Nigeria	96.3
Canada	100.0
Jordan	97.2
Mexico	95.0
Morocco	94.6
South Africa	91.1
Australia	100.0
Denmark	92.7
Singapore	90.7
France	88.8
Tanzania	98.1
Egypt	97.4
Totals	95.1

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



"Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light."

Please may we remind all parents that school will be closed on Monday 17th June.

WOMEN24

A SERIES OF TALKS

As we move into Spring '24, we will kick off a series of online talks led by and tailored to local women and girls. These talks will delve into critical issues impacting women in our borough, such as the cost of living, access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities.

Our first online talk is scheduled for Thursday 16th May at 5.30PM, and will explore the theme of ASPIRATION, OPPORTUNITY and WORK.

Looking ahead to Summer, we'll introduce a series of podcasts focusing on the significance and power of 'lived experience'. We aim to collaborate with local women and girls to advocate for increased equality, safety, and opportunities for those who are marginalised or underrepresented.

But we don't want these conversations to be one-sided – we want them to be driven by you! We invite your suggestions and input on topics that you believe deserve our attention. Sign up for the first event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/women24-a-series-of-talks-tickets-868233970177>

Together, let's amplify the voices of women and girls in our community, and work towards a brighter, more inclusive future.



Verd de Gris - Women 24

Please read the attached flier from verd de gris - they are a local company with whom we do a lot of work. Please sign up to the online event on 16th May if you are interested in the discussion on aspiration, opportunity and work - pertinent to local women and girls and open for anyone to attend. For more information, follow the [link](#)

Dinner Menu w/c Monday 29th April

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Goujons 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Homemade Meat & Potato Pie 5, 10, 12 Or Chicken Tikka Wraps 5, 12	Battered Fish 2, 5	Homemade Mexican Chicken Enchiladas 5, 10 Or Shredded Chicken 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Loaded Potato Skins 10	Quorn Sausages 5 Gravy	Homemade Vegetable Curry Rice	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12
Vegetables	Potato Cubes 5 Beans	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges Peas Carrots	Curly Fries 5 Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Jam Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard	Cheesecake 4, 5, 10	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Strawberry Ice Cream 10	Angel Delight 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

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

National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking out misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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