

3rd May 2024

FRIDAY NEWS

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Message from Mrs Pearson

This week, we have once again been blessed with some lovely weather, enabling children to enjoy both break and lunch times on the school field, and segments of lessons to be taken outdoors whenever possible. It has been lovely to see the children on the field at playtimes and lunchtimes playing some lovely games.

As I know I have mentioned before, one of the most rewarding aspects of my role as Executive Headteacher is when I have the opportunity to pop into classrooms, engage with both our younger and older learners, and listen to enthusiastic children about what they have been busy getting up to in class. I feel privileged to be able to share this information with parents/carers as we progress through the term.

As soon as I called into Ladybird Class, my attention was immediately drawn to a tree-trunk which has mysteriously sprung up from the floor and crept up to the classroom ceiling, this magical tree has been inspiring little imaginations all week! Our youngest children have also been busy learning their 'sound of the week' which this week is 'l'. Children have also been learning a number of the week, which this week is the number 5. In reading, children are enjoying the book 'What the Ladybird Heard' by Julia Donaldson – a really lovely book for little learners.

Next door, in Butterfly Class I was greeted by a packed basket of fresh fruits and vegetables which were arranged in a beautiful display. These fruits and vegetables will help children in class learn all about the many different fruits and vegetables available to enjoy. Our Reception children have also been looking at works of art by Old Master Giuseppe Arcimboldo, whose artworks and portraits all manage to incorporate fruit and veg!

As I entered Hedgehog Class, I was met by a collection of containers all containing woodlice! Mrs Harrison has reassured me that these little 'armadillo-like' bugs will not be escaping into classrooms, but that children will be studying them and researching all about where woodlice like to live, before releasing them back into gardens.

Children have also enjoyed getting outside in Science and searching for micro-habitats.

Meanwhile, in Rabbit Class, children have been busy planning a story all around a picture that I dropped off in class earlier in the week. I cannot wait to read the stories that the picture has inspired children to write about. Children in Rabbit Class have also really enjoyed starting to play tennis in PE. Mrs Nelson has reassured me that, despite this being the first time many of the children have handled a tennis racket, there were no reported incidents of 'Slazenger' imprints being made on children, with the whole class demonstrating excellent racket control and ball skills! Well-done Rabbit Class.

Last week many of the children in Badger and Fox Class enjoyed a residential visit to Carlton Lodge, with those children who did not take part in the visit enjoying time in class with Miss Thistlethwaite. This week, on Wednesday, all children in both classes took part in a visit to the Manjushri Kadampa Meditation Centre at Ulverston and Sizergh Castle supporting learning in class. Thank you to Mrs McGregor for organising this visit for children. Thank you also to all those members of staff and Governor, Mr Hawkins, for accompanying children on the day.

No surprises as to what our oldest children in Owl Class have been up to! Children have been very busy working hard and practising for SATS. By way of a reminder, SATS week is the week commencing the 13th May. Can school please reiterate to parents/carers the importance of children attending school every day during this week. I would also like to take the opportunity to reassure parents/carers that although children have been working hard revising for their SATS, as a school we do try, as much as possible, to keep the build-up and pressure of SATS minimal. All we ask for as a school is that children try their best. During SATS week parents/carers can help support children at home by ensuring that they get early nights, lots of rest, good nutrition and stay hydrated. Thank you.

Next week, Bernie's Grandma and Grandad, Kevin and Edna Watt, will be visiting children in Hedgehog and Rabbit Class supporting children's joint Class Project

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based on concerns raised by children about speeding cars in Bentham. Our visitors will be emphasising the importance of '20 is Plenty' around built up areas.

Finally, Ruth's dad, Simon Ward, will be running (and by self-admission, occasionally walking) 26 miles for the Ingleborough Marathon on the 18th May. Simon is taking part in this enormous challenge to help raise all important funds for our local Cave Rescue Organisation. Living in such a beautiful area, with such lovely, but challenging landscapes on our doorstep, you never know when it might be you, or a member of your family that requires assistance from Cave Rescue. Please help Simon raise lots of money and support this worthy cause. Donations can be made at :

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/simon-ward-ingleborough-marathon>

Have a lovely weekend, and please remember school is CLOSED on Monday 6th May for Bank Holiday.

Mrs Pearson
Executive Co-Headteacher

Monday 6th May 2024
SCHOOL CLOSED : BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th May 2024
Mac and Cheese (v)
Veggie Chilli and Rice (v)
Jacket Potato

3.30pm KANGA After School Club (years 1-4)

Wednesday 8th May 2024
Roast Gammon
Creamy Vegetable Pie (v)
Jacket Potato

Thursday 9th May 2024
Chicken Korma with Rice
Crispy Potato and Cauliflower Cheese (v)
Jacket Potato

10.00am Year 3/4 Cricket at Settle Cricket Club (selected team)

3.30pm – 4.30pm SportsCool (Football themed) Years 3-6 - **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE BOOK VIA PARENTPAY**

Friday 10th May 2024
Fun Day Friday : all children invited to join in with a school lunch
Beef Burger in a Bun
Veggie Dog (v)
Jacket Potato

12.45pm Swimming Lessons : Badger Class
3.00pm Celebration Assembly (parents/carers invited)

Safeguarding Information – Keeping Children Safe

Safety around dogs

The bond between your child and dog can bring fun and happiness to family life. We don't expect our own dog to bite, but any dog can bite if they feel they have no other option.

