



BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL

News on the Ninth!



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Attendance

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

Class	%
Oak	99.7%
Monkey Puzzle	99.5%
Willow	98.8%

Year 5 BMX Academy



On Friday the 30th April, Year 5 took part in a BMX workshop.

'The day started with an assembly outside with Mike, the professional BMX stunt man. He performed some tricks – one of which included Mrs Betts laying on the floor! During the workshop, we got to take part in doing some tricks of our own. My favourite was the 'can-can'. The workshop taught us to push ourselves outside our comfort zone and we were amazed at what we could do when we gave it a go!'

Written by Zara Betts, Pine Class

Daily Mile

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

-Link to the map if parents would like to keep up-to-date with our progress to

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

England does the Daily Mile

On Friday 30th April, the aim was to get as many primary schools around England to get moving on the same day, to celebrate the positive benefits that daily activity can have on our mental health. In light of the events in the past year, children's mental health, and its relation to physical activity, is more important than ever.

At Bengeo, every class joined in and ran at least a mile that day, including many staff members who joined in to encourage the children. It was great fun as well as good for us all!





Year 3 Stone Age Workshop



Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age Workshop, held at school on Friday 30th April. Rowan and Monkey Puzzle Classes are learning about The Stone Age in their History lessons this half-term.

We learned how to discover objects hidden in sand, looking for clues and information like archaeologists. We also compared the skulls of homo-Neanderthals and homo-Sapiens to learn about the differences between the first

known humans. We had the opportunity to make Stone Age tools and weapons out of Stone Age materials like flint and wood. Children then learnt how to work as a group to successfully hunt woolly mammoths to provide food and materials for clothes and shelter. In the afternoon children learned how to use bows and arrows, firing at moving targets (Adam, our Stone-Age visitor, dressed as a woolly mammoth!) Finally, we had the chance to recreate typical Stone Age cave paintings using chalk and slate.

We all enjoyed the day immensely and look forward to learning more about the Stoneage.

Foundation Stage Ark Farm Visit



This week the Foundation Stage have had a special visit from Ark Farm. They had the opportunity to learn about different farm animals, how to look after them and what they eat. The children were then able to meet all the animals and stroke them. It was a very enjoyable day where the children were excited, but also calm and respectful towards the animals.

Walk to School Week

'Walk to School Week' this year is 17th to 21st May. If you don't already walk to school, please could you think about walking some if not all days this week. Alternatively, you could park a distance away from the school and park and stride. As <https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/walk-to-school> says, "Not only will it set them up for a positive day in the classroom, but it will also help create healthy habits for life".



SPOTLIGHT ON MISS WALKER

I am Miss Walker and I am the school SENCO. I have worked at Bengoe for 11 years and have a 7 year old daughter, Aliyah.

Before becoming a parent, I travelled to many different places including Singapore, Bali, Borneo, Costa Rica, Panama and New Zealand. I would love to visit India and experience a safari in Kenya.

I enjoy walking in the lovely countryside. I am very proud that, even though I am scared of heights, I managed to skydive out of an aeroplane, over a glacier in New Zealand- although I don't think I could do it now!



Top of windy Catbells Standon Calling

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.

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.

We are looking forward to returning to non-staggered starts and ends of the day from Monday (Please see the letter from Mrs Starkiss sent out yesterday).

Dates for your Diary

17th-21st May – Walk to School week
19th May – Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
31st May – Half term
7th June – children back
8th & 9th June – Year 4 Hertford Town Tour
16th June – Class photos
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 – secondary school
9th July – Year 6 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**

Diary dates are subject to possible changes/cancellations due to Covid restrictions

'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.'

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