



# Beenham Primary School Newsletter



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## A special announcement to all in the school community

After 20 years at Beenham Primary School, the time has come to say farewell to you all and hand over the reins to a new Head teacher. My last day of work at the school will be at the end of this Autumn term.

Over the years I have had the joy and pleasure of working with so many wonderful children and inspirational and dedicated staff. I have some amazing memories of my time at the school, memories that I will cherish and take with me on the next part of my life's journey.

I know that many of you will ask why I have made the decision to leave now, and there is a very simple answer. The time is right!

For the last few years I have wanted to spend more time with my family, particularly as my children are now grown up and beginning to move away. You may remember that I have tried on several occasions to reduce my hours to part time, but for different reasons it wasn't possible to make that model work.

In terms of the teaching and learning, the school is now in a very strong position . . . we have some absolutely fab teachers on the school staff team and well-oiled teaching and learning systems in place.

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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**Our VALUE this month is  
Self-belief**



**Mrs Homick and Robert Grace**

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I am confident that the teachers, with the help of our lovely teaching assistants and office staff, will be able to manage a seamless transition from my leadership to that of a new head.

The Head's role will be going to advert on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September. Pdraig O'Hannelly, our chair of governors, will keep you informed in terms of the recruitment process.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and friendship over the years. It has been a privilege getting to know you all.

Warm wishes

Sue

## Change of class names

As you are all aware, Mosi the wolf passed away a couple of months back. Mrs Russell has also moved on to a new school. Therefore, we felt it could be a time for new beginnings. Mosi class voted and agreed that it was appropriate to change the name of their class. Their preferred choice is **Tundra class**.

For a long time, we have also been considering changing the name of Mai class because it can be very confusing when you say the name out loud. For example, when we say Mai class lead out of assembly, new children in particular often think the assembly leader is referring to their class. With this in mind, we have also decided to rename Mai class. It will now be called **Tala class**. This was Tundra class's second choice.

## Recording of Friday morning assemblies

From Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we will be recording our Friday morning assembly for parents to watch.

We want to make this opportunity as secure as possible.

In the first instance, we want to make sure that the initiative is only open to parents in the school. With this in mind, I have enclosed a declaration at the end of this newsletter for you to complete and return to school. Once we receive this then we will issue you with your child's safe and secure school email address, which is then used to access the recording.

We are also aware that some children cannot have their images broadcast on any form of media. We will make sure that they are either hidden from view or only have back facing images recorded.



## Tala class

**Ruary Evans** - This week in PSHE, Ruary confidently shared his thoughts and ideas about what kindness means to him and how it made him feel. Well done!

**Megan Peate** - Megan listened carefully to others during our discussion about why we should take a break from our devices, which was based on our class book, Dot. She then shared her thoughtful insights about how important it is to go outside and play with friends to reboot and recharge!

## Torak class

**George Tobin and Ruby-Mae Allan-Bruce** - My stars of this week have been trying to work on their self-belief. They are very inspirational children. They consistently have an "I can" attitude. They work so hard and always try their best. Well done George and Ruby-Mae!

## Tundra class

**Lexie Whitter** - Lexie has really impressed me with her work during our English lessons and she has produced an excellent persuasive speech, arguing to rid the world of wasps. Lexie consistently tries her best and shows me she is engaged in the learning by putting her hand up and sharing her thoughts and opinions. Keep up the fantastic work, Lexie!

**Aidan Maslen-Leese** - Aidan has come out of his shell this week and has been putting in a fantastic effort during lessons. He has worked especially hard with me in maths to really understand place value and rounding. Aidan has such brilliant ideas and I can't wait to see what comes next - well done, Aidan!

**Jayden-Cato Allan-Bruce** - Jayden-Cato has clearly been listening carefully when we have talked about growth mindset because he has shown a completely different attitude to his work this week which has been incredible to see. He also did particularly well in his spelling test which I know he put in a lot of hard work for. Keep believing in yourself, Jayden-Cato!



## Tala Class information

This week in Tala class we started a new book called 'Dot'. In line with our topic this term, 'we are technologists', the story is about a little girl who realises that she needs a break from her devices to 'reboot, recharge and restart'. We have had lovely class discussions about the importance of taking a break from technology.

We have taken full advantage of the glorious weather this week and have been investigating 'wind-up toys' in the water area and 'composing music' outside. Reception have been on a 'listening walk', concentrating on the different sounds they could hear.



Have a lovely, relaxing weekend 😊

Mrs Cannings

## Torak Class information

Torak class have had a wonderfully creative week this week. All based around our topic Mighty Metals and our book The Iron Man.

As artists, the children have been creating silhouettes of the Iron Man with oil pastels. As engineers, the children have been designing and making a simple machine with a lever mechanism (also known as a catapult). Much to their enjoyment, we had an afternoon of rubber launching across our classroom!

I am immensely proud of Torak class, they are working so hard and practicing our value of self-belief.



## Tundra Class information

It has been an exciting week in Tundra class as we have delved deeper into our topic and the children have got stuck into independent work. I have once again been so impressed by the hard work from many individuals in the class. In particular, the whole class worked brilliantly in groups to research key events during WWII which they then presented back to the rest of the class to build a comprehensive timeline.

We have been also thinking this week about the value of self-belief and every member of the class has pledged how they are going to demonstrate self-belief in their daily lives. It is especially lovely to see children encouraging each other to have confidence in themselves and promoting a growth mindset when things are challenging.

This week concludes our first Big Write cycle and I am really proud of how each and every child has adapted to this new way of working. They have all produced some great persuasive speeches and I think we have a bright future ahead with minds like these leading the way!

Well done to all of you and I hope you have a fabulous weekend-

Miss McBean



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## MAKING CONTACT WITH SCHOOL STAFF

If you have an issue that you would like to discuss with any member of the school staff and you wish to make an appointment to see them, then please email them direct. We do encourage face to face contact whenever possible as we genuinely believe it is the best way to resolve any concern that you may have. Staff email addresses are as follows:

School Office: [office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk)

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**[Beenham School Governor website](#)**

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If you would like to comment or respond to any of the items in this newsletter then please email [office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk) or fill in the slip below.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/pupil comment:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/guardian/pupil

## **Recording of Friday morning assemblies** (Please complete and return to school)

CHILD'S NAME:

CHILD'S CLASS:

I will not:

- download the recording onto my own device
- forward the recording to any other person
- publish the recording of the assembly on any social media site
- disclose my child's secure email address to another party

Signed.....parent/guardian