



News on the Ninth

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Attendance

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

Class	%
Maple	96.0%
Laurel	93.0%
Pine/ Monkey Puzzle	92.0%

Y4 to Rye Meads



On Tuesday 18th June, Year 4 had a fantastic day at Rye Meads Nature

Reserve. We began the day with an exciting train journey and then spent the day looking at living things and their different habitats which linked with the current science topic. Everybody got involved in activities such as mini-beast hunting, pond dipping and tree wiggling!

Year 4 Road Safety Training

This will take place in the last week of term and will be led by Mrs Spring. The children will be taking part in road safety activities in class and in the area outside school.

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Y3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

On Wednesday 12th June, Year 3 went to the Celtic Harmony Camp dressed up as they would in the Iron Age. We chose a design and had our face painted. We made flour by grinding the grain and then made some bread. We also made and dyed friendship bracelets, played a trading game and heard a story in the roundhouse around the fire pit. We all had an amazing time!



Y6 Distraction Workshop

The Year 6 classes have taken part in a Distraction workshop to help prepare them for their transition to secondary school. It was held by road safety officers. The main focus was on the safe use of mobile phones as they walk 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 learnt as they become more independent at their new schools.

Year 1 to Paradise Park

On Monday 17th June, Year 1 went to Paradise Park. We learnt about classification of animals and also what they eat. We looked around the park and watched some of the animals being fed. We all had a great time.



Bring Dad to School Day

We had a wonderful day on Friday 14th celebrating Father's Day. Dads, grandads, brothers, godfathers and uncles all came in to enjoy time with the children in their classes. Many activities were enjoyed including junk modelling, making a wormery, art, gym & afternoon tea.

Reception Road Safety

The reception children took part in a road safety workshop this term which was led by Samantha Parfitt (Herts Road Safety Officer). This involved a talk to the children followed by road safety activities in the classroom and outside.



KS1 & 2 Sports Days

What a wonderful morning for both Sports Days. The children enjoyed taking part in the team events and those who took part in the races did so with great sportsmanship. Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer on their children and especially to those who took part in the parent races. The house winner for KS1 was Seacole and for KS2 was Earhart.



ICT Tip of the Month

Advice for 0-5 year olds online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/0-5/>

CHIPS Charity Day

It was great to support the local charity CHIPS this term. Our non-school uniform day and chocolate chip cookies and cakes sale raised £691.38. Thank you for all of your donations.

Orchestra Concert

On Tuesday of last week, the orchestra performed a concert to the children in the KS1 Hall. They played a rendition of different tunes which were enjoyed by the audience and also by the ladies in the office!



Bengeo Day

What a wonderful day! The sun was shining and the school field was full of families having fun and enjoying the many activities and stalls.

Thank you so much to Clare Blackman and her team for arranging this fantastic event and to the parents and staff who helped on the day. Thank you for giving up your time to make it such a success.

We hope everyone enjoyed the day!



Enterprise Week

The summer term is a very busy time for the Year 6s but they have even managed to find time to set up their own businesses! Now in its fifth year, Enterprise Week saw the children working in small pre-selected groups. They identified the market that they were going to sell to; tried to find a USP (unique selling point); interviewed potential customers; generated a price structure; purchased resources after researching where they could get the best deal; advertised and packaged their products.

Finally, last Friday, the sale took place with the rest of Key Stage 2 acting as the customers. As always, the children were full of excitement and enthusiasm. Across the three classes they raised an incredible £362.80! The vast majority of the money will go to CHIPS, the school charity. However, some of that money will also be used to purchase a stone birdbath for the Enchanted Garden as a legacy that the Year 6s can leave behind for others to enjoy. Well done Year 6!



Huge thanks to all Year 6 children who participated so eagerly in this fund raising event.

