



## News on the Ninth

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### Staying Safe Online

Julia Bateson ran a very effective training course for parents last month, outlining ways to keep your children safe online. She has issued this advice for parents:

**'Privacy'** is all about protecting yourself, your family, your friends and your personal information. You should protect yourself from:

- contact from strangers
- identity theft
- hacking and phishing
- strangers locating you or your child
- accessing inappropriate content

You should always check your family privacy settings are set to private on all devices and social media apps. Turn location services off on apps. Think carefully about which friends you share information with online. Teach each other that it's difficult to keep things private online, so be careful what you share. Never post anything you don't want thousands of people to see.

The more social media 'friends' you have the less likely you are to know them all well, which means you could have less control over the content these strangers share about you or your child.

Don't assume your friends apply privacy settings or behave sensibly. Always check with other parents first before you post a photo that includes their child.

Excite-ed have published TechSafe - privacy, a useful free app packed with advice and resources available from iTunes and Google Play.

## BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Harvest Assembly and Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you everyone who came along and enjoyed our special Year 5 Harvest assembly and to those who donated produce to the food bank.

The Macmillan coffee morning was also very successful, raising **£129** for this worthy cause.



### Y6 Play-Leaders

By Ella Cannell, Eloise Kibler, Alexis Broad, Libby Worrall, Lucy Sacre

'We love play-leading because all the little ones always use their proper manners and behave as if we were their teachers. Everyone is always so energetic, but sometimes silly, but because of our great training with Mrs Holman we are able to control them. Their favourite activity is skipping. We have got to say they are getting amazing at it, but we like to mix the games up a bit, to make it more enjoyable, and so it appeals to everyone. It's nice when we play-lead because we feel like the KS1 children appreciate what we do with them. We like to sing a song so they enjoy it a

little more, plus they sing along and it keeps them practicing their movements. It also means they don't get bored so quickly. We are starting to make friends with the girls and boys who regularly come to play and sometimes they give us ideas of games to play and we try to play these but mostly we stick to the simple games they all know and love.'

A huge thank you to all of our Year 6 Play-Leaders for being so supportive and caring to our younger pupils – they are doing an amazing job.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to **Pine** class for the best attendance in October. The top three classes for attendance in October, together with their percentages, were:

Class	%
Pine	97%
Cedar	96%
M.Puzzle	95%

**Trim Trails**

A thorough and detailed review of all trim trails has now been completed and the inspection company have confirmed that all of our equipment is fully compliant. However, a few accidents have been sustained and we clearly would not like anymore. With this in mind the equipment has now re-opened for the children to enjoy, but the higher pieces have been removed.

We are also currently working with pupils and Mrs Holman to agree a change to the fenced area, which will incorporate table tennis tables for all KS2 pupils to enjoy.

**Year 4 Egyptian Day**

This was a great success!

Year 4 dressed in Egyptian costume, were joined by Barok, an Egyptian Master. In the morning, the children took part in a range of arts and craft activities. The children made canopic jars out of clay, oil from olives, spectacular amulets, scented bags and wrote their names in hieroglyphics on papyrus paper. In the afternoon, there was a delicious Royal Banquet with entertainment provided by the children. Many thanks to all of the adults who provided costumes and those who helped throughout the day.





### SPOTLIGHT ON MRS BARRETT

We will be introducing a new 'in the spotlight' section to the newsletter, where we give you a little insight into our staff. We kick off with Mrs Barrett, our Assistant Head and Teacher of Cherry Blossom Class:



Mrs Barrett joined us at Bengeo in September and has settled in well to life here, with all the staff and children. Her role as Assistant Head is very varied, along with

me, and Ms Potts, our Deputy, she is responsible for the strategic overview of teaching, learning and behaviour across the school.

A few interesting facts that we found out about our Assistant Head:

What has been your proudest moment? *The birth of my two lovely sons.*



What are your hobbies? *Charity work -most recently I rescued a hedgehog, walking & reading.*



Do you have a pet? *Yes, I have a dog called Tina.*

### Children In Need

'Children in Need' falls on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November this year. Once again the school will be participating in this event and we are inviting all pupils to come dressed up in something spotty or as super heroes. Pupils will have the opportunity to buy cakes and other things. Pupils in KS2 will be responsible for stalls. They will be selling toys, cakes and biscuits and making games for this very worthwhile cause. Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to raise a lot of money and have a lot of fun!

### Dates for your Diary

- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Marvellous Maths Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> November – Y2 Florence Nightingale Workshop
- 16<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Sportshall Fest
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Anti-bullying week
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need
- 18<sup>th</sup> November – Prospective Reception Parent Tour 9.15am
- 28<sup>th</sup> November –Y1 'Nelly's Toy Box' History Workshop
- 30<sup>th</sup> November - 2.15pm Prospective Reception Parent Tour
- 2<sup>nd</sup> December – BPA School Disco
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – Carols for School Choirs – All Saints Church – 7.00pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> December –9.15am Prospective Reception Parent Tour
- 9<sup>th</sup> December -BPA Xmas Craft Fair 3.30pm -5pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Y3/4 – Carol Concerts
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Y5/6 –Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church 2pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Plays
- 19<sup>th</sup> December –Y1/2 Xmas Party
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch
- 20<sup>th</sup> December – 12pm Nursery Party
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – Nursery closed
- 21<sup>st</sup> December – School finishes – **1.30pm (please note, time change)**