



BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

News on the Ninth!



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Attendance

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

Class	%
Oak	99.6
Willow	99.6
Holly	99

Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place on November 25th (3.40pm-6pm) & November 26th (5.40pm-8pm) and for Nursery there are two extra sessions on Dec 2nd (1-3pm, 3.30-4.30pm).

The consultations will be by video call, through the same system used to book the appointment. Please could we ask that you are able to give your full attention during the meeting, as timings will be very rigid as the system automatically calls up and ends conversations in the allocated time slot of ten minutes.

Bookings can be made through <https://bengeo.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

This is the same website address that you log on to prior to your appointment time, to take part in the video call. You can use a smart phone, tablet, laptop etc.

Any problems, contact Mrs Murray in the office by phone or email n.murray@bengeo.herts.sch.uk

Y6 Maya Workshop



On Tuesday 20th October, Year 6 enjoyed a virtual Maya day with interactive presentations from Dr Davies, the UK's only expert Maya archaeologist who has been working in the Maya rainforest since 2003. The children learned about how archaeologists gain an understanding about the past from only the material remains and about the magnificent achievements of the Maya in architecture, art, and calendar, astronomy, writing, mathematics and chocolate! The children thoroughly enjoyed a zoom call to Dr Davies giving them an opportunity to ask lots of interesting questions.

'We played an ancient ball game of Pok-ta-Pok which was really hard as we could only use our elbows, knees and hips.' **Aimee in Juniper**

'We learned lots of fantastic facts like that the Maya built temple upon temple without using modern tools!' **Megan in Juniper**

Christmas Cards

We are very happy for children to bring Christmas cards in for their friends but, due to the current Covid-19 situation, we can only allow children to bring Christmas cards in for children in their class bubble. Thank you.

Covid-19 update

As you all know, we have had to close three classes due to positive cases in years 3 and 1. I am very pleased to report that the quarantine period has ended and that year 1 and year 3 are all back at school now. We have however, been alerted to a positive case in Apple class bubble over the weekend, and they will now be isolating until Thursday 19th November. I am hoping that now we are in lockdown there will be no more cases, but would ask you all to consider childcare should we need to close additional classes at short notice.

A reminder that guidance for what to do in the event that you are asked to self-isolate...

PLAY YOUR PART **What is self-isolation?**

Self-isolation means that you must not leave your home except in an emergency

Do not:

- X visit family or friends
- X go to any shops or supermarkets
- X go outside to exercise or walk your dog
- X go to work, university, college or school
- X use public transport, taxis or share a car
- X attend parties or other events, even if these are outside

If you are worried about your finances or emotional wellbeing, struggling with shopping or feeling isolated then help is available to you through HertsHelp, our countywide information advice and support line:

Email: info@hertshelp.net
Telephone: 0300 123 4044
Or visit: www.hertshelp.net

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If you develop symptoms, book a test at www.nhs.uk or call 119

NHS Hertfordshire

Associated links can also be found here:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/

Please do not send child(ren) to school if they have any symptoms of coronavirus. If you're not sure, consult the online NHS symptom checker

at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Only book a test if you or your child(ren) develop symptoms, book at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

Play equipment

Polite reminder – for Health & Safety reasons, children are not to use the play equipment before or after school; please do not allow them to do so.

SPOTLIGHT ON

MRS JOCELYN



What is your proudest moment(s)?

I am very proud of being a working Mum of two full on boys and seeing my eldest go off to university last

year; it had been a dream of his to study Law from a young age. Studying for my degree while working full time was a challenge, I can't say it was easy however the sense of achievement was huge!

What are your hobbies?

I love being part of a book club that actually reads books, although we do

include nights out as incentive to finish the books!

I also enjoy standing on the football side-line cheering my boys on in all weather.

I find walking my energetic Border Terrier Freddie very relaxing, especially as this often leads to a refreshment on route!

What else can you share with us?

As a young student, I had many different jobs, some more exciting than others; one was working in a luxury hotel in London where I served Madonna room service!

Before I joined Education, I spent 15 years in the corporate world.

My role at Bengeo is a very rewarding job; seeing the children develop across the year groups and leaving at the end of Year 6 confident and aspiring young people is a privilege to be part of.

Year 5 & Year 6 Tennis competitions

Year 5 and Year 6 have been enjoying playing tennis recently; Mrs Holman has been very impressed with the standard of play!



Internet Safety

For specific tips to help you support your child to use their iPad safely and responsibly, follow this link from the UK Safer Internet

<https://d1afx9quaogywf.cloudfront.net/sites/default/files/Resources/iPad.pdf>

Dates for your Diary

25th/ 26th November – Remote

Parents' consultations

Weds 25th/26th Nov/2nd Dec – Nursery remote parent consultations

16th Dec – Christmas Lunch

18th Dec – School finishes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 5th January – term starts for all children

'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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