



News on the Ninth

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BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Attendance

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

Class	%
Cherry Blossom	98.9%
Monkey Puzzle/Rowan	97.4%
Holly	97.3%

Y2 Diwali Presentation

Year 2 were very fortunate to have Santi's Mum, Mrs Alder-Shah, come in to tell them about Diwali and how it is celebrated. Mrs Alder-Shah showed the children a wonderful presentation explaining the love story of Rama and Sita. Children then saw some photos of Santi's family celebrating Diwali and were able to look at saris, bindis and bangles that are worn during Diwali. Santi held up a Diva; which are used to help light up the sky. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Diwali, thank you Santi and Mrs Alder-Shah for sharing it with us.

Year 3 Spanish Cafeteria



On Thursday 24th October, Year 3 experienced a Spanish Café. They tried lots of different Spanish foods including paella, churros & chorizo. They also tried the Spanish drink 'Horchata'. The children were able to practice their Spanish vocabulary and had a wonderful time. Thank you to Mrs Barta & Mrs Magee for helping with the food.

Upper Key Stage 2 Leader

Congratulations to Mr Young who has been appointed as our upper key stage 2 leader as from the beginning of this half term.

If you have any concerns that can't be resolved in the first instance with your class teacher, please make an appointment to see your phase leader.

Foundation Stage– Mrs Cato
Key Stage 1 – Mrs Barrett
Lower Key Stage 2 (Y3 and Y4) - Ms Potts
Upper Key Stage 2 (Y5 and Y6) - Mr Young

'The Two Johns'

On Friday 25th 'The Two Johns' came in to speak to KS1, lower KS2 & upper KS2 in three assemblies appropriate to their age, about online safety and stranger danger.

On Friday, we had the 'Two Johns' visit Year 3 & 4 to talk to us about staying safe online. They talked about Roblox, Tik Tok and Snapchat; they explained that these apps can be dangerous and the reasons why.

By Lachlan & Nicholas, Oak Class.

On Friday the 25th of October, we had a visit from the Two Johns who do projects on E-safety. They spoke to all the year groups about keeping safe on online. It was very interesting and we learnt a lot about the dangers of online streaming and communicating with people that we do not know. They also said about child-line and that we could talk to them if we needed to.

By Tilia and Eliza, Juniper Class

Remembrance Service



Jacob, Eliza & Zoe represented the school at the Mayor's Remembrance Service at Hertford Castle on 6th November. This was a very poignant occasion and the children were able to place remembrance crosses on behalf of Bengoe School.

Charity

This term our chosen charity is the Isabel Hospice. Friday 22nd November will be a non-uniform day (for a £1 donation), we will also be asking for donations of pre-loved items; details of this will follow. There will be assemblies on Thursday 14th November about the important work Isabel Hospice do and the care they provide. Thank you in advance, for your kind donations.

Anti-bullying Week 11-15th Nov

Next week we are taking part in 'Anti-bullying week' – we will be raising awareness of this through assemblies, class lessons and activities. On Tuesday 12th Nov we will be celebrating 'Odd Socks Day' by asking the children to come to school wearing odd socks (any colour/pattern) to celebrate our differences.

Uniform labels

Our lost property boxes are overflowing with lost, unnamed clothing! Please ensure you label your children's clothes – even if just with a sharpie. If named, the items can be re-united with your children.

Year 5 Harvest Assembly

'At the Harvest assembly, we performed in front of lots of parents. Some of us performed as six groups of fruit and vegetables. Some of the lines we had to say were about how lucky and grateful we are to have our food. We sang songs like Easy Peasy Harvest and Harvest Tango. Lots of us brought in food to donate to Hertford Food Bank.'

By Ellie Conduit.



Year 6 Maya Presentation

'On Friday the 11th of October the only Maya expert in the whole of England came in to talk to Year 6 to tell us all about the Maya, the topic that we have been learning about. Her name was Dr. Diane Davis and she has been to the rainforest in Central America to find out more about the Maya and how they lived. She has found lots of the Maya pyramids where they would spend a lot of their time in prayer as religion was very important to them.

In the morning, she showed us a PowerPoint with lots of interesting facts and myth busters. After break, we looked at some of the objects that she had found whilst excavating around where they were mainly set up. Next, we got the chance to make a Maya calendar and she showed us how to use it. Then after lunch, we made headdresses with feathers, felt, fur and tissue paper we made headdresses because we played a game that they used to play and they played it

Wearing headdresses. This game was called Pok'ta'Pok and sometimes they would play it just for fun and sometimes they would play it instead of war and the team captain of the losing team would get sacrificed to the gods on top of the Maya pyramid. I really enjoyed the day because it was a lot of fun and I learnt lots it was very interesting and I am enjoying our topic.

Eliza – Juniper Class



Dates for your Diary

12th Nov – Y2 STEM Discovery trip
12th Nov – Odd Sock day
22nd Nov – Non-uniform day
25th Nov – Flu vaccination day
29th Nov – Y4 Roman Day
29th Nov – BPA Xmas Disco
2nd Dec – Y2 to the Pantomime
5th Dec – Mrs Smith's Choir to All Saints at 7pm
10th Dec – KS1 Xmas Performance 9.30am & 1.30pm
11th Dec – Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert 9am & 2.15pm
13th Dec – Y5 & Y6 Carols at Holy Trinity 2pm (**note change of date**)
16th Dec – Xmas Parties
17th Dec – Foundation Sing-a-long 9.15am & 2.15pm
17th Dec – Xmas Lunch
19th Dec – Nursery Closed all day
19th Dec – School finishes at 1.30pm

20th Dec – 6th Jan CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

6th Jan – Inset Day
7th Jan – Children back to school
14th Jan – Curriculum Evening (tbc)
7th Feb – Singing Club to Young Voices
17th – 21st Feb – HALF TERM
4th March – Class Photos
20th March – Bring Mum to School Day
3rd April – Nursery closed
3rd April – School finishes at 1.30pm

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