



News on the Ninth

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Attendance

Juniper class had the best attendance in June. The top three classes for attendance, together with their percentages, were:

Class	June %
Juniper	97.3%
Beech/Cedar	97.1%
Chestnut	96.8%

Please could we remind all parents that we expect all children to attend school every day, unless there is a medical reason. Along with other schools in Hertfordshire, and following guidance from our Local Education Authority, we **do not** authorise holidays during term time.

Charity cake sale

Congratulations to Eva for organising a very impressive cake sale and raising £61.59 for 'teens:)unite' – a charity which supports young people who have had a diagnosis of cancer. It is wonderful to see our pupils showing compassion and consideration to others. Eva was helped by Summer & Paige.

Bring Dad to School Day

This was a fantastic day with dads, uncles, granddads and brothers joining in with activities at school.



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Some quotes from our dads...

"A lovely afternoon with lots of varied activities. Ted and I had a great time!"

"I've had a great afternoon at school with my grandchildren. We have enjoyed the games and fun. The staff have been fantastic!"

'Wonderful time – great project! Enjoyed it massively.'

Celtic Harmony trip



On Thursday 7th June, Year 3 dressed up in their Iron Age costumes to visit the Celtic Harmony camp in Brickendon. They participated in a range of exciting activities such as weaving, trading, dying and making bracelets and making bread. We had a fantastic day learning fun and interesting facts about the Iron Age.

Libby - *'My favourite part of the trip was grinding the herbs because of the sweet aroma that filled the air.'*

Kennedy - *'I learnt that you have to be very clever about trading as it is quite hard!'*

Sam - *'My favourite part of the trip was making flour to make the bread'*



Reception Fire Brigade Visit



On Monday 11th June, Walnut & Apple classes had a visit from the Fire Brigade as part of their 'People Who Help Us' topic.

Parents Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming parents between 5.15pm – 6.45pm (time changed due to the England game) on Wednesday 11th July when staff will be available. This is an opportunity to celebrate the fantastic work completed in class over the year, and for you to meet your child's new class teacher. Also, for Children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6 there will be an opportunity for you to view and purchase your child's art work. Prices for their masterpieces are £7.50. No need for appointments, just pop along, with your child/children when it is convenient for you. School will close at 7pm.

Reports

Your child's annual report will be given out on Thursday 12th July, with the exception of Year 6 who will receive theirs the day before as they are not in school on the 12th.

If you have any comments or queries about the report that you wish to discuss, please arrange a meeting with your child's teacher

School Council News

£405 was raised for Mudlarks on non-school uniform day and we have money coming in from the sponsored Scavenger Hunt too. If you have any more sponsor forms to bring in, please get them in as soon as possible. The class who raise the most money will get a 'free choice afternoon'.

Year 6 Enterprise Project



Following on from their Statutory Assessment Tests, Year 6 have been developing some real-life business skills in an enterprise project. The children worked in small groups to generate a name and logo for a company which was going to sell products to Key Stage 2 children over lunchtime. The children showed excellent leadership skills, teamwork, initiative and business acumen. Throughout the venture children completed a range of tasks: calculating individual costs, profits and losses; investigating through market research, designing posters including special offers; filming adverts which were shown in assembly; making and labelling their packaging and then finally, conducting their sale. The Year 6s worked fantastically well together to raise an amazing £451.28, thanks to the generosity of the younger children. Some of the money has been used to purchase a sculpture of a stag that they will leave to commemorate their time at Bengo. The remaining money will go towards Mudlarks. The whole staff, but particularly Miss Freeman and Miss Young are immensely proud of their efforts.



SEND

If you think your child needs extra support for their transition into their new class, please speak to their teacher.

Thank you to all parents who came to the coffee morning and for their support.

Welcome

We are delighted to welcome three new teachers to our staffing team this year. Miss Boyce, Mr Young and Miss Bignal have been into school several times and worked with their year group partners, as well as meeting some of the children already. We are very pleased to be welcoming them to Bengo and know that you will make them feel welcome here.

Teacher and new class	Previous class
Miss Freeman Beech Y6	Rowan
Mrs Dove (nee Young) Juniper Y6	Cedar
Mr Young Rowan Y6	Pine
Miss Peters Pine Y5	Oak
Miss Boyce Cedar Y5	Willow
Miss George Oak Y4	Chestnut
Mrs Carter & Ms Potts Willow Y4	Monkey Puzzle
Miss Prank Chestnut Y3	Cherry Blossom
Miss Bignal Monkey Puzzle Y3	Laurel
Mrs Barrett Cherry Blossom Y2	Maple
Miss Taylor Laurel Y2	Holly
Mrs Guy Maple Y1	Walnut
Mrs Day and Mrs Bartlam Holly Y1	Apple
Mrs Norris Walnut YR	
Mrs Laing & Mrs Mills Apple YR	
Mrs Lodge Acorn Nursery	

Road Safety

Many thanks to all parents for your support in teaching your children about road safety on their journeys to school. Also, thank you for adhering to the signs outside the school about safe driving and parking.

We would like to encourage you to keep thinking about this by ensuring your children are crossing the road in safe places by using the pedestrian crossing, or with the guidance of our Road Safety Assistant, Mrs Boyd.

This term we have had various Road safety training activities taking place in school. These were led by the Herts. Road Safety officer, Samantha Parfitt. These were:

Road Safety Workshop

The Reception classes took part in a road safety workshop. This involved a talk to parents and children, followed by road safety activities in the classroom. Many thanks to all the parents who came and supported this.

Scooter Training

The Year 2 children have taken part in scooter training this term. They worked in small groups and enjoyed learning how to ride their scooters safely.

Distractions Workshops

Both year 6 classes have taken part in a Distraction workshop to help prepare them for their transition to senior school. The main focus was on the safe use of mobile phones while walking to school. The sessions involved drama, discussion, a short film and poster making on road safety. We hope the children will remember what they have learned as they become more independent in their new schools.

Road Safety Training

The Year 4 children will take part in Road Safety training during the last week of term. It will be led by Mrs Spring. The children will be taking part in activities in class and in the immediate area outside the school. This will help them become more aware of possible dangers when walking on the pavements and crossing roads so they can make the correct choices.

Dates for your Diary

11th July – Nursery Sports Day
9.30am & 2pm

11th July – Parents Open Evening
5.15pm – 6.45pm

12th July – Class swap day and Y6 visit their secondary schools

13th July – Y2 camp day (weather dependent)

13th July - Year 6 leavers barbecue –
3.30 – 7.30pm

17th July – Y6 production 6.30pm

19th July – Nursery closed

19th July – Term ends – 1.30pm

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