

## Benton Dene School Newsletter

16th April 2021



# Benton Dene School has a new phone number 0191 466 1818



## 'There's nothing quite like a smile'

Did you know that there are 18 different types of smile? The smile that says 'hello', the smile that says 'I'm feeling a bit sad', the smile that says 'I'm excited' or 'I'm a bit nervous' and so on. When you smile you use between 5 and 53 muscles - what a marvellous way to exercise!

I've had lots of reasons to smile in school this week: we had lots of excited young people on Monday morning when school re-opened after the Easter holidays: I've enjoyed the company of children in my office showing me some fantastic pieces of work: when I've been out in the playground there are children and adults playing games together. In fact, I've done so much smiling, I should have no wrinkles at all!

Whatever you do this weekend, I hope you find time to smile.



Alison McAllister.

If you would like your child to have school milk and they are not having it provided at present please contact www.coolmilk.com to register them.



You will need to pay if your child is not entitled to free school meals.

## **Class News**

Yellow 3: This week the children have loved exploring our kitchen area playing with lots of different foods for sensory experiences.

Yellow 4: have been exploring wind toys and how the wind can move them

Green 5: have been looking at all the exciting things we're going to learn about this term. We're particularly looking forward to learning all about 'roots and shoots'

**Green 6:** the children are beginning to learn about life under the sea. We found out that the coral was dying because the water temperature was getting warmer.

Green 7: have been playing instruments to different songs

Green 8: have enjoyed exploring different wind toys in DT.

**Red 1:** have already taken advantage of the sunshine this term by visiting the allotment to look at plants and flowers.

Red 2: have been writing sentences to describe sea creatures, and then reading them out to their friends to see if they can guess the creature! Some amazing knowledge was shared.

Red 4: are really enjoying being back in school. In English we have been reading an information text called 'Tree Giants'

**Blue 6:** This week Blue 6 were very excited. We got a recorded message from the TV presenter Chris Packham. We wrote letters to him telling him about the litter pick we did and how we rescued a hedgehog and he replied that he was really pleased with us and said well done.

Blue 7: have enjoyed learning about Ancient Greece and have been learning about Greek artefacts.

Blue 8: have started a new story called 'Where The Wild Things Are' and are all looking forward to learning more about the Wild Things!

Blue 9: have been investigating Geocaches. We have found lots in our local area. We are using Google Maps to search locations and have been drawing our own



### **Stars of the week**

Yellow 3: Tommy, Yellow 4: Lucas,

Green 5: Tommy, Green 6: Billy, Green 7: Logan, Green 8: Aaron,

Red 1: William, Red 2: Anne, Red 3: Amelia, Red 4: Charlie,

Blue 6: Ehsan, Blue 7: Jessica, Blue 8: Eve, Blue 9: James.

**Achievements of the week** 

Yellow 3: Oliver, Yellow 4: Alfie & Archie, Green 5: David & Riley, Green 6: Sonny &

Connor, Green 7: Michael, Green 8: Jake, Red 1: Ismaael,

Red 2: Thomas, Red 3: Thomas, Red 4: Caleb & Steven,

Blue 6: Connor, Blue 7: Alana, Blue 8: Conner, Blue 9: Sonny.



#### P.E. at Benton Dene School

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

Chair press ups - how many chair press ups can you do in a minute? who is the winner in your house?

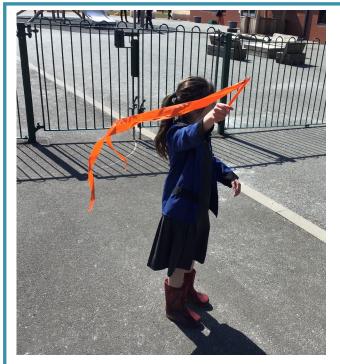




Green 5 have been making pictures with objects from the environment.



Yellow 4 have been exploring wind toys and how the wind can move them.







Green 8 also enjoyed exploring wind toys and how the wind can move them.