



Beenham Primary School Newsletter



VALUES
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Our **VALUE** this month is
SIMPLICITY

SENSATIONAL SLITHERING SNAKE

Hello everyone

Have you seen the snake outside the front of school recently? It's growing by the day! We watch as it is giving many hours of pleasure to the old folk who come past the school on their daily walks. They stop every time and look at the new additions that have been added.

Please feel free to paint and add a stone, both children and adults are welcome!

If you live outside of the village then maybe you can have a little outing in the car to come and see the display.



Thanks so
much to
Charlie and
Suzie for
starting off this
wonderful idea!

WIDER OPENING ON WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK

Thanks to everyone for making this such a success - children, parents and staff. We have welcomed 16 children back. It has taken a bit of tweaking to get things right but I think we are all set now for a productive week next week.

The children have loved seeing each other again. The older children have brought their bikes into school and in between learning, are having hours of fun cycling round the field with their friends.

The two metre distancing is strange but we are all getting used to it. The little ones enjoy trying to jump from one 2m marking to the next. The older ones are just getting used to an adult accompanying them to the outside of the toilet, so they can check no one else is in there and clean the handles, seats and taps after use. All quite surreal! But after three days back we just can't believe how we are taking it in our stride.

My lovely staff have worked so very hard to make this work. Mrs Russell and obviously Mrs Godfrey are still working from home, so they will still be able to respond to parents in the usual way that they did before the wider opening. However, Mrs Cannings and I might take a bit longer at the moment as we are both working in school and from home.

Thanks for your patience.

Sue



ASSEMBLY CHALLENGE

I am going to start preparing weekly assemblies which will be filmed and posted for you to watch on Friday each week. They will begin on Friday 12th June.

As part of those assemblies, I would like to include as much of your input as I can.

It would be good to hear about what life has been like for all of you during the school closure. So I would like to set you a challenge to prepare a presentation about your experiences during the lock down and how you have demonstrated the school's character and VALUES during that period.

You can present your information in any way but the overall presentation must be filmed. I will then incorporate it into my assembly video.

I am going to undertake the same work with the guys from your class who have returned to school today.

There is no deadline for completion of these presentations as I will include them in the weekly assemblies as I receive them. Please email your final presentations to me at headteacher@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk

THANKS for your help!

Mrs Butcher

Team points

Red	1864
Blue	1901
Yellow	2139
Green	1899

Nomination from Suzie Gardiner . . . Charlie's been working really hard with school work even when there's been distractions while I'm at work. He has also been really good entertaining the 2 year old I look after so I can get a few jobs done, he's encouraged him with building, taught him some football skills and has read many a story! He's been really patient since I've been back at work juggling everything and ***He's been a star this week!***



Getting in touch with your friends

SIMPLICITY is one of my favourite VALUES. It is all about enjoying the simple things in life. It is about using what we already have in our lives to find happiness.

One of the simple things that we usually enjoy is being with our friends. We enjoy talking to them, laughing with them, playing games with them and lots of other fun stuff. But at the moment it is very difficult because we can't see them and probably don't even get chance to talk to them much.



The teachers and I want to help you to send some messages to your friend(s). They will then send messages back to you.

We would like you to write and draw some messages to your friends. You can even include photos if you would like.

When you have finished your message(s) then please email it to me at headteacher@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk. I will then send them on to your friend(s).

I am also going to make a lovely display in school which we can keep adding your messages to. When you come back to school then you will be able to read

everyone's messages to each other.

To get you started . . .

Who is the friend that you would like to get in touch with?
Have you got more than one friend that you would like to send a message to?

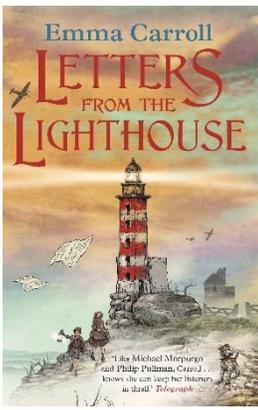


What would you like to tell them?
What have you been doing during the lockdown?
Have you managed to see people?
What is one thing that you really like about the lockdown and why?
What is one thing that you don't like so much and why?
What new skills have you learnt?

