



BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

News on the Ninth!



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Goodbye

We say a sad farewell to Mrs Mills who is retiring at the end of this term. Mrs Mills has worked at Bengeo for seven years, teaching children in both Reception and Year 1, and has been a highly valued member of the school team.

Miss Taylor will take over from Mrs Mills until the end of the summer term.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Mrs Mills for her commitment and loyalty to the school, and to wish her every success for the future. She will be very much missed.

Change to Cherry Blossom

As Miss Taylor will now be working in Maple class, she will be unable to cover Mrs Barrett's management time in Cherry Blossom. We are very pleased to let you know that Mrs Hobbs will take over this role from the beginning of the summer term.

Snacks

Could we remind parents that children can bring in a snack for break time, but it has to be a fruit or vegetable, not a variation on this. Cereal bars, fruit bars, fruit loaf etc. are not permissible. Thank you.

Daily Mile

This is the most updated information we have for our Daily Mile:

-3743 miles travelled in total as a school

-Pine are leading with over 1000 miles completed as a class!

-Lockdown laps totalled at 139 for the children who were in school with a bit of help from a few at home!

-Link to the map if parents would like to keep up-to-date with our progress to Tokyo <https://triphappy.com/t/2178335>

Another 'Thank you' to Co - op

Many thanks to Co-op who not only donated some new tennis nets and balls for the children to use at lunchtimes, but also donated some dinner hampers and class hampers for children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. In the hampers were everything that was need to make 'cress heads'.



Holy Trinity Church

We have received a very generous donation from Holy Trinity Church of just over £10,000. This money will be used to completely refurbish the Chestnut class garden.

We will be developing a small garden with a sensory theme - a calm oasis with herbs, a water feature, and 'garden rooms' for nurture provision to be carried out in. This will involve some major restructuring, including adding patio areas, raised flowerbeds and furniture. This restructuring will commence in the Easter holidays. I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the trustees of the church for this incredible donation, without which the project could not go ahead.

World Book Day

On Friday 12th March, we celebrated World Book Day! It was wonderful to see so many fantastic costumes and props. Throughout the day, the children thoroughly enjoyed a range of activities to promote the love of books and reading, including turning potatoes into much loved booked characters! The finished 'potato characters' were a brilliant display of our children's creativity - well done all and thank you to The White Lion for kindly donating the potatoes.

The winners of the potato competition are as follows:



Daisy – Juniper (Upper KS2)



Sam – Rowan (Lower KS2)



Texas – Maple (KS1)



Jack – Walnut (Foundation Stage)

The day was a huge success and brought smiles to all of our faces.





The BOOK NOOK

The Book Nook in Ware kindly donated a selection of paperback books for children to celebrate #WORLDBookDay2021.



Covid-19 update

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

Please do not send your 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/

If you, or anyone in your family, has symptoms please book a PCR test (do not rely on a LFT) To book a test go to: www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

Lateral Flow Tests

Many thanks to all parents who have collected/ordered Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) from the government and are using these at home. Communication from the Department for Education, received on the 12th March was as follows:

'As schools return to full attendance, we understand parents' frustration when their child is asked to isolate at home either after testing positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), or because of being in close contact of someone who has tested positive.

However self-isolation is one of the most important things we can do to help stop the spread of the virus and help protect our friends, family and our community. Around one in three people with coronavirus (COVID-19) have no symptoms, and so finding and isolating these hidden cases quickly will help to stop outbreaks before they get a chance to develop.

Lateral flow device tests are at least 99.9% specific, meaning the likelihood of a false positive is extremely low – less than 1 in every 1,000. PCR testing will always carry a risk of producing false negatives'.

To clarify, we have had confirmation from Public Health England, that if you test positive on a lateral flow test, you and your family must isolate for the next ten days as a positive LFT is more likely to be accurate than a negative PCR TEST.

Dates for your Diary

Some of these dates are provisional and we may have to postpone or cancel depending on rates of infection*

March

Fri 26th – Last day of term, **normal finish time**
(KS1 - 3.15pm, KS2 - 3.20pm)

Summer term:

12th April – Inset Day

13th April - children back to school

30th April – Y5 BMX Academy*
31st May – Half term
7th June – children back
15th June – KS2 sports day*
16th June – Class photos
23rd June – Whole school photo*
24th June – KS1 sports day*
30th June – Nursery sports day*
1st July – Reception sports day*
7th July – Open evening*
8th July – Changeover day – Y6 – secondary
school
16th July – Y2 camp day
20th July – Last day of term. School closes at
1.30pm

*‘Here at Bengoe 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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parent/carer of a child at this school. Please e-
mail us if you would like to stop receiving them.’*