



Benton Dene School Newsletter



5th March 2021

It's good to talk

*This week's classroom pause for thought focused on **communication**. There are lots of different ways to communicate: texting, emailing, talking, symbols, signing, singing to name a few and my goodness we've certainly all had to work hard over the last year to find a way to communicate that means we don't lose contact with family and friends.*

I've loved being out and about in school today because I've said 'hello' to Mr fox, The Gruffalo, Stick Man, Buzz Lightyear, Eddie the Eagle, Harry Potter, a dinosaur, pirates, Sooty, a cat, Elsa and a whole host of other storybook characters and each one has smiled and said/signed 'hello' back.

I've been reminded about how lucky I am to do the job that I do and in a school such as Benton Dene.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe.

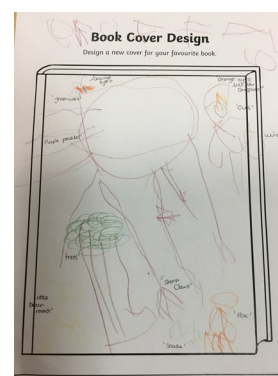
Just a reminder that all children are expected to return to school next Monday 8th March. Your child's attendance is very important to their education and social wellbeing.

We are really looking forward to seeing them.

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March

Here are our overall winners from each zone. The children and staff had an amazing day dressing up and designing book covers.



P.E. at Benton Dene School

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

Blow up a balloon

What is the hardest item or body part to control the balloon with?

What's your record of number of hits without moving your feet?

Practicing your striking skills, use an object from the house and see what object can make it move the fastest.

How long can you keep the balloon in the air?

Can you pass the balloon to another person?



Class News

Yellow 3: have enjoyed planting beans.

Yellow 4: have been feeling and tasting the different fruit from our story 'Kakadu Jack'. We thought of lots of words to describe how it felt and if we liked it or not.

Green 5: have been exploring the towns of Hexham and Tynemouth virtually, looking at where they are and why people have lived there

Green 6: children have been enjoying the activities on the 'Reading Eggs' interactive programme. A lot of our children have moved up on their individual maps, with their hard work. Well done!

Green 7: have been learning about litter. We have enjoyed going out litter picking and sorting rubbish into the bin and recycling.

Green 8: have enjoyed participating in our art sessions this week. We have been feeling different materials and using them to make different patterns on paper.

Red 1: had a fantastic World Book Day!

Red 2: have loved dressing up as their favourite book characters for World Book Day.

Red 3: have been exploring 'Handas Surprise' to in our English lessons. We have been tasting all the yummy fruits and using adjectives describe them.

Red 4: have had an excellent week. We are really enjoying our gymnastics lessons and learning to use music software in computing.

Blue 5: are enjoying reading Flat Stanley - they have been thinking and writing about all the fun things they would do if they were flat!

Blue 6: this week Blue 6 have been practising sending emails in ICT. The children have been drawing pictures and sending them via email.

Blue 7: have been learning about old and new and have enjoyed playing with toys from the past.

Blue 8: have enjoyed sharing their favourite books for World Book Day.

Blue 9: In Science we have been planning and investigating. We predicted what type of exercise would make our heart beat the fastest and then we put the data results into a table.

Stars of the week



Yellow 3: Faith, **Yellow 4:** Swayze, **Green 5:** Archie, **Green 6:** India,

Green 7: Mason, **Green 8:** Jake, **Red 1:** Michael & Kieran, **Red 2:** Seth,

Red 3: Alex, **Red 4:** Flynn, **Blue 5:** Anthony, **Blue 6:** Izabella, **Blue 7:** Harry,

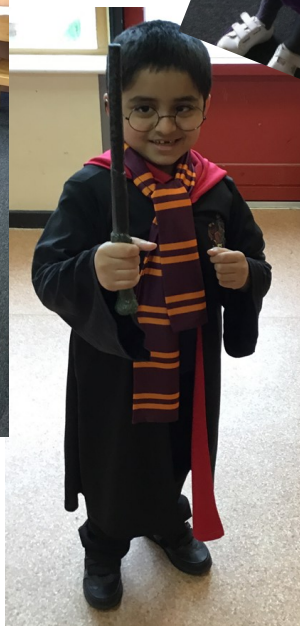
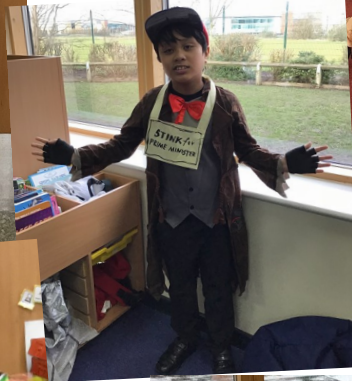
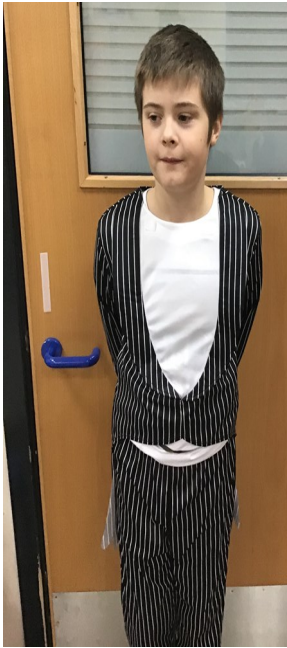
Blue 8: Olivia, **Blue 9:** Taylor.

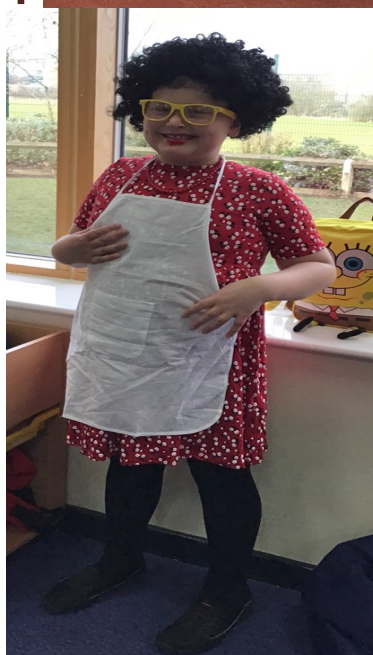
Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Jude, **Yellow 4:** Alfie, **Green 5:** Riley, **Green 6:** Connor, **Green 7:** Shay,

Green 8: Aaron, **Red 1:** Kameran, **Red 2:** Jade, **Red 3:** George, **Red 4:** Caleb,

Blue 5: Luca, **Blue 6:** Philipa, **Blue 7:** Max, **Blue 8:** Thomas, **Blue 9:** Sonny.





This is Bella Lasagne
from Fireman Sam.
Can you see the
likeness?.



