



BEECH HILL NEWS



Thursday 28th March

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this term, there have been many highlights for us to enjoy including our recent 'Stay and Read' sessions and STEM week celebrations. A big thank you to the parents who attended and those who volunteered to visit school and talk about their profession. We are very fortunate to have such skilled parents including doctors, engineers and teachers who can open the window to the STEM world for our children.

You will have seen from our first Family of Learning Trust newsletter that the Trust has grown this year and I am proud to say that there are now 5 schools. This will give staff and pupils the opportunity to visit and make friends with children from different areas of Calderdale and this is already happening! For example, some of our school councillors attended a meeting at Dean Field where they shared a presentation about Beech Hill with members of the different school councils.

This term has been a busy one so we should all take the opportunity to rest over the Easter break. For many of us this will be an opportunity to celebrate the end of Ramadan and enjoy the Eid festivities with our families.

The summer term is a long and busy one. Parents of children in years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will be well aware that the Phonics Screening Check, year 2 Optional SATs, the Multiplication Tables Check and, of course, the year 6 end of KS2 SATs will be soon upon us. Please continue to support your children at home to prepare them for these tests. Holiday homework will be uploaded or given to the children. Please make sure they are completing this. Make sure they are practising their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars and that children in year 6 are accessing the Reading Plus Intervention (if they have an account). Many pupils in these year groups will have additional support in place at breaktimes and lunchtimes to support them to achieve their full potential.

Children will enjoy 'Beech Hill's Got Talent' as part of their merit treat. A big thank you to all the staff that have taken part and have helped organise this event.

Although we are due to return on Wednesday 10th April, we are aware that this could be Eid for the vast majority of Muslims. School will still remain open to others who are not celebrating Eid and we expect them to attend school as normal.

I wish you all a restful break and look forward to seeing you in April.

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TT Rockstars Most Improved Accuracy



Year 2 - Amaima W (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Simona H (Jordan)

Year 4 - Vanessa R (Australia)

Year 5 - Ehsan W (France)

Year 6 - Asila N (Egypt)

Class with the highest average correct answers per person

South Africa

Attendance Update

w/c Mon 18th March

It is important that children attend school regularly in order to achieve the best they can.

Missing days unnecessarily has a negative impact on your child's learning and reduces their chance of success.

Please support your child by ensuring they attend school regularly.

Group	% Attend
Halifax 3	93.6
Halifax 4	92.1
Halifax 5	90.8
Wales	92.5
Northern Ireland	95.8
Switzerland	95.7
Nigeria	94.7
Canada	95.7
Jordan	94.1
Mexico	96.0
Morocco	95.4
South Africa	95.0
Australia	95.4
Denmark	93.2
Singapore	91.0
France	95.0
Tanzania	94.3
Egypt	95.8
Totals	94.4

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

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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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE FINANCIAL SCAMS & EXPLOITATION

To date, nearly 43 million UK internet users have encountered a financial scam online; roughly 20% of those victims wound up at least £1,000 out of pocket as a result. The number of con artists plying their trade in the digital world has grown in recent years (a worrying trend which, unfortunately, appears likely to continue), and their methods have become increasingly creative. It can, therefore, be difficult to recognise an online financial scam – let alone to safeguard our children against them – but it's not impossible. Our guide offers a few pointers on what to look out for.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHISHING SCAMS

Scammers often use deception to obtain personal and financial information from their target. They might pose as legitimate organisations, such as pretending to be HMRC and threatening legal action for unpaid tax unless the victim provides their National Insurance number. Their efforts have been getting more convincing recently, so be mindful of any unexpected or unusual emails.

IDENTITY THEFT

Criminals can manipulate someone into providing personal data, then use it to assume their identity online and commit fraud, make unauthorised purchases or engage in other illegal activities. Identity theft can be accomplished by tricking victims into downloading malware that scans their device for information; by figuring out passwords to social media accounts; or through phishing scams.

FRAUDULENT INVESTMENTS

Fraudsters might lure victims into offering their hard-earned cash for a "one-of-a-kind investment opportunity" promising high returns or quick profits – such as the many cryptocurrency scams currently circulating online. Some unscrupulous influencers have even used their status to tempt their followers into paying for courses which promise to help them become rich and more attractive.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

Many online sellers use false or misleading advertising to persuade consumers to spend money or supply personal information. Certain websites, for instance, have become notorious for using attractive images to advertise their products, promising to deliver an item for a fraction of its usual price – only for a cheaper-looking, poor-quality reproduction to arrive in the post instead.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Scammers use social media to manipulate or deceive victims, often by posing as a popular influencer and exploiting their audience – such as posting a link to a "giveaway" which actually siphons money or personal data to whoever is behind this false identity. This type of scammer commonly impersonates influencers with a younger fan-base, as children tend to make more naive targets.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE YOUR CHILD

Talk to your child about the risks of online financial scams and encourage open communication about their digital activities. Make sure they know the kind of ruses that are out there, and what to look out for when encountering a potential scam. Foster their critical thinking skills – and emphasise that if something they see on the internet seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Almost all devices that children typically use to access the internet have built-in safeguards like parental controls and monitoring tools. Stay aware of the options available to you, and make use of them to shield your child from possible exploitation as best as you can. This, combined with common sense and critical thinking, should go a long way towards keeping them safe.

STAY INFORMED

Try to keep your knowledge of current and emerging scams in the digital world up-to-date, so you can help your child stay safe. New methods of exploitation are developing all the time, but thankfully it's not all doom and gloom. There are plenty of sources – such as Ofcom – that keep a record of online scammers' methods, plus lists of which sites or schemes to be wary of.

PRIORITISE PRIVACY

Teach your child to value their own privacy: that is, to respect the value of their personal data and be cautious about sharing it online. It's especially important that children know to safeguard their financial details and other sensitive data – and never to provide that information to anyone online, unless they're absolutely certain that it's safe, secure and for a legitimate reason.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Encourage your child to report any suspicious or potentially harmful online encounters to you or another trusted adult. Make it clear that that they will never get in trouble for telling you about what's happened. Fraudsters often attempt to play on children's fear of getting into trouble, so cancelling out that notion robs internet scammers of one of their greatest weapons.

Meet Our Expert

Ross Savage has a proven track record in countering financial crime, having spent 13 years with UK law enforcement – specialising in money laundering investigations and asset recovery from organised criminal groups. He now holds senior visiting expert positions at various organisations and delivers customised training and consultancy to government and private-sector clients worldwide.



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