## Benton Dene School Newsletter

2nd July 2021



## **NTLT** Star Awards

Last night I joined the North Tyneside Learning Trust's Star Awards: one of our Green Zone pupils was a finalist for an Achievement Award and you can see from the photo below that even though he wasn't the overall winner he is incredibly proud of himself and his prize.

The main theme from last night was that 'Everyone is a Star': over the last year and a bit we have all worked so hard and given up so much and we should all be incredibly proud of all that we have achieved in doing that. Children, parents and staff are all 'stars' and just like Mason should feel incredibly proud.

Have a good weekend. Mrs McAllister

When Mason joined us in Reception he did not have any speech, he could not read aloud or write, however Mason is a very determined little boy and can now use his voice and words to communicate his needs. He will keep practicing until he can achieve what he wants to achieve. He enjoys sharing his new skills with his peers by reading to them, helping them spell words and writing words they ask.



Other children also nominated were:

**Lucas D** 

**Thomas B** 

William H

Jake B

Kameran T

Javden P

Amelia A

Steven R

**George H** 

Leavers' Assembly: Friday 16th July 2021

Last day of school will be Friday 16th July 2021

Children return to school Thursday 2nd September 2021

## **Home School Link Team**

As you may know we have two home school link workers. Tina Steele who looks after Yellow and Green zone and Yvonne Manton who looks after Red and Blue zone.

Yvonne and Tina are here to ensure all children are happy, secure and enjoy school whilst you as their parents and carers feel supported and fully included. You can contact them on their direct number.



If you need to contact Tina Her number is If you need to contact Yvonne Her number



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## Children's Cancer Run—Friday 9th July

BDS will be supporting the Children's Cancer Run in school. This is a fundraising event so any donations would be greatly received. Children can come into school wearing orange or sports clothes. The event will be held on the track marked out on the field.





School Uniform We have lots of 'pre loved' uniform in school. If you need any to tide you over until the end of term or would like some in a larger size for September, please get in touch on seesaw or phone the school office and ask for Chrissy 0191 466 1818

#### **WANTED PLEASE**

If you are having a clear out we would welcome any toys that we can use for outdoor play.

Cars, plastic dinosaurs, little people characters, chalk, dolls, prams, plastic animals, suitcases with wheels.

Anything that would be suitable for outdoors. Thank You



### PE at Benton Dene

It requires at least two players. The game starts with one child flipping an aerobie. If it lands with its top up, they must run to a pre-determined spot without being tagged by the other player. If it lands bottom up, they must attempt to tag the other player before they get to the same spot.



Here are a selection of photos taken on our NSPCC fun day, as you can see the children and staff had a fabulous day.

We also managed to raise £27.30, for a wonderful cause so thank you for your contributions.



# **Class News**

**Yellow 3:** This week Yellow 3 have enjoyed reading the story 'Smiley Shark'. We also had a visitor in school showing us some sea creatures that live in a rockpool. Some of us enjoyed holding the crabs and starfish

**Yellow 4:** had a visit from the rock pool school on Tuesday and we met lots of sea creatures. On Wednesday we went on a trip to Northumberland Country Zoo. We all had an amazing time. The Wallaby with baby Joey in its pouch was a firm favourite and the tractor museum came a close second

**Green 5:** Even though we've postponed the event we've had great fun creating our sculpture 'House of Memories', looking back over our time in Green 5

**Green 6:** The children in Green 6 have all worked hard to complete their spelling and handwriting assessments. Their teachers are very proud of their achievements.

**Green 7:** really enjoyed sports week last week. This week we have been making our art sculpture 'a lighthouse'.

**Green 8:** have enjoyed working as a team to weave different textures into our teepee sculpture.

**Red 1:** have been learning about 'Directions' this week. All of the class have enjoyed our games

Red 2: have enjoyed making a collage of our favourite places in school for Enterprise

Red 4: have been making Ancient Greek shields in history and learning about play scripts in English.

**Blue 6:** This week Blue 6 have been learning about Greek soldiers. We enjoyed looking at the armour they wore.

**Blue 7:** have been learning about the UK food trade for geography.

**Blue 8:** have been exploring 'changing states' in Science and this week have been looking at turning water to ice and back again.

**Blue 9:** in PSHE - 'Moving on', B9 have been finding their new High Schools on Google Maps, tracking the route and planning which school to visit first. We have prepared questions that we will send to our new teachers and we have been talking about our feelings, both negative and positive.



### Stars of the week



Yellow 3: Oliver, Yellow 4: All the children in Yellow 4,

Green 5: Harry, Green 6: All the children in Green 6, Green 7: Nina,

Green 8: Ali, Red 1: Taylor & Quinn, Red 2: Thomas, Red 3: Red 4: Steven, Blue 6: Connor S, Blue 7: Jessica, Blue 8: Jude, Blue 9: Taylor,

## Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Frankie, Green 5: Riley, Green 6: Alex & Sonny, Green 7: Everley,

Green 8: Jake, Red 1: Ismaael, Red 2: Janis, Red 4: Noah, Blue 6: Freddie,

Blue 7: Reilly, Blue 8: Olivia & Thomas, Blue 9: Harrison,