



## News on the Ninth

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### **Attendance**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Pine	98.3%
Monkey Puzzle	98.1%
Willow	97.8%

### **Considerate parking**

We have recently had a number of complaints regarding cars being parked across driveways. Please do be mindful of this and park considerately.

### **Poppy Appeal**

The poppy appeal raised an amazing £300.74. Thank you to all our families for your support.

### **Curriculum Evening**

This year's Curriculum evening is taking place on 7<sup>th</sup> February. We will be joined by guest speakers 'The Two Johns', as well as Dark Web. The evening will be open from 6.30pm for a 7pm start. Parents only, as the evening is not appropriate for children.

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### **Year 2 Airbus Foundation Trip**



On 14<sup>th</sup> of November, Year 2 had a fantastic day at the Stevenage Airbus Centre.

The children enjoyed a light workshop and fun sessions in the activity area. The highlight was launching their own rockets that they had made earlier in the day.

### **Cycles & Scooters**

If your child cycles or scooters to school, please remind them to dismount their bike/scooter before they come through the gate and to walk it sensibly to the bike shed, doing the same in reverse at the end of the day. Thank you.



### **Spotlight on Miss Bignal**



Hello. I'm Miss Bignal and I teach Monkey Puzzle, Year 3. I joined the school in September. When I am not teaching, I enjoy visiting new places, spending time with my friends and family and exercising. I have a variety of hobbies such as; running, reading, travelling, baking and yoga. My proudest moment was completing the 'Royal Parks Half Marathon' for Mind Mental Health Charity and I am hoping to complete a full marathon in the future!

### **Year 2 Panto Visit**

On Monday, Cherry Blossom and Laurel had a marvellous time at the Pantomime at Hertford Theatre. We would like to thank the BPA for paying for this festive treat.



### **Rainbow Trust Charity Day**

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November the whole school came together to raise money for the Rainbow Trust. A super day was had by all, dressing in brightly coloured clothes and selling cakes and biscuits. A fantastic £831 was raised. Thank you all for your support.



### **BPA**

Bengeo Primary School Parents' Association (BPA) will be hosting a ladies evening at the school on Friday 15th March 2019. We are currently looking for a variety of different stall holders and therapists for the evening. The cost is £10 per stall or therapist, together with the donation of a raffle prize please.

If you are interested in either a stall or as a therapist, please email:  
[bengeoladiesevening@hotmail.com](mailto:bengeoladiesevening@hotmail.com)

## **Year 6 Mayan Workshop – by Silas King**



*‘On Wednesday 28th November, Big Nose – a Mayan chief- came to visit Year 6.*

*First, we gathered in the hall, waiting. We thought he was going to jump out from behind a blanket tied up at the front (instead he came out from the door with a blue face and a huge headdress). Next, he started asking people (in Mayan language) what their names were; most people just looked at him, confused. He taught us all the numbers 1-10.*

*After break, we split into 2 groups. I was in the drama group. There were 6 different scenes: chocolate traders; 5 different sacrifices for the Gods; death rituals for people who wanted to go to the afterlife; Pok-a-Tok (a Mayan ball game); spirits to help you to grow crops and sacrificing frogs for the Gods.’*

### **Reception & Nursery Applications**

Nursery applications are open, forms available in the office please return completed form asap but deadline is Thursday 28th February.

Reminder to parents to apply for their Reception place via Hertfordshire Admissions, closing date 15th January 2019

## **Parent Questionnaire**

The Governors and staff value your opinion as we strive to be the best we can. In the new term we will be sending all parents/carers a link to a survey, to enable you to anonymously share your views and feedback.

### **Enchanted Garden**

Following on from our Tesco token bid, we are very happy to share with you that we were awarded £2k for our ‘Enchanted Garden’ project. Thank you to everyone who voted for us!

£7k has been kindly given by the Bengeo Parents’ Association.

Ethan, Owen and Lia-Maise were successful in their bid to tarmac, who have promised to supply the material free of charge for the paths and hardstands. This is a fantastic achievement so a massive well done to them!

Tara, one of parents, will hear in January if we have been awarded any funding from the bids that she has kindly submitted for us.

We are very excited to say that the project will almost certainly go ahead next term and hopefully be ready for children to enjoy in the summer.

### **ICT TIP OF THE MONTH!**

The NSPCC guide to social networks that your children may be using, can be accessed by the link below:

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

### **School Council**

The School council voted in favour of supporting the Wood Green Animal Shelter in the Spring Term. The date will be confirmed soon. Children would like a non-school uniform day and a toy/book sale, so please put aside any pre-loved toys and books to bring into school for this fundraising day.

Collections from all school performances will go towards supporting both Guide Dogs for the Blind and Hearing Dogs.

### **A plea from a member of the School Council:**

*'We would like it if you could donate dressing up clothes for KS2 children. If you can that would be very helpful. Thank you.'*

*Ava McLaren Gilliver*

### **Parent Helpers**

Please note that if you are joining us on a school trip you will be required to complete a 'Self Consent/Code of Conduct' form.

*You are getting this email because you are a parent/carer of a child at this school. Please e-mail us if you would like to stop receiving them.*

### **Dates for your Diary**

11<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 & 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance  
12<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Christmas Concert 9.15am & 2.15pm  
13<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 Carols Holy Trinity Church 2pm  
17<sup>th</sup> December pm – Reception – Y6 Christmas Parties (except Y4)  
18<sup>th</sup> December pm – Y4 party  
18<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Songs 9.15am  
19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch (with Xmas Jumpers)  
19<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Party and Songs to parents 9am  
20<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Closed  
**20<sup>th</sup> December – Term Ends 1.30pm**

### **8<sup>th</sup> January - School opens**

7<sup>th</sup> February- Parents Curriculum Evening  
29<sup>th</sup> March – Bring Mum to School day  
3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April – Parent Consultations

*We wish you a very relaxing Christmas and New Year!*



*'Here at Bengo we believe that the most successful school is a place where everyone is valued. We work together and aspire to be the best we can.'*