## Benton Dene School Newsletter

### 26th March 2021

#### 'We've made it! You, me, all of us!'

It seems a very long three months since the beginning of January when we found ourselves back in a familiar but unwelcome lockdown. Together we have made it to the end of term: We've had our 'ups and downs' and moments we'd rather forget but so many more moments to treasure. Our children have continued to flourish, our staff have continued to care and you have continued to support us.

I'm incredibly proud of all we have achieved: our children, our families and our staff team and I hope you are too.

Have a lovely Easter and stay safe.

Mrs Alison McAllister

### Reminder

We break up for Easter today, Friday 26th March and will all return to school on Monday 12th April.

When we return after Easter, finishing time will once again be 3.15pm on Friday afternoons.

### **Easter Egg Competition.**

The winners of our Easter Egg Competition are:

Yellow 3: Olivia Yellow 4: Liam Green 5: David

Green 6: Billy Green 7: Matilda Green 8: Ali

Red 2: Theo Red 3: Brandon Red 4: Steven

Blue 5: Christian Blue 6: Freddie Blue 7: Reilly Blue 9: Rocco

Well done to everyone that took part; as always the entries were amazing and it was very difficult to choose a winner.









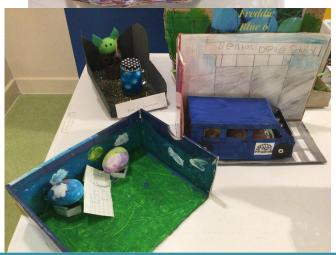
















# **Class News**

Yellow 3: This week the children have been on an Easter hunt. We have made some lovely Easter bonnets and decorated eggs.

Yellow 4: been tasting sweets from the past in history and looking at technology around us in ICT.

Green 5: have been finishing off the production of our puppet show.

**Green 6:** have been investigating ways to feed our wildlife. We have made some bird feeders, fruit strings and feeding rings.

Green 7: have enjoyed making Easter crafts and listening to the Easter Story.

**Green 8:** enjoyed doing different Easter activities including bonnet making, painting eggs and egg rolling to celebrate Easter.

Red 1: loved their Easter Egg hunt yesterday. Happy Easter everyone! Have a lovely holiday.

Red 2: finished their 'Evolution of Dance' - we have some fantastic movers.

Red 3: have finished off their Roman topic by making fantastic mosaics.

Red 4: This week Red 4 have made their own 'Flat Stanley' characters and posted them home to their families.

Blue 5: have enjoyed learning all about marbling in art.

**Blue 6:** this week Blue 6 went out on the mini bus to see a huge cruise ship at North Shields marina. We have been learning about how boats float and we thought it would be good to have a look at a real boat.

Blue 7: have been researching facts for their own fact files and have enjoyed recalling the Easter story.

Blue 8: have been experiencing lots of Easter traditions such as having a taste of hot cross buns, making Easter nests and making Easter cards.

Blue 9: have been learning about Good Friday and why it is 'good'. We have written a script and acted out our performance.

### Stars of the week

Yellow 3: Jake, Yellow 4: Swayze, Green 5: Olivia Green 6: Alex, Green 7: Karam,

Green 8: Taylor Red 1: Michael, Red 2: Jayden, Red 3: Josh, Red 4: Steven,

Blue 5: Kian, Blue 6: Justin, Blue 7: Alana, Blue 8: Conner, Blue 9: Ryan.

### Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Tommy, Yellow 4: Lucas & Jake, Green 5: David & Riley, Green 6: Jake

&India, Green 7: Mason, Green 8: Alistair, Red 1: Kameran, Red 2: Seth,

Red 3: Sam, Red 4: Caleb, Blue 5: Cameron, Blue 6: Philipa, Blue 7: Bradley,

Blue 8: Eve Blue 9: Sam.

We would just like to say we think all our parents and carers are super stars too.

Thank you for being so supportive over the last year and helping us to get through.



## Benton Dene's Act Of Kindness Hand made Fidget Cushions

The children have been working very hard and have produced some fantastic work, whether it has been pom pom making, weaving, threading or making felt animals.

We are sure the residents at Rowan Croft care home will be overjoyed with them.

A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Wile in Blue 5 who worked extremely hard putting the cushions together.













Green 8 enjoying Easter activities.

**WANTED** We would love any donations of unwanted wool, material, ribbons, art bits and bobs for use within school Art and DT lessons. Especially material or wool that is interesting, fluffy, shiny, silky, or floaty for sensory focussed Art and DT lessons next term. Thank you!



### P.E. at Benton Dene School

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

Ask an adult to hide objects around the house/ garden and you go and find them - who can find the most? who is the quickest?