



Bengeo Primary School

News on the Ninth!



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Attendance

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

| Class | % |
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| Walnut | 97.9% |
| Willow | 97.9% |
| Oak | 97.6% |

Year 2 Great Fire of London



Year 2 had a fantastic day taking part in a virtual Great Fire of London Workshop. The children came dressed in their outfits which added extra excitement and meaning to the day.

They took part in a range of activities including weaving, quill writing and clay work. I believe that the highlight of the day was eating grapes, parmesan cheese, freshly made bread and drinking red wine (well blackcurrant juice)!

SPORTS DAYS

Sports days will continue to take place on the dates already noted in last months' newsletter, as follows:

Nursery – 30th June am & pm

Reception – 1st July am

KS1 – 24th June am

Year 3/4 – 22nd June am

Year 5/6 – 22nd June pm

Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents to spectate unless the lifting of lockdown happens on the 21st June.

Daily Mile

We are at 7728 miles, link to the map if you would like to keep up-to-date with our progress to Tokyo is:

<https://triphappy.com/t/2178335>

During lockdown all KS2 pupils had the opportunity, whether at home or as key workers in school to participate in a virtual Level 2 Fitness Challenge. This involved performing 5 different activities and practicing them to show improvements in scores. The most improved boys and girls scores from each year were submitted and both Zara Betts (Pine class) and Grace Booth (Juniper class) scores made them overall winners from Hertford and Ware schools.

More achievements were to follow as both their results were entered into the virtual Hertfordshire schools finals, competing against all the primary schools in the County. Huge congratulations to Zara who was awarded a bronze medal and Grace who won a silver medal for their fantastic fitness scores. Well done girls.

Year 6 – SATs Breakfast

Year 6 enjoyed a social breakfast each morning on the week that they completed their SATs...



Enterprise week

Year 6 will be raising money for the school in the absence of Bengo day this year. More information of fund raising events to follow shortly.

Lunch Payments

It is essential that all dinner money is paid up to date, and in full before the end of the academic year. The cost is £13 per week,

and can be paid weekly, monthly or half-termly. If you would like confirmation of how much you owe, please contact the office. We are only allowed to let a debt of two weeks build up (£26), once reached, if not paid, your child will have to go on to a home packed lunch.

Nursery - School Wild Challenge

Over the past six months, Nursery have been taking part in the School Wild Challenge, which is organised by the RSPB.

We have completed six challenges which included - bug hunts, building bug hotels, habitats for bugs and birds, feeders, rain gauges so we could measure how much rain fall we had in the week. Weather charts, and we took part in the Big Bird Watch. All these activities have helped us to build knowledge and skills to look after the environment and wildlife.

Nursery have achieved the BRONZE AWARD. Well Done!



Premises update:

An update for you, on the many improvements that have been happening around school:

Refurbishment of the Chestnut class garden

This is now pretty much finished, although we are awaiting a water feature and decorations. The new bright and cheerful

garden lends itself to comfortable, stimulating learning sessions, in different areas, in the fresh air surrounded by herbs and flowers.



Refurbishment of the garden between Rowan class and KS2 hall (not visible from the grounds of the school)

When finished, this area will provide a wonderful new place for small group learning in all seasons. It will also be an area for staff to take a break at lunchtime, in the fresh air. Currently, this work is in progress - watch this space!



Refurbishment of the Sacombe Road car park...

The newly tarmacked Sacambe road car park provides an improved area for staff parking and other premises uses...



The kitchen, dining hall and Chestnut classroom have been redecorated in a new fresh light colour, as have Oak and Rowan classes which have also been fitted with new carpet. Willow & Monkey Puzzle are due to be redecorated and have new carpet before the end of this term.

Walk to School Week

'Walk to School Week' was 17th to 21st May. We noted that many more of you were walking to school, or parking and walking some of the way. Congratulations to all who took part in the challenge.



SPOTLIGHT ON

Mrs Bennett joined us in September and teaches in Monkey Puzzle, Cherry Blossom and Year 5.



'I love teaching and this last year at Bengeo, I have been lucky enough to teach so many different year groups and have met so many of the children. When I am not at school I am looking after my little boy (most of the time in the woods or at the park).

I love playing netball. I started when I was about 9 years old and I am now, oops that would be telling! One of my most exciting moments was a skydive jump whilst my most amazing memory was swimming in the sea with dolphins. My proudest moment was when I crossed the finishing line of the London Marathon. When I relax, I enjoy having a cup of tea and reading or going to the spa.'

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 (which include a cough and temperature). 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 continue to regularly test with Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) at home – doing so definitely helps reduce the risk of transmission.

If you do test positive, please email admin@bengeo.herts.sch.uk, isolate as a family and book a PCR test.

Dates for your Diary (*Diary dates are subject to possible changes/cancellations due to Covid restrictions*)

8th & 9th June – Year 4 Hertford Town Tour

9th June – Year 1 Balancability

15th June -Year 2 & 3 Scooter Safety

16th June – Class photos

16th June – Year 1 Balancability

22nd June – Year 1 Reptile Workshop

22nd June am – Year 3-4 Sports morning
pm – Year 5-6 Sports afternoon

23rd June – Whole school photo

24th June – KS1 Sports day (am)

25th June – Year 6 to Chessington

30th June – Nursery Sports day

1st July – Reception Sports day (am)

1st- 2nd July – Year 6 to Cuffley Camp

7th July – Open evening

8th July – Changeover day – Y6 to
Secondary schools

9th July – Year 6 leavers BBQ

14th – Nursery Pirate Day

16th July –Y2 Camp Day

16th July – Year 6 to Three Lakes – Edge
activity day

20th July – Last day of term. **School
closes at 1.30pm**

1st September – Inset Day

**2nd September – children return to
school**

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