



# BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

## News on the Ninth!



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### **Attendance**

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

<b>Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Willow	99.6
Rowan	99.2
Oak	97.7

### **Christmas Advent Signing**

You will have seen the children's fabulous British Sign Language Christmas 'sign alongs' on our Facebook page. If you would like to donate via the 'Just Giving' page, we are supporting two local charities:

[Hertfood](#), a local organisation helping families in need of food.

[Keech](#) hospital, a charity providing free, specialist care for adults in local counties, who have life-limiting and terminal illnesses.

### **Christmas Hats**

This week children can bring in Christmas bits and pieces (e.g. scrap of wrapping paper/unwanted tinsel) so that they can make their own recycled Christmas party hat for Christmas dinner next week.

Children to also bring in the props already identified for the Christmas show next week, so they can be quarantined before the show.

### **Christmas Show**

The Bengeo Parents' Association have very kindly offered to cover the cost of an online interactive Christmas show to be shown in all classrooms during the last week of term. It is an interactive storytelling and panto-like theatre, with music and some games, based around well-known fairy tales, which all children will enjoy in their classrooms.

### **Christmas Lunch/Jumper Day**

Christmas lunch for all children from Reception to Year 6 is on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. All children are invited to wear a Christmas item **over their uniform** eg. Jumper, tinsel etc.

### **PUDSEY SKIPPING CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to our skipping winners who managed to skip the highest number of skips in a minute or showed significant improvement over the weekly challenge.

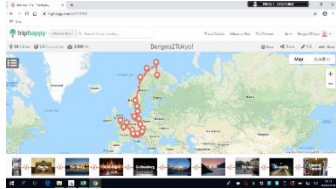


## **Poppy Appeal**

As a school, we raised £154.13 for the Poppy Appeal, which is a fabulous amount as we were not able to sell any of the merchandise.

## **Daily Mile**

### **BENGE TO TOKYO**



Congratulations to all KS1/2 pupils who have been running laps of the field and playground each week in order to travel to Tokyo in time for the Olympic games in July. So far we have run a distance of 3380 miles and have made it to Lapland in time for Christmas.



Well done everyone and thank you to Lucy Chandler, our Sports Apprentice, who has been collating and tracking our progress. Don't forget to keep running in the Christmas holidays.



## **Cedar Class 'visited' by Mrs Jauncey to talk about 'SPACE'**

On Wednesday 2nd December, Mrs Jauncey gave a talk about space to Cedar Class, via Zoom. The children asked some challenging questions and received some fascinating answers. The information was presented in a way that was clear to understand and

all in Cedar Class gleaned a fascinating insight into space.

Many thanks to Mrs Jauncey for giving up her time to work with the children.

## **Nursery places for September 2021**

Applications for Nursery places are now open - closing date is Friday 12th February. You can submit your application to the school office. The virtual school tour can be viewed on the front page of our website. Any queries, please call the school office on 01992 582765.

## **Covid-19 update**

Currently there are no classes closed due to Covid-19.

Here is a reminder of the guidance for what to do in the event that you are asked to self-isolate.



Associated links can also be found here:

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/](http://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/](http://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](http://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

## **Bollards**

The proposed dates for installing bollards on The Avenue are from 9<sup>th</sup> December to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

## **Neglect Matters Campaign**

Hertfordshire County Council have asked that we share this information with you:

*'The Hertfordshire Neglect Matters' campaign is being launched in early 2021 in partnership with the NSPCC and will focus on intervening at the earliest opportunity to prevent neglect and the impact that it has on children, young people and families.*

*In order to help shape the campaign and the services we later develop countywide to support families we would be grateful for your views.*

*We're asking parents and carers to complete a survey to help us understand what neglect means to you. The survey is very short (only 8 questions in total) and takes only 3 minutes to complete. All answers are completely anonymous, and you don't have to have experienced neglect to take part.*

*We really want to hear from a variety of parents and carers – whether you're biological parents, adoptive parents, grandparents, fosters carers and so on. We would like to hear from people of all ages, communities and backgrounds.*

*Your feedback will help to build up a clearer picture and ultimately shape a campaign that will be most relevant to Hertfordshire and the people living here. Protecting children is everyone's business, so please do help us by completing the survey at:*

<https://bit.ly/HertsNSPCCsurvey>



## **SPOTLIGHT ON**

**Mrs Cato –  
Apple Class Teacher**



What has been your proudest moment?

*My proudest moment has to be becoming a Mother of my 2 lovely children. Also finishing my degree to become a teacher which was a dream of mine since I was a child.*

What are your hobbies?



*One of my hobbies is photography, especially taking pictures of my family and creating photo books. My other hobbies include reading, music/ singing, walking and baking. I really enjoy snorkelling and was able to snorkel above the wreck of the Antilla off the coast of Aruba.*

Do you have a pet?

*My in-laws have a dog called Sandy which we enjoy taking for walks in the woods with our children. We do not have any animals but my daughter is obsessed with horses and has asked for one for Christmas!*

What else can you tell us?

*I thoroughly enjoy travelling and have had the opportunity to visit schools in South Africa and Sri Lanka. During my visit to the South African school, it was fantastic to see how the resources we had sent out had made such a difference. I was lucky enough to go on safari and visit a lion reserve where I had the opportunity to hold a lion cub.*

### **Internet Safety**

'National Online Safety' have released a FREE mobile app which gives you a world of #OnlineSafety at your fingertips! 📱

In our latest blog feature, you can find out much more about the app and all the benefits it provides!

<https://hubs.ly/H0BxZ-T0>

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a relaxing and healthy holiday.



### **Dates for your Diary**

16<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> Dec – School finishes at 1.30pm

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – term starts for all children



Christmas will be different for most of us this year. It is an opportunity for us to reflect and be thankful for the many things that we have.

Please can I ask you all to consider the importance of adhering to the Government's advice on bubbles this Christmas. This will help to keep those who are dear to us safe, and allow us to play our part in keeping down the rate of infection. If we all play our part this will minimise the risk of another peak in infection rates and further lockdowns in the New Year.

Thank you to all parents once again for your tremendous support and encouragement throughout the term; it is appreciated more than you can know.

*'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.'*

*'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.'*