



Benton Dene School Newsletter



8th January 2021

Mrs McAllister's Message

Welcome back to school everyone! It's lovely to see you all - children and grown-ups.

Each Monday morning we have an assembly or perhaps we should call it a 'pause for thought' in our classrooms. This last Monday we talked about 'making a fresh start': we reminded ourselves about the importance of washing our hands to stop the spread of germs: about how having a bath or a shower helps to make us less smelly and makes us (and our friends) feel good and we also found out who does the washing up!

Making a fresh start is also about admitting when we've made a mistake, saying sorry and asking to start again. Everyone has been trying really hard to do that in school this week: well done all of you. It takes courage to admit you've done something wrong, to say sorry and to start again, but it also makes you feel good inside because it's the right thing to do.

Next week we're going to talk about resilience: we will all need a lot of that over the next few weeks!

Have a lovely and safe weekend, everyone.

P.E. at Benton Dene School

Don't forget to upload your pictures to seesaw or tapestry.

How many times can you stand up and sit down on a chair/ floor in 30 seconds. Can you beat you how many you did the day before?



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School Lunches

As from Wednesday 13th January, we will be back to having hot meals prepared by our kitchen. We will be having pizza on that day.

Class News

Yellow 4: have settled back at school after the Christmas break. We have been exploring transport in DT. We have made collages of different vehicles and built our own junk model vehicles. We have started to look at our new book 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Green 5: have been exploring the weight of objects and identifying which objects are heavy and which are light.

Green 6: have been reading their new T4W text, 'The Little Red Hen'. The children thought the animals were very lazy because they wouldn't help their friend the hen.

Green 7: have settled back onto class. We have really enjoyed talking about what we have done over the holidays.

Green 8: have enjoyed starting our new story: 'The Three Little Pigs', exploring the different materials and getting splashed with water when the wolf came down the chimney.

Red 1: We are beginning the year with reading 'Room on the Broom'. There are many activities planned and we hope to link some sparkling potions work to the story too. Year 3 Scientific detectives have started exploring rocks and Year 4 Scientific detectives are going to be carrying out investigations using ice!

Red 2: have started their class story 'Lost and Found'. They have drawn their own story maps and created actions for each part of the story.

Red 3: This week in Science Red 3 have started to look at the 'States of Matter'. We have been sorting items into the correct group: solid, liquid and gas.

Red 4: have enjoyed reading our new poem 'Stream School' and learning to play hockey in PE.

Blue 6: has settled back into class after the holidays. We have started to find out about "Our World" in Geography and how to use an atlas.

Blue 7: have enjoyed starting their new story of 'The Wizard of Oz'.

Blue 8: have settled back in well after the Christmas break.

Blue 9: have been learning about settlements and searching for land that they could build a little village on using Google maps.

Stars of the week

Yellow 3: Liam **Green 5:** Riley, **Green 6:** Alex, Jake, **Green 7:** Michael,
Green 8: Ali, **Red 1:** Kieran, **Red 2:** Seth **Red 3:** Sam, **Red 4:** Fylnn,
Blue 6: Freddie, **Blue 7:** Whole class, **Blue 8:** Thomas **Blue 9:** George.



Achievements of the week

Green 5: Jaiden Lee, Archie, **Green 6:** William, George, **Green 7:** Shay **Green 8:** Jawwad,
Red 1: William, **Red 2:** Joshua, **Red 3:** Max, **Red 4:** Steven, **Blue 7:** Alana, **Blue 8:** Kai,
Blue 9: Olly.

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and in the afternoon they had
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with marshmallows.

