



# BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Attendance

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

Class	%
Maple	99.5%
Oak	98.8%
Chestnut	98.5%

## School Council

The votes are in and the new School Council are as follows:

Maple	Aurelia	Thomas
Holly	Amelia	Rowan
Laurel	Ruby	Alfie
Cherry Blossom	Amelie	Charlie
Chestnut	Annie	Toby
Monkey Puzzle	Farrah	Owen
Oak	Hector	Ava
Willow	Lucy	William
Cedar	James	Georgia
Pine	Ava	Oscar
Rowan	Aaron	Esme
Beech	Leon	Alice
Juniper	Noah	Abbie



## News on the Ninth



Key Stage 2 Councillors took their pledge in front of the other children in assembly. They appear to be taking their role seriously and are full of enthusiasm and ideas.

At the first meeting we introduced ourselves to each other. Children are going to ask their classes for ideas on how to make the school an even better place and feed back at the next meeting in a couple of weeks.

It is an exciting opportunity for them to represent all the children's views and ideas, and I am looking forward to working with them over the coming year. **Mrs Bartlam**

## Nuts & Sesame Free School

Bengeo Primary school is now sesame free, as well as nut free, and therefore parents should not send in food with sesame seeds or sesame oil, including hummus, or with any nut products.

Only fruit or vegetables should be eaten at break time unless you have obtained permission for an alternative because of a medical condition.

## KS2 Results

Congratulations to our Year 6 leavers who achieved very high in their KS2 results last year. Bengeo School was one of only 43 schools in the county where 85% of pupils achieved or exceeded the expected standard in reading, writing and maths combined. 93% of our pupils achieved this accolade. They should be very proud.

## **Mayor of Hertford Opened Gallery**



The Mayor of Hertford, Beryl Wrangles, came to open our new Art Gallery on 12<sup>th</sup> September.

She was very impressed with how professional this looked, and even more impressed with the quality of the children's art. If you haven't yet come in to see this, do come and have a look. It is situated just outside the Key Stage 1 hall, outside Chestnut class.



This free guide for parents & carers covers what you need to know about the platform to help safeguard your children from potential online risks including; online payments, inappropriate and potentially harmful content, trolling, fake news and more.

### **National Online Safety**

In addition, The 'Two Johns', who are both qualified police trainers, will be presenting to parents at our next curriculum meeting on **7<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

They work extensively with Thurrock Local Safeguarding Children Board and deliver the majority of their Online Sexual Exploitation training aimed at all professionals working with children.

They have been keynote speakers at several of the Child Sexual Exploitation Conferences put on by the Essex Safeguarding children's board as well as key speakers at a

number of specific events put on for Head Teachers.

Both are CEOP Ambassador trainers and are qualified to deliver Think You Know (TUK) training courses. They have trained every Youth Officer within Essex Police and qualified them to run E Safety assemblies in schools throughout Essex. They have delivered many presentations within schools and specialise in parent and teacher events.

### **Cycling Proficiency**

Congratulations to the 50 children in Year 5 who all passed their 'Cycling Proficiency' level 2 and all participants who passed level 1. The course took place over a week and involved preparing for on-road cycling and recognising typical hazards. This is a real accomplishment. Well done to all of those who took part – we are very proud of you.

### **HANDS News**

HANDS news is a free online newsletter for parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and disabilities.

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/handnews>

### **Asthma Pumps**

If your KS2 child has an asthma pump and attends an after school club, please send them in with their home pump to use if required, at the club.

### **Christmas Cards**

This year we are once again able to offer the fantastic opportunity for your children to design their own Christmas cards and have sent the templates home with your children to complete and return.

All templates need to be returned by Friday 12 October. More templates are available from the school's office.

### **Curriculum overview**

Want to find out more about what your children is leaning?

On our website we have an overview of all year groups and what they will be learning over the course of the year. You can find this in the 'Curriculum' section.

### **Mrs Cato Baby News!**



We are so pleased to share with you that Mrs Cato has given birth to a beautiful baby girl Melody. Congratulations!

