



## News on the Ninth

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### **Attendance**

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

Class	%
Oak	98.6%
Cherry B/Cedar	98.5%
Chestnut/Juniper	98.0%

### **Breaking News!**

Appeal REFUSED!!



Wonderful news! Well done to Aska and the team behind the campaign for their tireless dedication to this cause. Huge congratulations!

### **Mrs Fitzgerald**

We are delighted to have Mrs Fitzgerald back from maternity leave. She is teaching in Willow class each Wednesday afternoon and Maple class each Friday. She is also working in all classes during this term to release teachers for special projects.

### **Simon Balle leaders**

We continue to enjoy an effective partnership with secondary schools.

## BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 10 pupils have recently visited from Simon Balle to deliver playground games and activities as part of their sports leaders programme. We were very pleased to hear that the Simon Balle teacher commented on the physical skill level of our pupils.

We are also grateful to the secondary school pupils who come up to help our sports teams train throughout the year.

### **Building Bridges**

18 Year 6 pupils were successful in their applications to visit Amwell View School, a school for pupils with severe and complex learning difficulties. The pupils spend 3 mornings each, working in the PE department. They support and assist the teachers and volunteers delivering different sports like tag rugby, ball skills and playground games. The Bengeo pupils have had a great experience and thoroughly enjoyed their time working at the school. Hannah described the experience as 'amazing, seeing all the different activities the pupils do and how the school adjusts to the pupils needs'.

### **School Council Fund Raising Day**



On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, the School Council arranged a Fundraising Day in aid of Wood Green Animal Shelter. The previous week Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 children had an assembly telling them all about the great work they do with animals and their

owners. Thank you for all your donations of toys and books which children sold in classrooms. An amazing £712 was raised.



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



Another wonderful day was had celebrating Mothers' Day. The children really enjoyed their mums, grandmas and aunts joining them for an activity session which they did together.

'I liked having mum there, because I didn't know what to do and she helped me.' *Sadie Y2*

'A lovely opportunity to spend some time in the classroom with my daughter.' *Parent*



### **Children leaving school during the day**

Please be advised that, with immediate effect, if you are taking your child out of school during the school day you must first go to the school office to collect a ticket. This ticket will be issued by the office staff and must be presented to the class teacher who will not release a pupil without this.

### **Ware Drill Hall Music Festival**



On Monday the 25th of March, the choir went to Ware Drill Hall to perform in Rainbow of Hope.

Rainbow of Hope is a cantata written by Paul Burrell. There were 2 soloists

and 2 readers from Bengeo. Gemma in Year 6 sang the solo for 'Time' and Eleanor in Year 5 sang the solo for Rainbow of Hope. Nefeli and Darcie were narrators.

The story of the Rainbow of Hope was that a boy called Jude went to find a drop of the first rain to fall on earth and restored hope and kindness to the land. He had to face a series of obstacles but eventually his courage and purity of heart shone through and he succeeded in his quest.

It was a fabulous concert and we had lots of fun participating!

*Written by Eliza, Bobby and Eleanor*

### **Instrumental concert**

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, parents and children were treated to a highly professional and well organised evening of music from our very own musicians at Bengeo School. A range of instrumentalists and singers conquered their nerves and excitement to give amazing performances. The evening really was fantastic, and all pupils were a credit to the school. Thanks to Miss Peters for organising such a splendid evening, and to the peripatetic instrumental teachers for their hard work over the year.

I was incredibly proud of all children that took part.



### **Pamper Evening**

Thank you to the Bengeo Parents Association for treating our parents to a pamper evening on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Not only was this an opportunity to relax and unwind, but also it raised money for the school in the process. Particular thanks to Sarah Tillbrook for organising this very popular event.

### **Tree removal**

Following the removal of our hybrid elms and oak trees from our school site due to increased inclusion on the bark, making them unsafe, we are now considering our options for shade in the summer. If you have any suggestions/preferences of what you might like in their place, please pop into the office and let Mrs Murray know.

### **Gardening Club**

We are very lucky to be able to provide a Gardening Club for KS1 free of charge. Mrs Farnworth, who works for Groundwork East, is given time off work to run the club, helped by our two new volunteers David Ling & Jeanne Root grandparents of Lizzie & Zoe.

### **Author Visit**

On Wednesday 3rd April Year 3/4 had a wonderful visit from an author called Gwyneth Rees. We heard all about her journey to becoming an author and had an opportunity to get our very own copy of 'Supercat' signed.

The author visit was great. My favourite part was when we had to guess the names of the character in 'Supercat.' *Eliza*

I absolutely love her books. I enjoyed hearing about her journey to becoming an author and she has inspired me to write one of my own books. *Dylan*

I loved the author visit. I bought her book called 'Supercat' which she signed and I love it! *Zara*

### **Enchanted garden**



As you can see from the photos, the Enchanted Garden is coming along well. The Gazebo will be delivered in mid-April and we hope that the garden will be ready for use early May. We will keep you updated with its progress.

### **School Uniform**

We have noticed that some children are not wearing the correct uniform. No hoodies are allowed and black shoes are required. Long hair needs to be tied up with a modest black or blue hair clip/band; no large bows. Please ensure the children come back after Easter in correct uniform.

### **Polling Day 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

The school is again being used for polling day. We are able to keep the main school open, with some entrance/exit restrictions; however the **Nursery will be closed for the day**. Thank you for your cooperation. More details will follow closer to the day.

### **Dates for your Diary**

23<sup>rd</sup> April – **children back to school**

1<sup>st</sup> May – Y3 Pre-historic workshop  
(note date change)

1<sup>st</sup> May – Y2 Great Fire of London Day

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Polling Day – Nursery

Closed

3<sup>rd</sup> May – Y5 Life in Ancient Greece workshop

6<sup>th</sup> May – **Bank Holiday School**

**Closed**

17<sup>th</sup> May – Reception to Shepreth Wildlife Park

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Sponsored Bounce

27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May **Half Term**

11<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 Sports Day

14<sup>th</sup> June – Bring Dad to School Day

19<sup>th</sup> June – KS1 Sports Day

5<sup>th</sup> July – Reception Sports Day

7<sup>th</sup> July – Bengo Day

10<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Sports Day

10<sup>th</sup> July – Open evening

11<sup>th</sup> July – Senior School visit day

12<sup>th</sup> July – Y2 Camp Day

12<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers BBQ

24<sup>th</sup> July – Nursery Closed

24<sup>th</sup> July – Last Day – 1.30pm finish

*'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.'*

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