



Beenham Primary School Newsletter



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Adam Horbacz-Khan

Thursday 18th June 2020

**Our VALUE this month is
SIMPLICITY**

Correction to information in last week's newsletter

School closure will be Friday 19th June and Friday 3rd July and NOT Friday 17th July, which is the last day of term.

STAFFING UPDATES

As you are all aware, Mrs Godfrey will be leaving the school at the end of this term and Mrs Cannings will be the new Mai class teacher from September 2020.

In addition, we also say farewell to Mrs Russell at the end of this academic year. She will be moving on to a post in a much larger school which will be a completely different experience for her. Mrs Russell has been at Beenham since she qualified as a teacher 4 years ago and now feels that the time is right to spread her wings and undertake a new experience. We wish her every success in her new role and thank her so very much for the huge contribution she has made to our school during the time she has been at the school. Mrs Russell has written her own farewell message to the children in Mosi class, in the class section of this newsletter.

We are pleased to announce that we have appointed a lovely new teacher for Mosi class. Her name is Miss Sophie McBean. We are thrilled with the appointment and we know that the children will love her.

We still haven't managed to appoint for Torak class but have further interviews next week. I am confident that we will be able to appoint.

Opening up of school to all year groups this term

At the moment we are working on a plan to give the children in year groups 2, 3 4 and 5, two sessions each in school before the end of term. They will be able to spend time with their new teachers and in their new classrooms. We hope to be able to offer this during the last two weeks of term.

I hope to be able to give you more information about that in next Friday's newsletter.

Can you help us!

We have plans to make several changes to the school building for September. Several Mums have already offered their services to help us revamp and paint the outdoor area belonging to Mai class.

In addition we want to have a move around of class rooms. We also want to make Mosi classroom and Mai classroom into one classroom by knocking a hole through the wall and erecting a doorway between that can either be pushed back to make a larger space or closed to make two classrooms.

We need a builder to undertake the work but we have very little money. Do you know of any professionally registered builders who might undertake some building work for us at a favourable friend's rate?

Do you know any furloughed builders who may be grateful of the work?

Do you know of any companies who may be willing to support our project or of anywhere that we could make a bid for some funding.

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS THAT MIGHT HELP US WITH THIS PROJECT?

THANKYOU

Stars of the week

Mai Class

Mollie P - For consistently working independently to a high level in class.

Felix - For persistence and resilience when working on challenging tasks.

Torak Class

Adam Horbacz-Khan - Adam also works extremely hard. In particular, this week in literacy he used a range of sentence structures incorporating expanded noun phrases and similes.

Edwin Roe - Edwin has produced some fabulous learning this week and has been working extremely hard with learning to tell the time.

Mosi Class

Sophia - Sophia has worked to a consistently high standard throughout this period of home learning. Her work is always beautifully presented and she puts a lot of thought and care into her work. This week I have been particularly impressed with the calibre of her maths work and problem solving skills, where she has shown that she can continue to grasp concepts and apply her skills to solving problems independently. Well done Sophia for being a fantastic mathematician!

Sophie - For trying her hardest to produce fantastic work in the face of adversity. Sophie has worked hard to produce some amazing writing this week and I've been ever so impressed with her descriptive writing and the way in which she has ensured that she incorporates everything that she has been asked to, into her writing. Well done Sophie for your perseverance and dedication to your learning.

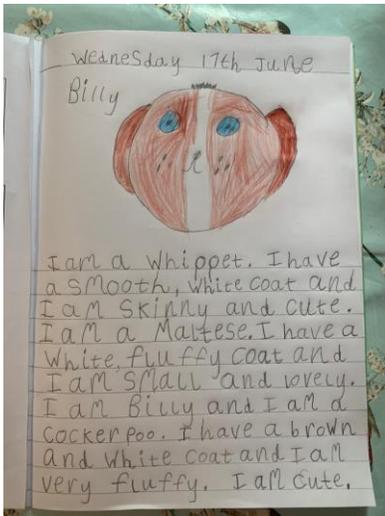
Mai class news

Well done Mai Class for all your hard work this week. It has been a week for dog fans, from doggy descriptions to beautiful art work.

I have also been very impressed with the quality maths work everyone has completed. This week we have been learning all about odd and even numbers as well as practising our number fluency though fun games.

