



News on the Ninth

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Goodbye

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Mr Downie after 15 years working at the school. Mr Downie is extremely knowledgeable and passionate about wildlife and the environment and has been successfully looking after the school grounds over the years.

He has now decided to retire so that he can concentrate on bird watching.

Fortunately for the school, Mr Downie's son, also Mr Downie, will replace him from January.

We all wish him a long and happy retirement.



'...Mr Downie with a group of children, planting trees...'

Advent Assembly

On December 1st, Reverend Thompson kindly came to Bengo Primary to talk about the meaning of Christmas. He read the nativity and dressed up individual children to role play the story.

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'...Reverend Thompson and Shepherds...'

Attendance

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

Class	%
Cedar	93
Pine	92
Oak	91

Please could we remind all parents that school closes at 3.15/3.20pm and to avoid arriving before 3.10pm to collect.

KS1 Christmas Art Morning

Parents and children enjoyed immersing themselves in paint and glitter last week as they worked together to produce decorations and the backdrop to the Key Stage 1 Christmas play – a very enjoyable morning was had by everyone.



'... Getting creative with glitter...'

NSPCC Workshops/Events and Fundraising

The school have been proactive in raising money for specific charities.

Following the Y5 Harvest Festival in October, food was delivered to the food bank to support those less fortunate than ourselves. In addition, the following day a Macmillan Coffee Morning was run by Year 6 pupils which raised £129 for the charity. In November, pupils took part in two charity fund raising events:

NSPCC:

This followed assemblies and workshops delivered to the children on safeguarding by the charity. It involved a maths challenge which was sponsored by friends and families of

pupils. This raised an amazing total of £2122.

Children in Need:

This was a highly successful event. Mrs Trubger worked with children to organise stalls in the Key Stage 2 hall. It can best be described as a busy Turkish market. Lots of excitement and noise, and lots of cake being consumed. This raised a total of £1020.

Mrs Murray has been developing her photographic skills over the last year or so. She submitted four photos to the Mercury newspaper and they were published the following week.



'...fame for Bengoe Primary!...'



'...just chillin!...'



'...a trio of bears...'



SPOTLIGHT ON Miss Taylor

Miss Taylor joined us at Bengeo at the beginning of the Autumn Term and has enjoyed getting to know all the children here. She teaches in Year 1 Maple class.

A few interesting facts that we found out about Miss Taylor:

What has been your proudest moment?



Reaching the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro.

What are your hobbies?



I enjoy reading, hiking, gym and spending time with my nephew.



Do you have a pet?

Lily, my Springer Spaniel

Rotary Club – Writing Competition Paradise Park



Year 6 pupils participated in a writing competition at Paradise Wildlife Park and three pupils, Jotham, Lucy and Alexis were singled out to attend the presentation evening on 29th November. They had to write about what life was like as if they were an animal living in the park. Some very creative writing was produced. Congratulations to all children who took part!

Exerts from their writing:

‘As soon as the sun touched the top of the endless blue sky, my home rapidly began to buzz with excitement. It was roast scorpion day. My family love scorpion so much. The visitors were so peaceful you could hear the ear popping roar of Motto the Lion. You could also hear the chirping of the exceptional birds. The bees buzzed lazily in the midday sun. Even the scratching of the sloth’s claws could be heard. An ordinary Sunday in Paradise Park – and it sure felt like Paradise to me!’

Jotham – from the perspective of Meerkat

'Another growl jerked my attention away from my cousin as I reached the doorway. I peered inquisitively into the fog. My eyes widened as I spotted Sindi with my meat in his mouth. Furious, I stepped out into the icy wind to face him, knowing who would win if I posed a verbal interjection. I began to circle him. My mouth watering. I lifted my paw to strike...'

Alexis – from the perspective of a tiger.

"OK!" Nori said, astounded, "I'm going to try that trick!" Nori took the unstable beam. SNAP. The beam broke and Nori was plunging to the ground! Suddenly, I couldn't move a muscle, all I could feel were mountains of guilt piling up inside of me, and a single tear flowing down my face. It was like pins and needles to the heart.'

Lucy – from the perspective of a gibbon.

Finally.....

A huge thank you to all parents and the PTA - Teachers are now enjoying spending money on resources for their classrooms provided by you all.

Year 2 enjoyed a visit to the pantomime this week, and a new stage for key stage 1 has been ordered and will be with us in January.

These events and items could not be bought without your support, which is very much appreciated.



Reminder

This is a reminder that school will close at **1.30pm** on Wednesday 21st December.

Dates for your Diary

9th December -BPA Xmas Craft Fair
3.30pm -5pm
13th – Y3/4 – Carol Concerts (9.30am & 2pm)
15th – Y5/6 –Carol Concert, Holy Trinity Church 2pm
16th December – KS1 Christmas Plays (9.30am & 2.15pm)
19th December –Y1/2 Xmas Party
20th December – Christmas lunch
20th December – Foundation Party – 3pm pick-up for singing to parents.
21st December – Nursery closed

21st December – School finishes – 1.30pm (please note, time change)

5th January – Children back to school

Merry Christmas Everyone

All staff and Bengo school would like to wish you and your families a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year.

