



# Beenham Primary School Newsletter



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Our **VALUE** this month is  
**Humility**

## MATHS CHALLENGE



On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, four year 5's went to The Oratory School to do a maths challenge. When we got there we had a biscuit, and then we went into the theatre where everybody's table was.

The teacher then told us what to do and we got started on our first paper. The first paper was quite tricky, but as the papers went on it got harder and harder. After we had done the maths paper, the teacher announced the winners in a presentation and we got certificates.

By Lara Moore and Sophie Parker

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

- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - 1920s Dance Workshop (whole school)
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Mai Class Forest School 9.30am-11.45am
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - School Council meeting 12.30pm
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October - 1920s Dance Workshop (whole school)
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Assembly (parents welcome) 9am
  - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October - After School Club film night - 3.05pm-5.15pm
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Open Morning for Prospective Parents - 9am-12pm
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Magical Day of Awe and Wonder
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Term 1 finishes

# Stars of the week



Mai Class – Jenson Edwards Armstrong and Libby Hicks

Torak Class – Jack Hazard and Edwin Roe

Mosi Class – Ruby Cole and Harry Clarke

## Team Points

**Red Team - 157**

**Blue Team - 246**

**Green Team - 190**

**Yellow Team - 163**

# GRANDPARENTS' DAY

*We enjoyed welcoming Grandparents to school on Monday to celebrate Grandparents' Day. We would like to thank those of you who came along and for your lovely comments about our school.*

## *Grandparents comments...*

*This Monday morning, I had the pleasure of attending Grandparents Day with several other grandparents.*

*We were welcomed into the school assembly where the children were talking about 'Green' issues and were learning how we can all help the environment, which of course is very topical at the moment. There was a lot of interest shown by the pupils on this subject and they all joined in with their suggestions and opinions.*

*We then attended classes with our grandchildren. I was in Mrs Russell's class where there were three separate year groups; no easy task you would imagine, but all the children were extremely well behaved and listened attentively to what was asked of them. We all enjoyed the first subject of WW1 where the children were asked to do some research on their laptops and, after morning break, they were seated in their relevant year groups for mathematics.*

*I would like to thank the school for welcoming us to a most impressive and enjoyable morning.*

*Judy Jervis*

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*On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, I attended Grandparents' Day at Beenham Primary School. Four grandparents of children in Mosi class attended. We started off in assembly, the topic of which was sustainability and how schools could make a difference. The four Colour Teams were sent to different corners of the school hall to discuss what were their favourite things that the school could do to help, eg, recycling, reducing carbon emissions by walking and cycling to school.*

*Next we all moved to our respective classes. Mosi class started with a discussion on World War 1 and each table was given a list of topics they could research on computers. When each pair had decided on a topic and made notes, all the notes were handed into Mrs Russell ready for her to list the information which will be handed back to the children so they can each write a story based on the information they (as a class) had researched.*

*After break it was a Maths lesson. It became obvious to me that resources and methods of teaching in modern schools are a lot different to those when I attended school. Methods and terminology are totally different. I do not know how one teacher can keep control and teach children of different ages and abilities but Mrs Russell certainly succeeded. I came to the conclusion that I would certainly learn a lot if I attended Mosi class regularly.*

*I would also like to thank the staff and teachers for the way they looked after us all.*

*Mrs Dixon-Gough*

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*"I love being Grandma to my grandchildren and was thrilled to be invited by Mollie to come in on Monday 7th October to see her school.*

*I brought my mother with me too.*

*We were made to feel most welcome and we sat with a group in Mai class during their literacy lesson. We were very impressed with the painted self-portraits entitled "This Is Me" and also their pictures of their summer holiday adventures.*

*The pupils seemed excited to have us as visitors too.*

*The bell rang and the children took us out to the playground where I was amazed at the wonderful playground facilities including the fort, the climbing and activity frame, the seating areas and vegetable garden.*

*The atmosphere in the school was calm and friendly. It was a heartwarming experience and so lovely to see how happy these little first term pupils were with Mrs Godfrey and her assistant, Mrs Bridger.*

*Thank you for having us."*

*Mrs Cooper*

## HARVEST ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our annual Harvest Assembly next week on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October. This year it will have a traditional theme and we will be touching on what a harvest may have looked like 100 years ago in the 1920s.