- Cooking
- Gardening
- Sewing
- Knitting

What new talents have you discovered?
I'm a good artist.
I'm good at physical fitness.
I can ride my bike fast and for a long time.
I can sing.
I love dancing.
I'm a wiz at doing jigsaw puzzles.

You may have some other ideas. Have fun!
Mrs Butcher

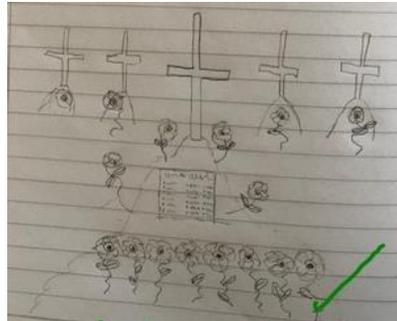


News from Mosi class

Much to the delight of the children we have been continuing our writing based on *Letters from the Lighthouse*. This week the children have focused on their technical writing skills through the use of dashes, commas and fronted adverbials. They have also worked on selecting language to present negative or positive descriptions. We have also been thinking about how we can magpie ideas and sentence structures from other writers and use them for our own purpose. They are all developing as wonderful writers who think carefully about the effect their words have on their readers.

Years 4 and 5 have been continuing to investigate fractions in their maths lessons and I have been so pleased to see the amount of hardwork that has gone into maths work. Fractions aren't easy at the best of times so to see them working independently to ensure that they understand what has been asked of them has been amazing. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been working on angles and have also been working well to measure, calculate and investigate angles.

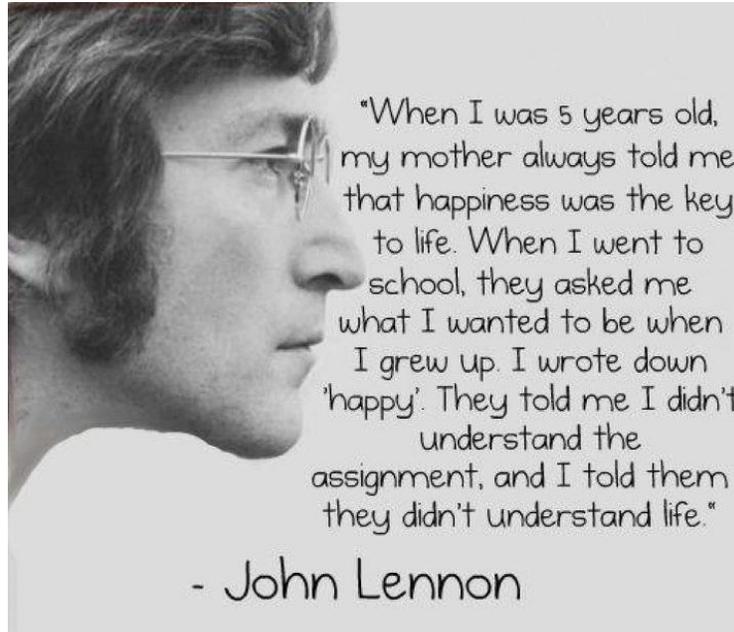
This week the children were tasked with designing a piece of artwork to express their emotions about World War 2. Some of the children went as far as producing their own pieces of artwork. I was so impressed with the range of pieces and with the thought that went into them. Well done everyone – it is clear to see that you have taken this sensitive subject to heart and understand the effect it had on people.



In our music lesson the children began to learn about music of the era, starting with jazz music and were introduced to the music of some of the early African-American jazz artists: Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. They were able to listen and appreciate this wonderful music steeped in African-American history which seems somewhat topical at the moment.

All in all, it has been another great week of learning and everyone deserves a restful weekend after working so hard! Make sure you relax so that you are ready for even more learning next week.

A final thought for the week from Mrs Cannings



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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

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Name(s) _____

Parent/pupil comment:

Signed: _____ Parent/guardian/pupil