

## **BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### News on the Ninth!





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#### Parent teacher consultations

Parent teacher consultations will be online again this term; thanks to all of you who have signed up for these already. The purpose of these meetings is to see how your child/ren have settled back in to school life and to see if you have any concerns that you wish to discuss. It will also be an opportunity for teachers to look at progress, but please be aware that they will not be in a position to talk in depth about this, due to the short length of time that some children have been in school.





Welcome back!

It has been fantastic to see all children back at school and they seem to have settled in very well. They have been enthusiastic about seeing their friends and teachers and are already working hard on their schoolwork. They remain a credit to you all, and we are very appreciative of the work you have completed with your children at home. I am so proud of all children and the determination and resilience that they have shown.







#### **Premises:**

There will be some premises work carried out in the summer term to enhance the school site. Our plan is that this will include:

The instalment of photovoltaics and supporting battery packs (solar panels)

Refurbishment of the Chestnut class garden

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

Refurbishment of the Sacombe Road car park

More information on the projects will be shared with you soon.



#### **Internet Safety**

In celebration of #WorldBookDay today, we're offering our interactive #OnlineSafety eBook for FREE! Join Oscar and help him make the right decisions so he can avoid dangers on his journey through the online world ...
Free Ebook

#### **Turn on the Subtitles**

Turning on the subtitles while children are watching television can double their chances of them becoming good at reading. The 'Turn on the Subtitles' campaign is currently

supported by a huge number of academics, scholars, education companies, celebrities and politicians. If you'd like to know more about the campaign, to view all the research behind it, and to understand how you can get involved, you can visit the 'Turn on the Subtitles' website.

#### https://turnonthesubtitles.org/

#### Clubs

We intend to resume some clubs from week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> April.

We will approach these with caution and will review regularly. Only outdoor clubs will resume initially, and will be limited to children in Key Stage 2. Children will remain in their class bubbles.

The emails were sent yesterday to those classes who are able to participate in the first half of the summer term; remaining classes will be emailed in readiness for the second half term.

#### **Mother's Day**

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold our usual 'Bring Mum to School Day' this year. I would like to wish all Mums, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers a very happy Mother's Day for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 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



#### Thank you to Co - op

We are very grateful to the Co-op in Bengeo, who contacted me regarding their recent refurbishment and generously donated some equipment and hampers for children at the school to enjoy.



One of four tennis nets donated to us by the Co-op!

#### 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/

To book a test go to: <a href="https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus">www.nhs.uk/coronavirus</a> or call 119 if you do not have internet access.

If anyone in your family has coronavirus symptoms please do not rely on the lateral flow tests; book an appointment for a drive through PCR test.

# SPOTLIGHT ON Miss Chandler



I am the (not so new!) Sports Apprentice at Bengeo. A few of the children may know me or have spied me from my role as a coach with Wodson Park Netball Club where I coach a Year 7 B team. I have been a part of the club since I was 14, starting as just a player before getting involved as a junior coach with a year 6 team who are now in year 11 and a good few inches taller than me in a few cases! I progressed onto my level one coaching qualification two years ago to become a coach and am hoping to complete my level 2 and C award umpiring in the not too distant future. Outside of netball I have a few hobbies, I love to be able to have a guiet afternoon with a good book or have a go at baking. I love to travel and have adventures. I will take on any outdoor activity, from jumping off 10m high

cliff faces into the sea to river bugging down Welsh whitewater rivers have been some of my highlights!



I think that my proudest moment would have to be during my time at sixth form, running our house drama event. As part of a house with two captains who didn't have any drama experience whatsoever (myself and my co captain) having to decide on a play, cast, costumes, lights, sound, props, stage, setting, backdrops, directors, curtains... we were at a major disadvantage. However with hours of rehearsal and commitment from our crew of 4 sixth formers (with no clue what we were doing!) and cast of 8 from years 7 to 9, we somehow managed to come out with a win! I was so proud of our cast who were up against sixth formers with 7 years of experience on

them in other performances, who managed to persevere and make the hours of background work and endless stress from the producing side worth it!









#### **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 12<sup>th</sup> World Book Day Celebrations Weds 17<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Parent consultations on video call Fri 26<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term, normal finish time (KS1 - 3.15pm, KS2 - 3.20pm)

#### Summer term:

12<sup>th</sup> April – Inset Day 13<sup>th</sup> April - children back to school 30<sup>th</sup> April – Y5 BMX Academy\* 31<sup>st</sup> May – Half term 7<sup>th</sup> June – children back

15<sup>th</sup> June – KS2 sports day\* 16th June – Class photos

23<sup>rd</sup> June – Whole school photo\*

24th June - KS1 sports day\*

30<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery sports day\*

1<sup>st</sup> July – Reception sports day\*

7<sup>th</sup> July - Open evening\*

8<sup>th</sup> July – Changeover day – Y6 – secondary school

16<sup>th</sup> July –Y2 camp day

20<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of term. School closes at 1.30pm

<sup>&#</sup>x27;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.'

<sup>&#</sup>x27;You are getting this email because you are a parent/carer of a child at this school. Please email us if you would like to stop receiving them.