### **Mrs Murray's Marathon**

During the summer holidays of 2017 Mrs Murray, our lovely receptionist, started doing the Couch to 5K programme. Despite never having run prior to this, she is running the Beachy Head Marathon on 27<sup>th</sup> October. We are all immensely proud of her; her commitment and dedication has been amazing. She is running to raise funds for Dementia UK, and we wish her good luck. If you would like to sponsor her, follow the link...

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/naomi-murray1>

### **BPA AGM**

Our annual general meeting is a great opportunity for parents to come along and find out what the parents association does, and how you can get involved. This year's AGM takes place on **Wednesday 17 October** (8pm at the school). We'll be discussing plans

for future events and electing the committee members.

This year we have a vacancy for a treasurer and are asking any parents who are adept at managing cash flow to come forward and take on the role with the support of the out-going treasurer Claire Chase, who has done a marvellous job of balancing the BPA's books over the last 3 years. This is an essential role in the committee and **without a treasurer the Parent's Association cannot function.**

If you would like to discuss this position please contact Clare Blackman:  
clareblackman@ntlworld.com and pop along on the 17th October.

### **SEND**

#### SEND Coffee Morning

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 9am – all welcome. Please inform the office if you wish to attend.

#### SEND Information Report

Thank you to all parents who contributed to the SEND information report. The updated version can be found on the school website.

#### Parents' Consultation Evening

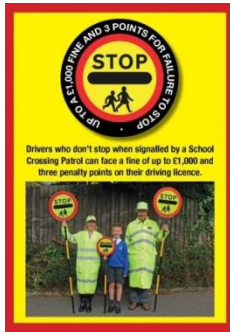
Miss Walker will be available on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 3.40 – 6pm.

### **Isla's Cake Sale**

Isla, in Pine Class, raised £118 for Teens Unite Cancer charity, selling delicious cakes. Well done Isla.

*If your child would like to run a cake sale, (with your help), please ask them to see Mrs Murray in the office.*

## **STOP means STOP for our School Crossing Patrols**



It can result in a fine of up to £1,000 and three points on a driving licence or even disqualification from driving, if you don't stop your vehicle for the school crossing patrol. It could even cause an avoidable road incident. It is a difficult job stopping traffic to allow children and adults to cross our roads safely.

## **PSHE – New Jigsaw Scheme**

We are using a new scheme this year to deliver PSHE in our school. As well as integrating our values it focuses on emotional literacy, mindfulness, capacity to learn and school ethos and culture.

The lessons are based around jigsaw pieces which provide a safe and non-threatening environment for children to learn about themselves, relationships, positive behaviour and communication.

This filters through whole school life and we want you to be part of it too. We have a Jigsaw Charter which we say at the beginning of each Jigsaw lesson and which we refer to throughout the school day. Below is a copy of this charter so you can help us reinforce it with your child.

### **The Jigsaw Charter**

**We take turns to speak**

**We use kind and positive words**

**We listen to each other**

**We have the right to pass**

**We respect each other's privacy  
(confidentiality)**

## **Help your child with reading**

For information to help your child with phonics and reading, go to the following...

[Ruth Miskin Training - Ruth Miskin Training](#)

## **RDA Royal Visit**



Florence, one of our year 1 pupils, enjoys riding weekly at the local Riding for the Disabled and was very lucky to have a visit from The Princess Royal who was opening the RDA stables. After

watching Florence ride her favourite pony - Berry- Princess Ann presented her with a special rosette.

## **Dates for your Diary**

24<sup>th</sup> October - Nursery Closed

24<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultations

25<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultations

26 Oct – 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – HALF TERM

5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Back to school

30<sup>th</sup> Nov – BPA Disco

3<sup>rd</sup> December – Y2 Pantomime

6<sup>th</sup> December – Choir to All Saints Church 7pm

11<sup>th</sup> December – 9.30 & 1.30pm KS1 Christmas Performance

12<sup>th</sup> December – Y3/4 Christmas Concert 9am & 2.15pm

13<sup>th</sup> December – Y5/6 Carols Holy Trinity 2pm

14<sup>th</sup> December – Xmas Jumper Day

18<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Christmas Songs 9.15am

19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch

19<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Party and Songs to parents 9am

20<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Closed

**20<sup>th</sup> December – Term Ends 1.30pm**