



# BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 19th September



## Year 6 London Trip

Our year 6 trip to London on Wednesday was a huge success! The children's behaviour was exemplary and we received many positive comments from members of the public about this, including in the very busy Underground environment. We enjoyed looking at key landmarks from the London Eye and were highly entertained by 'Matilda the Musical' at the Cambridge Theatre followed by a tasty meal at Pizza Express.

We were joined by children and staff from Dean Field and Heptonstall making it a lovely cross-trust occasion. A huge thank you to all the members of staff and volunteers who ensured that we could provide this superb opportunity.



## Packed Lunches

If your child brings a packed lunch into school, please make sure that it does not contain the following items:

- Food items containing bones i.e. chicken drumsticks (bones can cause a choking hazard)
- Crisps, chocolates, sweets or fizzy drinks (packed lunches should be healthy and nutritious)
- Peanuts or any products that contain nuts (Beech Hill is a nut-free school - we have a number of children with severe nut allergies and coming into contact with nut products can be life threatening. Please check ingredients carefully before putting food in their lunch boxes)

Thank you for your continued support!



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## OPAL Golden Welly Awards



**Last week's Golden Welly winners were:**

### **Lower School**

**Noor Fatima** - for helping to look after our equipment.

**Belasan A** - for using her independence skills to put her own bib on for the Roktagon.

### **Upper School**

**Mohammed Abbas** - for helping other children with the bike helmets.

**Aizah, Alizah, Malaika and Liyah** - for making up a new game together



## Attendance Update

**Monday 8th to Friday 12th September**

Attendance last week was below the national average and our school expectation.

Please support your child's learning by ensuring they are in school on-time, every day. School starts at 8:35am every morning.

Congratulations to Halifax 3 and class Wales on achieving 100% attendance. Can your class achieve 100% next week?

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	98.6
Halifax 2	80.3
Halifax 3	100.0
Northern Ireland	95.0
Wales	100.0
Scotland	90.4
Switzerland	96.0
France	92.9
Denmark	98.0
Mexico	95.4
Canada	94.7
South Africa	87.4
Nigeria	96.6
Egypt	90.0
Japan	96.2
Singapore	92.4
China	94.5
New Zealand	92.3
Australia	90.7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>94.2</b>

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



## Collecting Children

When collecting your children at the end of the school day, please make sure you keep them close by. We are noticing that children are running off and trying to leave the Mount Pleasant gates without their parents which is extremely dangerous.

Mount Pleasant Avenue is a car-free zone to non-residents at school drop off and pick up times; however, it is still open to residents so there is the possibility that there are cars driving up and down.

Thank you for your continued support!





## Harvest Festival

Once again, we will be holding a Harvest Festival at school; this is a celebration of food that is grown on land.

We will be collecting non-perishable items such as tinned fruit and vegetables, noodles, rice, pasta, lentils, biscuits, crackers, cereals, tea bags, coffee, hot chocolate, crisps, jam and honey.

If you are able to donate any of the above items, please bring them to school by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. All donations will be given to the Halifax Community Fridge at the Madni Mosque to help families in need from our local community.

1 house point per donation will be given to the children.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



# Open Evening

Be the Best  
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Wednesday 24th September  
6:15pm - 8:00pm

Principal's address  
at 6:30pm and 7:15pm

For more details contact  
admin@parklane.spacademies.org | 01422 362 215  
www.parklane.org.uk



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## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

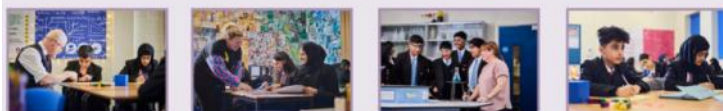
Wednesday 1st October 2025

5:15pm until 7pm

School tours & lesson demonstrations

Opportunity to talk to staff & students

Headteacher Talks at 5:30pm & 6pm



For more information call 01422 301080 or email office@thehalifaxacademy.org



We would like to give a shout-out to Sky DIY, who kindly donated paintbrushes, a trowel, a scraper and some gloves for gardening club. Thank you!



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥👉👉 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧑 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples — please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

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|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around | 🥰 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'                       |
| 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless       | 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold                                        |
| 😍 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement | 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)                               |
| 😐 (Meal) Stone-faced, unbothered              | 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference                       |
| 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great        | 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour |

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms) | 🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness      |
| ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine            | 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'                     |
| 🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use                           | 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm        |
| 🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis          | ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil        |
| 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse               | 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles) |

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Bruni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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## Newsletter

See what we've been up to and what's coming up at Calderdale Music!

### Music Groups – New Pupils Welcome

Our bands & ensembles are always looking for new members and are a great way of improving your musical skills, meeting new people and having fun!

Email [admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk](mailto:admin@calderdalemusic.co.uk) to find out more about our music groups for children and young people

#### Beginner Violin

We're now enrolling children aged 7-11 for our Beginner Violin Sessions – no experience needed! In our fun and engaging group sessions, children will learn to play open strings with a bow on the violin while learning the basics of music notation. After one term, pupils will graduate to our Debut Strings group, where they'll rehearse and perform with other young musicians. No violin? No problem! Hire one for £7 per half term.

When: Saturdays 11:45am – 12:15pm Cost: £5 per week  
Where: The Old Courthouse, Halifax



#### Valley Strings

For children and young people who can play open strings and hold a bow on violin, viola or cello, all the way up to more advanced students, this group offers a fun and sociable environment where your child can develop essential skills.

When: Thursdays 5:00pm – 6:00pm Cost: £5 per week  
Where: Riverside Junior School

## Dinner Menu from Monday 22nd September

If you require an allergy list please email [kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk](mailto:kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk)

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	Homemade Keema Pasta 5	Cod & Parsley Fishcakes 2 Parsley Sauce 5, 10	Homemade Chicken Tikka Wraps (g/f) Southern Fried Chicken Poppers 5, 8	Pizza 5, 10
	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Quorn Burger 5, 10, 12 in a Bun 5	Homemade Vegetarian Lasagne 5, 10 Spicy Sweetcorn Fritters	Mac n Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Homemade Vegetable Biryani
Vegetables	g/f Potato Wedges Beans	Chips Sweetcorn Broccoli	g/f Waffle Fries Peas Carrots	Potato Puffs Sweetcorn Broccoli	Chips Beans Mixed Veg
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	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Cheesecake 5, 10	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Assorted Ice Cream 10	Jelly	Cornflake Buns 4, 5, 10	Angel Delight 10	Assorted Ice Cream 10