



News on the Ninth

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Attendance

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

Class	%
Beech	98.5%
Cedar	98.0%
Rowan	97.9%

School Council requests for donations

If you have got any type of spare Lego (especially figures) that your children don't play with any more please bring it to the office.

Darcey and Jake – Oak School Councillors

Please could you bring in any dressing up clothes to the office that your children have grown out of or don't want. We use them at playtime, lunchtime and Golden time. Children really enjoy dressing up.

Emily & Gabriel – Cedar Class Councillors

PARKING

Please could I ask parents/carers to use the nursery car park in Sacombe Road. Please do not park on double yellow lines or zig zags as this puts children's safety at risk. PCSO's will be making spot checks and this could result in a fine.

BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



SPOTLIGHT ON MISS GEORGE

Hello, I'm Miss George, I joined in September and I teach Year 4 Oak Class. When I'm not here at Bengeo, I



love spending time with my family and friends, going to the gym and taking part in different sports. My favourites would have to be skiing and

swimming. I love animals and often look after my brothers dog called Bailey. I once had a hamster called Buddy, who was of course named after the elf in my favourite Christmas film! My proudest achievements are raising lots of money by taking part in the Memory Walk for Alzheimer's UK and skiing the world cup piste in Davos.

St Andrews Day

Y6 had a great day celebrating St Andrew's Day. Mrs Foster, Alex's mum, very kindly supported the children in making Scotts Pies (which they ate for lunch) and shortbread biscuits. This was quite an achievement for 60 children!

In the afternoon, everyone enjoyed participating in Scottish Dancing. An amazing day!

Thank you so much Mrs Foster.



'preparing veg...'



'...the finished product!'



'Scottish dancing'

Hanukkah

We were delighted that Mrs Shattock, one of our parents, came in to speak to both Reception classes about Hanukkah. She explained how the Jewish community celebrate this festival of light. The children were fascinated by her informative talk. A huge thank you Mrs Shattock.



Bengeo Parents Association

Many thanks to the parents association for their continued efforts and support in raising money for the school. Thanks also to the many parents who support these events over the course of the year.

This term, the association has bought benches and water fountains for the children. They have also funded Santa gifts for all children in Nursery – Year 2, extra staging for the KS2 Hall. Extra football kit and the Year 2 trip to the pantomime. An order has also been placed for some iPads.



'the water fountain & benches'

Children In Need

On the 17th November, we had a day of fund raising for Children in Need. All pupils were involved in successful day, with raised £1280.95.



'Simply Spotty'

'enjoying the cakes/sweets'



Curriculum Evening

We look forward to welcoming all parents to our curriculum evening on Tuesday 23rd January.

Following suggestions from parents, our theme for the evening is maths mastery. This is an excellent opportunity for parents to gain a further understanding of how we teach maths at Bengo.

We are very fortunate to have secured David Cook who will be our guest speaker for the evening. David is a highly skilled teacher and leads the maths teaching and learning team for Hertfordshire. He is particularly interested in enhancing mathematical thinking through talk.

Please join us from 6.45pm for cheese and wine. David will be speaking from 7pm – 8pm.

Christmas events

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our Christmas events this year.

Each year we choose a charity to support. This year we have chosen two charities and will split any proceeds equally between them.

Winston's Wish is a charity supporting children, young people and their families following bereavement.

Place2 Be is the UK's leading children's mental health charity providing in-school support and training for the emotional wellbeing of pupils and their families.

Parenting Boys

Beane Valley Children's Centre are offering two free sessions to parents of boys.

The sessions are designed to help parents understand the difference between how boys and girls learn. They will also give advice on how you can support your son with his learning, communication and behaviour. Dates are: Weds 31st Jan & Weds 7th Feb 6 at 8pm

(Please pick up a booking form from the office if you would like to attend)

Dates for your Diary

12th December – Y5 Art Morning & KS1 Xmas Nativity 9.30am & 1.30pm

13th December – Y3/4 Christmas Concert 9am & 2.30pm

14th December – Y5/6 Carols Holy Trinity 2pm (Violinists will playing)

15th December – Reception Christmas Songs 9.15am

15th December – Christmas Lunch

18th December – Nursery Party and songs to parents (am) & Y1/2 Art afternoon.

19th December – Nursery Closed

19th December –Term Ends 1.30pm

4th January – Spring Term starts

23rd January – Curriculum Evening Maths mastery with guest speaker David Cook.

(please note change of date)

9th March – Bring Mum to School Day

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful and healthy new year.

Merry Christmas

