



## News on the Ninth

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### **Instrumental Concert**

A packed audience had a real treat on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March when pupils gave a wonderful, musical performance.

Over 50 children performed for the first time on our new stage, bought by the Parents Association.

A huge thank you also to Miss Peters and Mrs Cato for organising the event, and Mrs Smith for organising the choir and playing the piano.

A very enjoyable evening. Well done to all children who made the concert such an amazing success.



*'...serene voices of the choir...'*



*'...blowing their trumpets on our brand new stage...'*

## *BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL*



### **Y6 to Crucial Crew**

The Y6 children visited Morgans School for the Hertford and Ware Junior Citizenship afternoon. They were involved in a variety of role plays on Fire Safety, Bogus Officials, Stranger Danger, Electrical Safety, Road Safety, Railway Safety, Bus Safety, Building Sites, Water Safety and First Aid. The children learnt a lot and enjoyed the experience.

### **SEN Coffee Morning Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Mar**

Miss Walker is holding a coffee morning for parents with children who have special educational needs – all welcome.

If parents would like to be part of an SEND working party to work with Miss Walker on updating the school information report, please email her on [senco@bengeo.herts.sch.uk](mailto:senco@bengeo.herts.sch.uk)

The current information report can be found at

<http://www.bengeo.herts.sch.uk/page/?title=Special+needs+provision&pid=47>

### **Non-Uniform Day**

A reminder that, on the last day of term, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, the school will be holding a non-uniform day 'wear sports clothes' to raise money for playground equipment.

### **Y2 Fire of London Day**



*'...Victorian children learning their trades...'*

The children had an amazing day learning all about the Great Fire of London. They started the morning by becoming apprentices on the streets of London, learning skills that would have been common for workers of the era. As the children learnt their trades, the fire spread. With the flames drawing closer, the children had to take action to try to stop it, including forming fire lines and tearing down local buildings.



In the afternoon, the children helped excavate what was left of the charred city, looking for personal belongings and important legal documents that could help the city start the process of rebuilding! Thank you to all parents who helped out, dressed up and gave up their time to get involved.

**Attendance**

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

Class	%
Cedar	98
Oak	97.4
Monkey Puzzle	96.6

**Percussion Workshop with Jeff Rich – Status Quo Drummer**

We are very excited to have booked a workshop for all children on the afternoon of 27<sup>th</sup> March with Jeff. He will be telling the children about the history of the drums, playing an assortment of percussion instruments, and then giving the children an opportunity to try them out.

**Children’s Mental Health & Wellbeing Presentation – Tana Macpherson**

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Tana Macpherson of Clear Minds came in to school to present to parents. This was very well received by all who attended and Tana is going on to provide courses, workshops and individual sessions to all who are interested.

**Excite-ed Half Term App Camp**



Over Half Term, young Bengeo app designers created internet safety app TechSafe - Social Media. It is available now as a free download on Google

Play and the App Store.

Please note you need to type TechSafe - Social Media to locate it.

**Dance Festival**

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February our Y6 Dance Club performed at Hertford Theatre at the Dance Festival. The staff and parents that attended were all very proud of the superb performance our team put on. A big thank you to Mrs Bridgwater for your coaching.



*‘...brilliant talent on stage at Hertford Theatre...’*

## **World Book Day**

World Book Day was a huge success last week. The children were involved in a wide range of activities which enabled them to explore their favourite books and recommend them to others. It was also a fantastic opportunity for the children to appreciate a wider range of literature. Reading books in different languages, book quizzes, creating book marks and using shoe boxes to recreate their favourite book scenes were just some of the exciting activities which took place.

A special assembly was presented by Rebecca Pirt from Leaf Café for all pupils in the school,

All children had a thoroughly enjoyable day and thanks to all staff for making this possible.



*Mrs Moore reading a story to the Nursery children in Spanish.*



## **Red Nose Day – 24<sup>th</sup> March**

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day (which is on the same day as Bring Mum to School Day) with a special assembly (but no dressing up please). If children would like to bring in a donation then we will make sure that it gets passed on to this very worthy charity.

## **Hertford Museum Trip**

Last week Year 3 went to Hertford Museum. They had a tour around the town, the Corn Exchange, Bircherley Green, Gravesons and the Castle.



*'...Did you know that in WW2 Hertford was bombed because they thought it was London?...'*

## **Kitchen Hygiene Inspection**

We are very pleased to report that following a recent inspection by East Herts Environmental Health, our kitchen was awarded a 5 star rating. This is a result of the ongoing hard work and dedication of Tina Rowe and her staff; providing tasty, healthy meals to our children on a daily basis.



*'...Tina (centre), Geraldine & Mandy – Congratulations to you and all the team on this tremendous achievement...'*

### **Bring Mum to School Day**

We are looking forward to welcoming mums, aunties, grannies and any female relatives to our 'Bring Mum to School Day' on the Friday before Mother's Day – **24<sup>th</sup> March**. Timings for the day are:

Nursery : 9.15-9.30am Physigym  
                  2.50-3.05am Physigym  
Reception: 9.00-10.00am Mum's favourite story book  
Y1: 9.00-10.20am Arts & crafts  
Y2: 9.00-10.20am Magic Box  
Willow: 2.00pm Zumba (Bring PE kits)  
Chestnut: 2.15pm Art  
Y4: 9.00-10.00am English – followed by running if you would like to join in.  
Y5: 2.15pm Art  
Beech: 1.30pm Art/D&T  
Juniper: 2.30pm IT/Art

There may, unfortunately, be a clash if you have siblings at the school. Please feel free to share the time if this is the case.

### **Values**

A couple of years ago, the values we teach in school were amended as a result of parents' comments. Again, we would welcome your views. Attached is a copy of the current timetable. We will be updating the Values for the new academic year 2017-2018. We will also be taking into account staff and children's views. If you have any suggestions, please send them to us via the office.

### **Dates for your Diary**

**15<sup>th</sup> March – SEN Coffee Morning**

**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)**

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

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

**27<sup>th</sup> March – Percussion Workshop with Jeff Rich**

**28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> March – Parent consultations (reports will be given out)**

**30<sup>th</sup> March – 'Sports Clothes' Non-Uniform Day - School Council raising money for the playground equipment**

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

**30<sup>th</sup> March - School closes at 1.30pm**

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