



News on the Ninth

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Attendance

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

Class	%
Beech & Holly	98.9%
Oak & Juniper	97.9%
Chestnut	97.5%

Year 5 Music Workshop

On Wednesday 1st November Year 5 enjoyed taking part in a Music Workshop, to learn about Native American Music.

The children learnt about voice warming, Native American calling songs and had a go at playing some instruments.

'The Native American Workshop helped me to learn and understand about North American Culture and Music.'
Anna Staravoit – Cedar Class

Year 6 Rainforest

On Monday Y6 participated in a creative arts and drama workshop to complement their topic learning on rainforests. The children enjoyed using sound, topical discussion, improvisation, role-plays, freeze-

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frames and many more techniques to show their understanding of animals and the environment of the rainforest as well as the effect man has on rainforest life. Year 6 said that it was a great experience and Polly (the workshop leader) gave them oodles to do. They said it was a creative, enjoyable way to acquire knowledge.



'Role play ...a freeze frame of animals in the rainforest'

Year 4 Falconry Display



On Tuesday, this week, Eden Falconry visited Year 4 to provide a display of birds of prey. This was an amazing experience and will be used to inspire the children as they embark on their new literacy focus on the book 'Fly Eagle, Fly'

Year 2 Airbus Foundation Trip

Yesterday, our Year 2 children had a very interesting trip to the Airbus Foundation in Stevenage. This is a space discovery centre opened by Tim Peake in January 2017. It aims to coordinate and promote STEM subjects (science technology, engineering & maths) and make strong links with schools. This trip has 'launched' the children's new topic; 'Explorers – Neil Armstrong'



'Preparing for blast off...'

Library Books

Over 40 books are outstanding that were borrowed before the summer holidays.

Please double check at home and return any that you have.

Thank you.



SPOTLIGHT ON MRS GUY

Hello, I am Mrs Guy, I joined Bengo School in September and I teach Maple Class (Year 1). When I'm not at school I love spending time with my three children and family. You may have seen me spectating at Hertford Rugby Club or Hertford Football near County Hall. As well as watching sport, I enjoy taking part myself, especially tennis and running. I also love animals and have guinea pigs, a rabbit and two cats! My greatest achievement so far is retraining as a teacher following my initial career in Banking. It has been an exciting and interesting challenge and I look forward to my next one as I never stand still!



Children In Need

'Children in Need' falls on Friday 17th 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. Pupils will have the opportunity to buy cakes and other things. Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to raise a lot of money and have a lot of fun!

Visits from Parents

In Year 4, this term, we have been lucky enough to have 3 fantastic talks presented or organised by parents. We started the year with a Recycling Workshop supported by Mrs Haworth who also provided us with some great environmental ideas, including Telly

the Elephant, which we used as inspiration for our electrical pyramids.

Later in the half-term, Mark Chase gave an enormously informative talk about electronics and computer components as well as lots of resources for our D&T day.

The following week, Mark Evison told us all about his job which inspired 62 job applications for a variety of roles from Ninja Gardener to Forest Guard (don't worry, they all got the job of Best Year 4 Pupil).

It has been such a great experience for us all to find out about 'life beyond Bengeo' and to learn from others. We very much appreciate the knowledge and support parents bring to the school. Please have a look at the curriculum overviews on the website to find out about the topics being studied – we would welcome your input. In the meantime, if anyone has any experience or knowledge of countries in West Africa, particularly Ghana, please let Year 4 know!



'Assembling and disassembling...'



'Future technology experts in the making...'



'Mr Evison talking about his job'



'Studying the components'

Opening times of the school

Many children are arriving at school, often unaccompanied, from very early in the morning. Some children are also helping themselves to school play equipment.

School start times are 8.55am for Reception & KS1 and 8.50am for KS2. Doors open from 8.45am.

Please ensure that children are not dropped off any **earlier than 8.45am** as staff are unable to open doors before this time and there is, therefore, no supervision for them.

We have two breakfast clubs on site should parents require childcare and details of these can be obtained from the school office.

Anti-bullying week 13-17 November

The theme this year is 'All different, all equal'. We will be reinforcing this during our PSHE lessons in class as well as in assemblies.

Shirts for art

Please could all children bring in an old shirt (with the sleeves cut or elasticated) to wear for art lessons.

Thank you in advance.

Dinner Money

Reminder: If you owe dinner money, please make payment as soon as possible. £85.10 is the total for the half term, or this can be paid weekly or monthly. Always ensure you owe no more than two weeks (£23) or your child will have to go on to packed lunches. Thank you.

Remembrance Service

15 of our children were invited by the Mayor of Hertford to attend a service at the Garden of Remembrance and place a cross in the garden. They took time to reflect and it was then followed by refreshments. The children were a credit to our school.



Dates for your Diary

- 10th November – Y2 Fruit Workshop
- 13th November – Choir to Millmead
- 17th November – Children in Need
- 4th December – Y2 to Pantomime
- 5th December – Y5/6 Choir to All Saints Church 7pm
- 8th December – BPA Christmas Disco
- 12th December – 9.30am & 1.30pm
KS1 Christmas Performance
- 13th December – Y3/4 Christmas Concert 9am & 2.15pm
- 14th December – Y5/6 Carols Holy Trinity 2pm
- 15th December – Reception Christmas Songs 9am
- 15th December – Christmas Lunch
- 18th December – Nursery Party and Songs to parents. (am)
- 19th December – Nursery Closed
- 19th December –Term Ends 1.30pm**
- 4th January – Spring Term starts**
- 23rd January – Curriculum Evening Understanding Maths mastery with guest speaker David Cooke (please note change of date)
- 9th March – Bring Mum to School Day