



Beenham Primary School Newsletter



VALUES
EDUCATION

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Happy Birthday

Mr & Godfrey and George Tobin

24th April 2020

**Our VALUE this month is
Respect**

MARVELLOUS MEMORY BOXES



Well done to you all!

Your Memory Boxes so creative and colourful. We have printed photos of them all. Next week we are going to string the photos together to make some bunting and will hang them outside of school for everyone to see when they are on their daily walks. They will brighten up everyone's day.

Stars of the week



Mai class

I would like to nominate all my parents for star of the week this week! They have all made such an effort to do the work set and to record it all on Tapestry.
Mrs Godfrey

Torak class

Ben Hewitt - for his amazing inference skills when describing the thoughts and feeling of the orangutan from 'The Journey Home'.

Adam Horbacz-Khan - for his beautifully illustrated drawings in Science showing how seeds are dispersed.

Mosi class

Lottie Haines - Lottie has been working on improving her baking skills and decided to independently bake to provide her family with a lovely afternoon tea. She made sure that there was enough left over to package up and deliver at a safe distance to her grandparents. What a kind and lovely idea to treat her family while developing her skills. Well done Lottie for your kindness and care for others.

Alfie Cook - Alfie has pushed himself with his writing this week and has produced work of a very high standard. His presentation has been incredible and I am so proud of how he has taken his time to find the best vocabulary and make sure that his work is of a high quality. Well done Alfie for your fantastic independent work.

VE Day (Victory in Europe Day)

As you will all be aware, the early *May Bank Holiday* has been changed to Friday 8th May. This is to enable a three-day international celebration that will take place from 8th May to 10th May 2020 to mark 75 years of the ending of the second world war.

Beenham Village residents are being invited to decorate their houses and party in their front gardens (see flyer from the BVE included in this newsletter).

With this in mind, you may wish to prepare bunting, cook wartime recipes and generally get ready for the event during your independent learning times in the afternoons. I will be adding some extra VE Day activities to the Independent Learning page of the school website, for you to look at.

Mai Class information

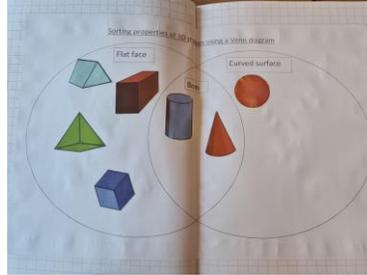
What an amazing start to the term we have had. I have had such positive feedback from you all about your memory boxes and I've loved seeing how each and every child has worked to make their box individual and special. The pattern montages, literacy work and gardening has been a joy to see, as well as all the extra projects you have been working on together.

Thank you parents for making such a huge effort to use 'Tapestry' this week. Many of you are recording your child's learning straight onto it. This has allowed me to view their work easily and respond when appropriate and it is also a fabulous way to record the wonderful learning that is happening at home during this extraordinary time. I would love your feedback on how you have found using it this week. If you are using the Tapestry app, you can load pictures and comments straight on to your child's journal but you will need to use the browser version to access the 'Memos' page for our learning.

Torak Class information

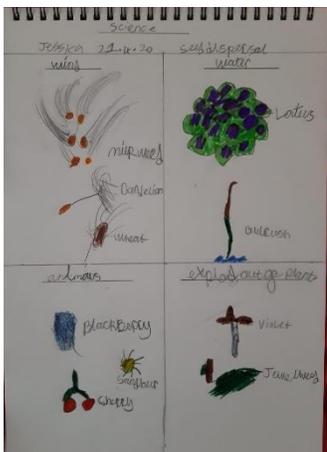
Torak class has had a wonderful start to the Summer term. The children have come back after Easter with a positive and growth mindset, ready to learn.

In maths, we are looking at properties of 3D shapes. The children made 'real life' examples of 3D shapes and sorted shapes using a Venn diagram.



In literacy, we started a new book, 'The Journey Home'. It is a beautifully illustrated story that has a powerful message of conservation, as a polar bear, panda, orangutan and elephant are forced to leave their homes. The children used their inference skills to think about how the characters were feeling. The orangutan: "I am feeling sad because my home has gone. I can smell saw dust and oil from the machines and the men that cut the rain forest down."

In Science, we have been looking at the different ways that seeds are dispersed. The children created some wonderful drawings to show their understanding.



Well done children and parents, you are all doing such an amazing job! Have a great weekend. If you go out on a walk, see if you can spot some plants and flowers and think about how the seeds were dispersed. I would love to see some

photos 😊

Mrs Cannings

Mosi class information

Everyone has worked so hard again this week and I have enjoyed hearing from you all and seeing your photographs. This week we started our new topic and began our English lessons by investigating what it was like to be an evacuee in WW2 before reading from Anne Frank's diary.

All of the children have worked incredibly hard to use inference to empathise with characters in evacuee photographs and I have seen some excellent examples of dialogue between characters in a photograph with punctuation and a huge effort to improve vocabulary.

We began to look at SPACE in our science lesson this week and the children were tasked with creating their own models of the solar system. There were some incredibly creative models showing the relative size of the different planets.



