



# Benton Dene School Newsletter



29th January 2021

## Mrs McAllister's Message

This week our 'classroom pause for thought' focused on 'being self-aware'.

How often have we heard, thought or said words such as these?

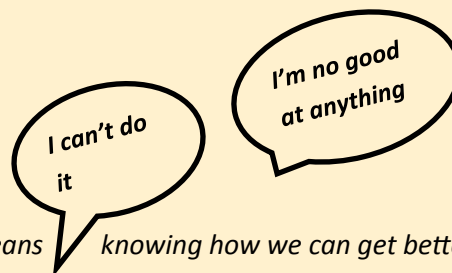
Being self aware means knowing what we're good at and it also means knowing how we can get better at the things we're not so good at.

We're all good at something: kicking a ball, baking a cake, sharing our toys, making someone feel welcome, putting up a display and of course there's maths, handwriting, geography, art.....

Of course, there are things we'd all like to be better at, but it's not that we 'can't do it' more that we 'can't do it YET': with the help and support of friends, parents, teachers and colleagues we can all learn to do new things and improve at the things we're not quite so good at YET.

This weekend set yourself a challenge: learn something new or practise doing something you're not so good at YET. We'd love to hear what you do!

Have a lovely weekend everyone and stay safe.



## Parent Consultation Afternoon.

Thank you to everyone that joined us for the parent consultation on Wednesday.

We realise it is an extremely challenging time and would like to commend all the parents that are doing the home learning with their child.

Every child both at home and in school have done amazing well and we are so proud of each and everyone of them.

Thank you for the lovely comments and all your continued support.

Be do not hesitate to contact school if you have any concerns or are in need or any support.

## P.E. at Benton Dene School

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

**Balancing - practise balancing on different parts of your body - how long can you hold your balance for?**



# Class News

**Yell 3:** This week the children have enjoyed exploring ice.

**Yell 4:** have been looking at the properties of 2d shapes in maths and looking around our environment to see what shapes we can find. In RE we have been learning about why Jesus is special to Christians.

**Green 5:** have been experimenting the different effects of thick and thin paint. We had a great time making lots of mess and even more happy experiences

**Green 6:** The children have been working really hard in their Computing lessons to create a piece of music. Alex's piece of music reflected a possible career as a 'Superstar DJ'.

**Green 7:** we have enjoyed learning about ordinal numbers

**Green 8:** have enjoyed learning and exploring different environments that we find in our homes.

**Red 1:** have been completing excellent work on '1 more than and 1 less than' in maths this week.

**Red 2:** have been learning that Newcastle is in the 'North' of England and identifying different locations on a map using the 4 compass points.

**Red 3:** This week in geography, Red 3 have been learning about Mount Vesuvius. We have had lots of fun making our own volcanos and watching them erupt.

**Red 4:** have been learning about fractions in maths and Islam in RE.

**Blue 5:** the children have been learning how to mix warm and cool colours in Art.

**Blue 6:** have enjoyed learning about conductors and insulators. We made light bulbs light up !!!

**Blue 7:** have been learning all about the desert and exploring circuits in Science.

**Blue 8:** have been exploring healthy foods and trying new foods.

**Blue 9:** have been learning how to build a circuit in Science. We learned to recognise the symbols, to draw circuits that will work and explore why some circuits won't work and this week we have built our own circuits.

## Stars of the week

**Yellow 3:** Tommy, **Yellow 4:** Cohen, **Green 5:** David, **Green 6:** Alex,  
**Green 7:** Karam, **Green 8:** Aaron **Red 1:** William, **Red 2:** Janis  
**Red 3:** Alex, **Red 4:** Flynn, **Blue 5:** Anthony, **Blue 6:** Connor,  
**Blue 7:** Harry, **Blue 9:** Taylor

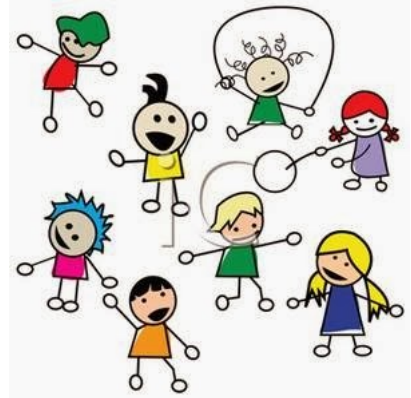
## Achievements of the week

**Yellow 3:** Jude, **Yellow 4:** Alfie, **Green 5:** Archie, Thomas,  
**Green 6:** George, **Green 7:** Michael, **Green 8:** Maizy, **Red 1:** Michael,  
**Red 2:** Anne, **Red 3:** Josh, **Red 4:** Steven, Charlie, **Blue 5:** David,  
**Blue 6:** Freddie, **Blue 7:** Max, **Blue 8:** Thomas.



## WANTED

**If you have any joggers, trousers, underwear, socks your child has outgrown we would really appreciate them in school please. (especially younger children)**



Just a reminder that we post useful information on the school website and that there's a Parents/Carers section which has new information about Remote Learning as well as Home Learning on each class page.

We also have a poll about remote learning on that page. Please look out for more polls so that we can gather your feedback/opinions to make any improvements necessary.

**Why not add the 'School Jotter' app to your phone. It will send you up to date information about school and useful links directly to your phone.**

Each week we will be awarding each class doing remote learning a **'Star of the week'** certificate for the fantastic work that is being done at home.