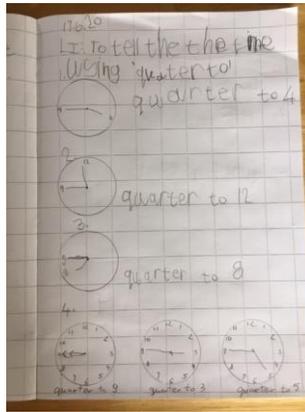
I've loved seeing your gorgeous Forest school weaving. It is good to know you are spending lots of time outside having fun.

Great work everyone!



Torak class news

We have had another great week of learning in Torak class. In maths, we have been telling the time using 'quarter past' and 'quarter to', the children have been using their homemade clocks to help them.



In literacy, we have been continuing with our magical book, 'Leon and the place between'. The book is filled with such descriptive language and the children have been writing their own sentences including expanded noun phrases and similes. Here are a few examples of the children's fabulous sentences: 'the flying boy soared as high as a star', 'the yellow giraffe's long neck was as tall as a house'.

You would have seen on Torak's home learning page that Adam's family have been hatching butterflies. Edwin has also been observing lots of butterflies in his garden and was delighted to finally see a 'Marbled White' butterfly.



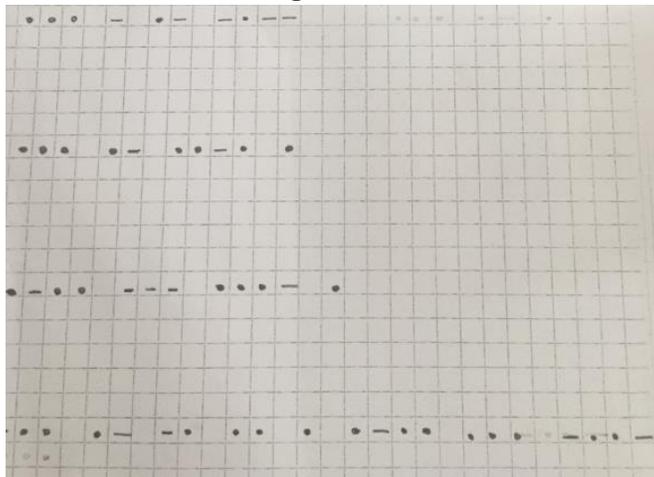
Please keep sending in your photographs of all the wonderful activities you are doing.
Have a lovely weekend 😊

Mrs Cannings

Mosi class news

It is hard to believe that we are mid-way through June already! Everyone continues to do their best with their home learning, and I am so proud of all the children and the way in which they have done their best with their learning. I have enjoyed reading the children's descriptive writing and have been amazed with the carefully selected vocabulary and the effective sentence structures.

The children have all been working hard in topic as well, having learnt all about Morse code and how to use and decipher it. Some of the children have enjoyed sending Morse code messages to each other and to family



members.

It's great to hear about all the fun you are having with your learning.

I wonder how your sunflowers are doing? Look at Daniel's sunflower – it is taller than him now! Don't forget to keep sending in photos of what you have been up to. It's always lovely to hear from you.

Finally, you will have heard from Mrs Butcher that I will be leaving Beenham school at the end of this term. It is a strange way to leave, not having seen you for such a long time, but know that I shall be thinking of all of you as I move on to teach at my new school in Tilehurst.



I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching all of you and many of you in Year 5 have been in my class for 4 years now! Wow! What a long time that is. I have seen you grow and develop into wonderful individuals and I know that you will continue to be amazing for your new teacher in September.

As Year 6 will know, moving on to new adventures is both exciting and a little bit scary, but it is a completely natural thing to do and while my adventures and those of Year 6 will be in a new school, the rest of you will also have the adventure of a new teacher and exciting times ahead.

I shall miss you all – you have been an amazing class and teaching you has been a real privilege!

Take care of yourselves, Mrs Russell.

PGL trip to Osmington Bay

Many parents have asked if the planned trip to PGL will go ahead in September for Years 5 and 6.

I can confirm that the date for the trip has now been changed to **W/C 17th May 2021.**

PGL have price matched the booking so there will be no additional cost to parents.

As the date has been changed, payment for the trip will now be required by 1st March 2021.

**If you have any further questions please email me at finance@beenham.w-berks.sch.uk
Mrs Sharp**



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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:

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Parent/pupil comment:

Signed: _____ **Parent/guardian/pupil**