



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](http://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.**