Children are most likely to be bitten at home, by a familiar dog. Luckily most bites are preventable and close supervision is key.

A calm, happy dog is less likely to react unsafely to children's natural exuberance.

- Give your dog a safe space of their own where they can go if they need time out. Have a rule to leave them alone when they're there.
- Keep them occupied – physical exercise and mental activity help keep your dog happy.
- Teach your child to be calm and kind with your dog. Avoid shouting, teasing or restrictive cuddles.



Close supervision is the most important thing to keep children safe.

- Watch, listen and remain close when your child and dog are together.
- If either your dog or child seems unhappy, positively and calmly separate them. You can throw your dog a treat or toy, or lead your child away.
- **Understand your dog's body language** so you can spot signs they feel uncomfortable or stressed.
- When you know you'll be distracted during busier times, use safety gates to keep children and dogs separate. Or, take your child or dog with you.

Your growing child – as your child changes, the risks can change too.

- Teach the rules to your child from an early age and keep explaining them as your child understands more.
- As your child becomes more mobile, review changes needed, like adding safety gates.
- Think ahead about your changing family life and new risks that can emerge. Read our fact sheet on bringing baby home.

Trigger times – teach your child to leave your dog alone when they are:

- Sleeping – no-one likes to be woken up suddenly.
- Eating or having a treat – they might think you're going to take their food.
- Have a toy or something else they really like – they might not want to share!

Still worried?

- If you're worried by the way your dog is with your child, talk to your vet. They'll check your dog's health and can refer you to a qualified animal behaviourist.
- Visit the **Animal Behaviour and Training Council** website to find a qualified behaviourist near you.



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LOOK OUT in e-mail accounts for this week's 'Wake-up-Wednesday' safeguarding leaflet. This week, information is based around Energy Drinks.

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BRADFORD AND CRAVEN
trailblazer **NHS**

Parent/Carer Support Group Supporting Emotional and Mental Health



Tuesday
21st May



10:30am or
7:30pm



Held on Zoom
Please email the
address below

THIS MONTHS TOPIC: SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD: ANGER AND FRUSTRATION



In this months Parent Support Group, we will be discussing supporting children and young people when they experience anger and frustration. Within the session, we will think about helpful strategies that can be used to support with these feelings.

✉ mhstparentsupport@bdct.onmicrosoft.com

SPONSORED BOUNCE



Bentham Community Primary School

WE ARE TAKING PART IN A SPONSORED BOUNCE TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL TO HELP BUY US NEW COMPUTING EQUIPMENT. PLEASE SPONSOR US AS MUCH OR AS LITTLE AS YOU CAN!



The FOBS are busy fundraising again! This time they are inviting ALL CHILDREN in ALL CLASSES to take part in a 'Sponsored Bounce' on **FRIDAY 17th May 2024**. Sponsorship Forms have been sent home in children's book bags today. Please help our wonderful FOBS raise money to help school purchase some new computing equipment by sponsoring children to take part in this fundraiser. THANK YOU.

MAY HALF TERM SPORTS CLUB



We welcome all children, ages 4-11 to come join us for an action packed week of fun with the lots traditional and non-traditional sports. Every sport has an amazing pack of fun, engaging and exciting activities suitable for all participants.

Every afternoon, we will have specialist workshops that children can go and learn about a specific sport. (Please see to the right).

Our aim and mission is to Educate, Motivate and allow every child to participate in each activity and sport we offer.

- Educate
- Motivate
- Participate

See you soon
SportsCool Lancaster

BOOK NOW ➔

- 1 Click the link at the bottom of this Flyer.
- 2 Parent login, Create Account
- 3 Add your details as a parent
- 4 Add your child/children details to your profile
- 5 Confirm all details and move onto Make Booking
- 6 Make Booking, Select Venue (Bentham Primary School)
- 7 Select the dates you wish to book
- 8 Confirm dates, Add Child/Children
- 9 Confirm all details you have selected are correct
- 10 Make payment, card payment.

You'll receive confirmation of your booking to your email straight away.

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Course Details:

Tuesday 28th May
Wednesday 29th May
Thursday 30th May
Friday 31st May

Football Workshop
Dance Workshop
Golf Workshop

£7.50 Per Day
8.30am-4.30pm

- Please bring the following:
- Packed lunch with lots of snack and non-fizzy drinks.
 - refillable drinks bottle
 - Spare clothing and footwear

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