



Beenham Primary School Newsletter



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MOSI CLASS ASSEMBLY

Our VALUE this month is Resilience



Mosi class assembly was about The Shang Dynasty. We started with a dragon dance from our dragon 'Flame'. Then we explained about who the different people were in The Shang Dynasty and what their life was like. We also talked about some Chinese inventions. Thomas and Lexie narrated the assembly, but everyone participated really well.

We were really nervous doing the assembly, but we still had fun and enjoyed sharing our learning with our families.

At the end of the assembly we sang True Colours with Mosi class starting and the other two classes joined in with the chorus. We hope that everyone enjoyed our assembly, thank you for coming.

By Maddie, Ruby, Cowan, Sophia and Millie

What's happening in school next week and after half term?

- Monday 10th February - last Cooking Club this term
- Wednesday 12th February - Mai Class Forest School 9.30am - 11.45am
- Wednesday 12th February - Mosi Class at Theale Green to watch Sister Act
- Friday 14th February - Term 3 Ends
 - Friday 14th February - Singalong Assembly (parents welcome)
 - Friday 14th February - Valentines Disco 3.15pm-4.30pm
- Monday 24th February - Term 4 Starts
- Monday 24th February - Whole School Chinese Plate Painting and Chinese Dragon Dance (parents welcome)
- Wednesday 26th February - Mai Class Forest School 9.30am - 11.45am
- Wednesday 26th February - YR Eye Tests
- Friday 28th February - Dolphin Award Assembly (parents welcome)

Stars of the week



Mai Class – Grace Clarke and Henry Jury

Torak Class – Mya Trinder and Ruby-Mae Allan-Bruce

Mosi Class – Alfie Cook and Thomas Grace

Save the date in your diary . . .

We have a whole school Chinese Willow Pattern plate painting and Chinese dragon dance workshop planned for Monday 24th February. All parents are welcome to join us.

The PTFA are kindly paying for this workshop for us all to enjoy.

Look out for a separate letter next week when I will give you more information.

Sue

Mai Class information

This week we have been enjoying reading the tradition tale 'The Magic Porridge Pot'. The children have been retelling the story and have also been reading and following instructions how to cook porridge.



Forest School News

It was a lovely day on Wednesday for our Forest school walk. The children looked for signs of spring and found bulbs and flowers. They also listened out for birds singing their spring songs. We had a wonderful time stomping in the thick, sticky mud and made a class number line from found objects.



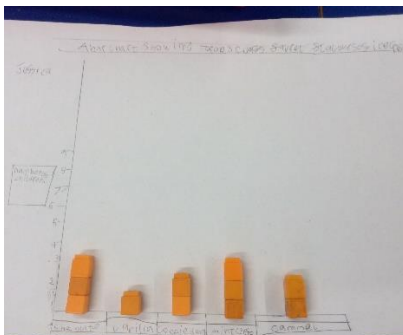
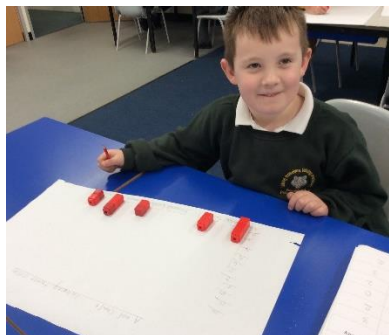
Thursday PE and Fitness Club

As many children are choosing to do Lunchtime fitness club with Mr Marles, we have decided to keep our PE kit on rather than changing in and out of it throughout the morning. This means that some children will go out to play in their PE kit. If your child is a Fitness Club fan, please provide them with a pair of tracksuit bottoms or leggings and socks to ensure they stay warm at playtime.

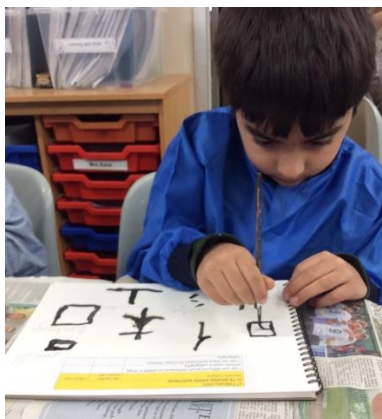
Thank you

Torak Class information

This week in maths, we have been looking at using bar charts to present data. Firstly, applying a pictorial approach, the children created their own bar charts on large pieces of paper using multilink. They were then able to transfer their learning by drawing bar charts in their books.



We have been continuing our learning about China this week, looking at calligraphy. We discovered that in Ancient China only noble and royal children learnt calligraphy and it was viewed as one of the most important art forms. Torak class followed the five principles of Chinese calligraphy and created their own supreme visual arts.



Next week we are continuing to develop our knowledge of ancient Chinese art by looking at a variety of artists and recreating their style.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mosi Class information

Well done to everyone in Mosi Class for your super work this week and for putting together a great class assembly. You all worked incredibly hard and should be proud of yourself for showing off your learning on The Shang Dynasty.

This week the children have brought together their topic and English learning to begin writing reference texts about The Shang Dynasty. Over the last two weeks we have investigated non-fiction texts and assessed them for their clarity and reliability and now the children are using their knowledge to create their own well-researched texts.

We have continued working on fractions in maths this week. Year 4 have been adding and subtracting fractions while Year 5 have moved onto ordering and comparing fractions with different denominators; learning first to change the fractions so that they have a common denominator. Meanwhile, Year 6 have begun to investigate algebra and have been working hard to solve simple algebraic equations.

It was wonderful to see such great homework again this week. I can see clearly that the children have enjoyed finding out about Chinese inventions and we were able to enjoy seeing their learning with some fantastic home-made ice-cream, green tea, kites, fireworks and even some models of toilets! (The ancient Chinese invented toilet roll).

Well done everyone for your hard work again this week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Russell

Cooking Club YR-Y3

This will resume after half term and run from 2nd March – 23rd March.

The cost per session will be £3.

If your child/ren wish to attend then please complete the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office.

JUDO YR-Y6

Good News! Colin has arranged for his son (Martin) to take on our Judo sessions.

Martin will start after half-term and will hold the sessions on a Monday lunchtime instead of Friday. (24th February – 23rd March)

The cost will be £31 for the half-term or £35 including kit hire.

Please complete and return the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return to the office.



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.

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.



Beenham Pre-School is now full for the summer term. If you know anyone who would like to apply for a space from September 2020 (or would like to be added to the waiting list for any spaces which may open up in the next few months) please do arrange a visit. We are very proud of our setting which remains the only mainstream early years setting in Berkshire to hold Makaton accreditation for our work with sign language, we offer PopUp Play Village, Outdoor Explorers and Mini Professors at no extra charge and we accept funding up to 30 hours with no hidden costs. We have a wide-ranging and exciting curriculum with free-flow to our large gardens.

Please do get in touch for further info

Paula Read

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After School Club

Monday 10th February - Games

Tuesday 11th February – Valentine Arts and Crafts

Wednesday 12th February – Games

Thursday 13th February – Valentine 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:.....

Cooking Club - 2nd March - 23rd March 2020

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

I give permission for my child to attend cooking club.

I would like to pay £3 per week **(CASH ONLY)**

I enclose £15 for the term **(CASH ONLY)**

Signed:.....

Judo - 24th February - 23rd March 2020

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

I give permission for my child to attend Judo on Monday lunchtime.

I enclose £31 per child

I enclose £35 inc. kit per child

Signed:.....