Seeing how creative everyone has been over the course of the week has been a real delight. Everyone has found constructive ways to fill their time, learning new skills and developing their areas of interest with renewed passion. I'm so proud of all of the children and their independence in their learning. Make sure you have a good rest this weekend.

Mrs Russell



Nice comments – Thank you!

We have been overwhelmed by the lovely emails that you have been sending us, to show your appreciation of the learning and support being provided to families, by the school, at the current time. We want you to know that these mean a lot to us to receive them.

We too want to create a Memory Box, to store these lovely emails for prosperity. Over the next couple of weeks I am going to try and create a memory box on the website to post all your lovely comments.

Thank you again.

Sue

Team Points Totals

Red	1156
Blue	1025
Yellow	1322
Green	1269

The total number of points for each team includes your team points so far this year, the points you have been awarded by your teachers this week and points awarded to Adam, Daniel S and Holly, for the chores they have undertaken at home.

Well done to you all!

Message from Mr Cannings . . .

Newbury Weekly News are still running the competition for Young Photographer of the Year. It is for children in years 5 and 6. Please follow the link below to find out more and take part:

<https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/news/29890/west-berkshire-young-photographers-invited-to-enter-newbury-weekly-news-competition.html>

Information for parents whose children are in receipt of free school meals

Mrs Sharp has now registered with the Department for Education's free school meals voucher programme. Please check your emails as you should now have received a code. If you have any problems, please email finance@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

If your work situation has changed due to the coronavirus and you think you may be eligible for free school meals, then we are here to help you with an application if you need us.

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>



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BEENHAM'S
VE DAY 75TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS

**STAY AT HOME
STREET PARTY!**

Friday 8th May 2020

at 3pm

**DECORATE YOUR HOUSE RED, WHITE AND BLUE
ENJOY A PICNIC IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN
AND RAISE A GLASS WITH THE
"NATION'S TOAST TO THE HEROES OF
WW2"!**

Commemorate the end of WW2 in Europe by celebrating with
your family, friends and neighbours at a safe distance.



Beenham In Bloom 2020



Let's get Beenham's front gardens blooming!

In this is a strange world we find ourselves in, it is still time to start planting your baskets and tubs by sowing seeds or buying online



Once again The Six Bells' Trophy will be awarded for the best hanging basket or tub of flowers in the village; displayed in your front garden for all to see.

Judging will take place during the last week of July.

To enter please email Pat Owen patowen0@hotmail.com by Friday 18th July

Save the date!

“Beenham’s coming out of social isolation
picnic on the Rec”

August 31st - Bank Holiday Monday

On the Rec

From 12pm

As you know the VE day celebration events for the bank holiday weekend of 8th /9th /10th May, the Centenary Celebration Party on June 6th in the Victory Hall and Club, and also the Summer Fayre on June 27th, all had to be sadly cancelled, due to government restrictions regarding Covid-19.



So, in order to have something to look forward to.....

Beenham Village Events is tentatively planning a fun event on the Rec on the August Bank Holiday Monday – 31st August, as hopefully by then we will be out of isolation.

Everyone can bring along a picnic and we will be able to share an enjoyable afternoon filled with fun events for all ages!

Beenham Scarecrow Festival 2020

Well what a difference a month makes!



Beenham Village Events has decided to cancel the Fayre for this year. It was to have been on June 27th. BUT we will still hold our annual Scarecrow competition.

Beenham is (or will be when we come out of isolation) celebrating 100 years of the Club and the WI, so we have decided the theme for this year's Scarecrow Festival is "Famous people of the last 100 years".

They could be from Beenham or from somewhere else so there is a huge number to choose from - just let your imagination go!

If you would like to take part in the Scarecrow Festival, all you need to do is to make your scarecrow, on the theme of Famous people of the last 100 years, and ensure it is able to survive life outside for at least a week or so. Then display it in your front garden by the 1st June in time for the judging which will take place over the following few days.

ALTHOUGH STRAW IS LOVELY TO MAKE YOUR SCARECROWS LOOK AUTHENTIC, WE'VE DECIDED THAT THIS WILL NOT BE A JUDGING POINT THIS YEAR. SO USE WHATEVER IS TO HAND TO MAKE YOUR SCARECROW!

This could be an ideal project to carry out with the children and we very much look forward to spotting them around the village.

If you plan to make a scarecrow and would like it to be included in the judging for the John Thurley Cup, please email me your name and address, with "scarecrow" in the subject box, by 2nd June.

It would be helpful if you could also email a photo of your scarecrow once it is in position. And please **don't** send your entry via Facebook!! Thank you!

As last year we hope to award a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize and the winners will be announced at a **grand celebration picnic on the Rec at some point in the future when we return to normality, we WILL all meet again, so watch this space!**

Lesley McEwen lesleymcewen@btinternet.com

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. Email addresses are as follows:

School Office: office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Godfrey: jgodfrey@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Cannings: lcannings@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Russell erussell@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Mrs Butcher: headteacher@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

Keep in touch with the school governors by visiting their website regularly. Follow the direct link below.

[Beenham School Governor website](#)

NEWSLETTER COMMENTS

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 or fill in the slip below.

Name(s) _____

Parent/pupil comment:

Signed: _____ Parent/guardian/pupil