Each class will be cooking using fruits and vegetables that have been harvested. The teachers have asked if children could bring in some fresh produce, to use as ingredients for cooking. Produce should be brought into school by Thursday morning at the latest as we will be cooking on Thursday.

Classes would like donations of fresh produce as follows:

**Mai class:** Pumpkin or squash, onions, leeks, potatoes, carrots, beans, cauliflower or any other vegetables you might have!

**Torak class:** Fresh plums of any variety.

**Mosi class:** Strong white flour, butter or self-raising flour

Please do join us for the assembly at 9am.

## Mai Class information

The children loved having our wonderful Grandmas, Grandads, [and even Great Grandmas] visit our class on Monday to celebrate Grandparents' Day. It was a very exciting and fun morning for everyone. Thank you to those of you who managed to spend time with us. We all enjoyed the experience and loved having you.



Next week we are having our Harvest celebrations. Mai Class are planning to make a 'Harvest soup' to share as part of a whole school harvest lunch! We want to make our soup with a variety of seasonal vegetables, including home grown vegetables. If you would like to donate some produce, we would be very grateful.

## Torak Class information

We have had a busy week in Torak class! The children have finished their stories based upon their 'bonkers teacher' character. They used their story maps, structuring the beginning, middle and end to 'upskill' their sentences, including conjunctions, sentence openers and expanded noun phrases. Some examples of the sentence openers include; "At the end of the street" and "Out of the tall metal gate".

In maths, we have been using the signs < less than and > more than to compare numbers up to 100. The children worked in groups to calculate and show the correct number sentence.



Over the last few weeks, we have been looking at the different spellings for the same sound, such as 'ea' in bead, 'ee' in sheep. The children played a game, passing a picture down the line and then taking turns to place it in the hoop, matching the correct spelling sound. They all showed our school values through their cooperation and care whilst encouraging each other.



If you spot an object with the 'ee' sound over the weekend, it would be great if you could ask your child which 'ee' spelling it has. The 'ee' sounds include: ee, ea, e-e, ie, y, ey. Thank you!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cannings

## Mosi Class information

Well done Mosi class, your assembly this morning was fantastic and clearly demonstrated lots of your learning from this term so far.

For our harvest meal next week we will be making bread rolls and scones. We would appreciate your donations to help us with our baking. Please bring them in from Monday.

## Magical day of awe and wonder

Some of you have been asking for more information about this special event that is being held in school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The questions have mostly been about suitable costumes.

Whilst this is a day of magic, we are clear that it isn't a Halloween celebration. Therefore, we are asking children to dress up as mystical and magical characters eg, characters from a story, unicorns etc. We will allow witches and wizards but no ghouls, ghosts, zombies or blood effects. It is a school day and there will be some learning going on but with a magical theme.

I hope this information helps.

## Recorder lessons

We are keen to start a recorder club in school. It is a fantastic way for children of all ages to start learning a musical instrument. Several parents have also asked if we can arrange recorder lessons at school.

After speaking to Berkshire Maestros, they have told us that in order for them to send a teacher in, the pupils will need to be enrolled on line via their website:

<https://www.berkshiremaestros.org.uk>

Click on 'Register here' and follow the instructions. Details of fees are on the same tab.

Berkshire Maestros will then let us know teacher availability.



# After School Club

***Monday – Games***

***Tuesday – Arts and Crafts***

***Wednesday – Games***

***Thursday – 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).

# Film night



**After School Club** will be showing 'Aladdin' on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October after school.

The cost will be £3 per child to include a snack and a drink.

Children to be collected at 5.15pm.

As the film is rated a PG, please sign and return the permission slip below.



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

Mrs Godfrey: [jgodfrey@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:jgodfrey@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk)

Mrs Cannings: [lcannings@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:lcannings@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk)

Mrs Russell [erussell@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:erussell@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk)

Mrs Butcher: [headteacher@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk)

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**[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](mailto:office@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk) or fill in the slip below.

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

Parent/pupil comment:

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

### **After School Club - Film night - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

Name of child/ren: .....

I give permission for my child/ren to watch Aladdin rated PG.

I enclose £3 (per child)

Signed: .....