



Beenham Primary School Newsletter



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**Our VALUE this month is
Hope**

**\$.O.\$. . . would you be
willing to help us?**

Happy Birthday

Grace Clarke

Dear parents

Many of you will remember our school a few years back when the corridors and walls were always full of vibrant displays. As you came through the door it was always a colourful and exciting place to be. It was inspiring!

However, as pupil numbers have reduced over time so has staffing levels. Unfortunately, as teachers we cannot reduce the amount of paperwork and admin that we have to complete but no longer have the Teaching Assistant capacity to undertake our display work for us.

We are wondering if any of you could give up a spare hour for us here and there to back display boards and mount learning for us to exhibit?! You don't need to be artistic to do this.

There is some great learning taking place in our school and we would love to show case more of it.

If you would be willing to help, then please let me know.

Sue

**What's happening in school over the
next couple of weeks?**

- Monday 27th January - Y5 Science Fun Day, Pangbourne College
- Monday 27th January - Y4 Maths Challenge, St Gabriels
- Wednesday 29th January - Mai Class Forest School 9.30am-11.45am
- Friday 31st January - Dolphin Award Assembly (parents welcome)

SCHOOL FORUMS

School Forums are an opportunity for parents to meet with governors to raise any issues, or to have a general discussion. Some of the governors will be available in the school staff room from 7pm on Wednesday 29th January if there are any matters you would like to bring to our attention.

Reading Challenge

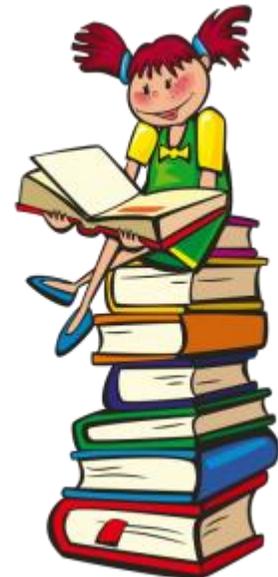
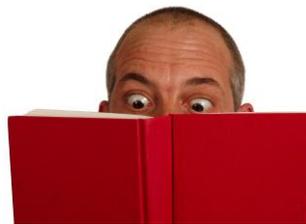
We will be launching a whole school Reading Challenge on World Book Day on Thursday 5th March . . . there will be more information nearer the time.

In the mean time we have published links to recommended reading material for each year group on our school website. There is a link on the front page of the website under the **Latest News** heading . . .

<https://www.beenhamschool.co.uk/phonics-spelling-and-reading>

This link will take you to the reading page of our school website. The links to the recommended reading material can be found at the bottom of the page.

HAPPY READING!



Stars of the week



Mai Class – Mollie Pemberton and
Jenson Edwards Armstrong

Torak Class – Sasha White and Georgina Hicks

Mosi Class – Sophia Moore and Maddie Douglas

Team Points

Red Team - 546

Blue Team - 611

Green Team - 628

Yellow Team - 607

Mai Class information

After looking at lots of teacups at the Ashmolean Museum and designing them, Mai Class are now using clay to make a real teacup of their own. The children have loved exploring the properties of clay and using their senses to describe changes in the clay if we add water or if it dries out.

We have also been creating our own instructions for others to follow 'How to make a clay cup.'



Forest School News

We did not manage to get to the woods this week as the day was so wet. As the weather is unpredictable at the moment, please send your children to school in their Forest school clothes every Wednesday and we will make a decision on that day whether we go or not.

Forest school is always a highlight of our week and the children learn a huge amount, as well as enjoying some healthy physical exercise. We will always ensure the children are wrapped up warmly and winter forest school includes hot drinks and plenty of physical activities to stay warm.

Torak Class information

Continuing their learning on poetry, this week Torak class has been looking at acrostic poetry. Using the first letter of their names, the children created a poem using alliteration to create a poem using their names, all about themselves, celebrating diversity and their unique qualities.

In topic, we learnt about the journey of a river from source to mouth. To deepen understanding, the children created their own river and labelled the key features. "The start of the river is the source." "The mouth of a river is the sea." "If there is too much rain, there will be a big flood and the seas will get bigger."



The children had their second trumpet lesson this week. It was lovely to see them all engaged and excited by learning to play! A letter went home on Wednesday inviting parents to hire a trumpet so that children can practice at home. The letter has a unique code assigned to your child that you will be required to input on the booking form. If you require a copy of the letter, please let me know.



Mosi Class information



This week the children completed their versions of ancient Chinese fables and began a new unit of work on non-fiction texts. We have enjoyed reading a range of newspaper articles to pick out the bias and are beginning to understand that words have shades of meaning. We worked together to find synonyms that gave a positive or negative spin to an article.

In our topic learning the children worked with clay to make their own versions of the Terracotta Army. They used a range of tools to create intricate facial details and created some fantastic warriors.

I was so impressed with the quality of the homework this week. The children clearly put a great deal of effort into their dragons as I'm sure you will agree. We've put some of them on display in the classroom but in the meantime you can see some of them in the attached photographs.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Russell



Outbreak of worms in Mai Class

Many thanks to all parents in Mai class for addressing the issue so quickly. I believe that all children have now been treated in the class.

Parents in the class have asked that school request all parents in school treat their children routinely . . . after all, boys and girls in school use the same toilets. I agree that this would be very sensible and helpful

Many thanks for your co-operation.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Upcoming Events...

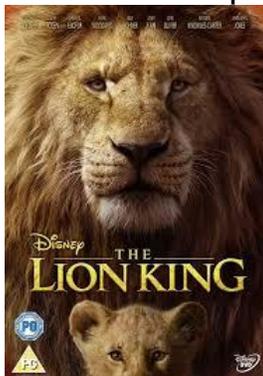
Valentine's Disco

We will be holding a Valentine's Disco on Friday 14th February
From 3.05pm – 4.30pm
£5 each to include drinks and snacks

If you would like to come, please fill in the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return with payment to the office.

Film Night

We will be showing The Lion King on Friday 28th February after school. Further details will come in the next couple of weeks.



Tuck-shop will continue to run every Thursday break-time. Please bring any donations for us to sell in on a Thursday morning.
Thank you for your continued support.

After School Club

Monday 27th January – Games
Tuesday 28th January – Arts and Crafts
Wednesday 29th January – Games
Thursday 30th January – Arts and Crafts

Booking information and prices:

Places can be booked via the school office. The session price is £9 with a reduction to £8 for siblings. The price includes a snack.

Mobile No: 07830 367607

This number should only be used to contact us after 3pm (use the office number during school hours).



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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. 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

School Council Valentine's Disco - Friday 14th February 2020

Name of child(ren):.....

My child(ren) would like to attend the disco.

I enclose **(CASH ONLY)**

Signed:.....