



## News on the Ninth

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### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> and your children will be involved in various activities throughout the day to celebrate. **They will all receive a £1 book token which can be used in most bookshops.**

This will be further celebrated in the summer term when we hope to hold Mango Bubbles Day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

### Burns Night Celebrations – Y5

Thank you to Mrs Foster, Alex's mum, who came into school to talk to the children in Year 5 about some of the customs and traditions of Scotland. Not only did the children get to sample some of her homemade haggis pizza, but they were also treated to the dulcet tones of the bagpipe!

*'On Wednesday 25h January Mrs Foster came to talk to Year 5 about Burns night. We enjoyed learning about Robert Burns and all his poems – which Mrs Foster read it to us in a Scottish accent; we tried to read it with a Scottish accent but decided that none of us could speak Scottish. Kindly, she brought some mouth-watering shortbread, which we ate while Mrs Foster tried to play the bagpipes, which didn't go so well!! We really enjoyed the workshop and want to say a big thank you to Mrs Foster for coming!'* **Ruby Gaigher & Bella Smith**

## *BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL*



### School Council

On Thursday 31st March, the School Council would like everyone to come dressed in sports clothes and bring a minimum donation of £1 towards new playground equipment for both KS1 and KS2.

Another suggestion they had was to have School Librarians, and we now have 4 (Alex and Chloe from Cedar Class; Bella and Floyd from Pine Class) who are helping Mrs Fuller with jobs in the library.



Following on from other suggestions, we now have new maths equipment in all classrooms; Year 2 have had a trip to the Pantomime (thanks to the PTA); and we have some new books in the library.

The School Council have many more things they would like to achieve this year. If you would like to know more, there is a School Council display board in each hall.

## **Curriculum evening**

Thank you to all parents who attended our curriculum evening in January on phonics and spelling. The evening was very successful with Lyndsey and Liberato once again doing an excellent job with their entertainment prior to the event starting. Also, thanks to the PTA who provided wine and cheese for the event.

We hope that the evening was informative and interesting for you all.

If you were unable to attend, the power points can be found on our website under 'Statutory' 'Curriculum'

## **Attendance**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Monkey Puzzle	98.3
Cherry Blossom	98.1
Cedar	98.0

## **Sports Gold Award**

Bengeo School have once again been awarded the GOLD School Games Mark in recognition of their continual commitment to development of competition, school sport & physical education.



A huge thank you to Claire Holman for all her efforts and continued support which has resulted in Bengeo receiving this award.



## **SPOTLIGHT ON Miss Peters**



Miss Peters 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 5 Cedar class. A few interesting facts that we found out about Miss Peters:

*Achieving my childhood dream of becoming a Primary school teacher is probably my proudest moment! I remember thoroughly enjoying going into work with my Mum (also a teacher) when I was younger and helping out with the little ones.*

*My favourite hobby is cooking, more specifically baking. Amongst friends and family, I am renowned for making delicious cakes, cupcakes, meringues, pastries and biscuits.*

*Since moving to Ware 3 years ago, I've fallen in love with the canal and so, when the weather is fine, I like to take a walk or a slow run beside it. I regularly visit the gym and am enjoying pushing myself to new limits! I've always been very into my sport. In my younger days, I competed in national dance competitions, swimming galas, netball tournaments and speed skating. I still love a boogie now and then (you'll sometimes find me dancing round the classroom!).*



*My final love is travelling. I'm very lucky that I've been able to see so much of the world - I even spent a short time at university in Canada. However, my favourite place is the Gold Coast in Australia - beautiful beaches and gorgeous weather.*

## **Laurel Class – The Galapagos Islands**



Laurel Class were very lucky to have a visit from Mr Roberts (Will's Dad) who came to

talk to them about The Galapagos Islands. The children learnt many interesting facts and were able to ask lots of questions. Thank you Mr Roberts.

## **Important Reminders**

### **Hair**

Please ensure that all children with long hair (past the shoulder) or long fringes, have their hair tied up and fastened away from their face with a band. Please also ensure that all headbands are of school colours and discreet.

### **PE Kit**

It is imperative that children have their PE kit in school at all times. They should have navy shorts, white t-shirt, outdoor trainers/indoor plimsolls and, if required, jogging bottoms. PE classes continue outside whatever the weather. Also, if wearing tights, socks will be required for PE.

### **Dropping off children in the morning**

A reminder that doors open to all classes at 8.45am - please avoid arriving at school any earlier. It is very important that you do not leave children before this time, as the School cannot ensure their safety and wellbeing.

## **After School Clubs - picking up**

The school building is secured at the end of the school day and we ask that any parents picking up from after school clubs wait outside for their children to come out. Please do not knock on doors as cleaning staff do not have authority to let you in. Thank you.

## **Dates for your Diary**

**21/22<sup>nd</sup> February – Dance Festival**

**27<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 – Great Fire of London Workshop**

**28<sup>th</sup> February - Y6 – Crucial Crew – Morgans School**

**1<sup>st</sup> March – Nursery Closed for parent consultations**

**2<sup>nd</sup> March – Instrumental Concert – 6.30pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> March – BPA Quiz Night**

**20<sup>th</sup> March – Y4/5 Ware Drill Hall – Hertford & Ware Music Festival**

**7.30pm start (Rehearsal during the day)**

**21<sup>st</sup> March – Hertford and Ware Festival – evening**

**24<sup>th</sup> March KS1/2 – Reports out**

**24<sup>th</sup> March – ‘Bring Mum to School’**

**27-30<sup>th</sup> March – Hertford Walking Week (info to follow)**

**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March – Parent consultations**

**30<sup>th</sup> March – Non-Uniform Day**

**30<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery closed**

**School closes at 1.30pm**

**School reopens Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April**