Engineering Project

Year 2 and Beech class have been lucky enough to be involved in a project this term, which has been organised by the Primary Engineering Programme, in collaboration with the University of Hertfordshire. It aims to promote interest in the STEM subjects, with the long-term goal being to recruit more employees into the sector. The children worked in pairs to build model cars – in Year 2 these were ambulances. Meanwhile, in Beech, the vehicles were motor operated.

There was a celebration event at MBDA in Stevenage last month, which four Year 6s (Jack Ansell, Phoebe Beaumont, Alice Collier and Thomas Llewellyn) attended to display their cars and to discuss their learning. The four children were awarded with certificates for their efforts, whilst Alice and Phoebe won an extra prize for their ability to communicate so well about their learning. Engineers of the future we hope!

Staffing

We welcome Mrs Coe to our reception class from September. Mrs Coe has many years of experience in the Foundation Stage and is very much looking forward to joining our team

We say goodbye to Mr Emmerson who leaves us in July. Mr Emmerson has been a fantastic member of staff. His positivity and ability to engage with children and staff has been very much appreciated. We will all miss him and wish him well as he moves to the next stage of his career. Congratulations to Miss Taylor who is expecting a baby in December. She will be taking up Laurel class into Year 3. We are all very pleased and excited for her and of course will let you know when a new teacher has been appointed to cover her maternity.

Classes for September 2019

Teacher and new class	Previous class
Mrs Dove Juniper Y6	Pine
Mr Young Beech Y6	Cedar
Miss Peters Pine Y5	Oak
Miss Freeman Cedar Y5	Willow
Miss George Oak Y4	Chestnut
Mrs Carter & Ms Potts Willow Y4	Monkey Puzzle
Miss Prank Rowan Year 3	Cherry Blossom
Miss Taylor Monkey Puzzle Y3	Laurel
Mrs Barrett Cherry Blossom Y2	Maple
Mrs Guy and Mrs Fitzgerald Laurel Y2	Holly
Mrs Laing & Mrs Mills Maple Y1	Walnut
Mrs Day and Mrs Bartlam Holly Y1	Apple
Mrs Norris Walnut YR	
Mrs Cato and Mrs Coe Apple YR	
Mrs Dalby Acorn Nursery	

Headteacher Hours

From September I will be reducing my hours and will be working for four days a week. Most often I will not be working on a Wednesday. As usual senior leaders will be available to answer any queries of an urgent nature.

Parents Open Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming parents between **6.00-7.30pm** on Wednesday 10th 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.

Herts Catering Ltd will be offering a range of sample dishes for parents and children to taste, in the dining hall. Please go and visit them.

Reports

Your child's annual report will be given out on Thursday 11th July, with the exception of Year 6 who will receive theirs the day before as they are not in school on the 11th.

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



SPOTLIGHT ON... **MRS LAING**



I have worked at Bengeo Primary for over 20 years!

I was born in Vancouver, Canada and moved to England when I was 4. I grew up in Torquay, South Devon and moved to London when I started University.

Before becoming a teacher, I worked in London as an Environmental Health Officer. I moved to Hertfordshire in 1998 and since then have had two children, Daisy and Charlie.

I attempt to go to the gym three times a week and walk our dog, Merlin, as often as I can. I love to go to the

cinema and out for meals! In the future I am hoping to learn to tap dance and go on a canal barge!

Dates for your Diary

10th July – Nursery Sports Day
10th July – Open evening
11th July – Secondary school visit day/moving up day
12th July – Y2 Camp Day
12th July – Y4 to Chauncy Community Day
12th July – Y6 Leavers Party
16th July – Y6 2pm Performance
17th July – Y6 6pm Performance
18th July – Foundation Stage Sing-a-long 9.15pm & 2.30pm
24th July – Nursery closed
24th July – Last day – 1.30pm finish
4th September – First day of Autumn Term

Wishing all of our families and staff a wonderful Summer break, and to all children leaving us this year lots of luck in their new schools.

'Here at Bengeo 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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