



Benton Dene School Newsletter



30th April 2021

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



'these boots were made for walking.....'

Today, we have joined in with 'England does the Daily Mile': an initiative designed to get school children up and out of their seats enjoying being active outside. In between the rain showers we've walked, skipped and jogged our way around the school grounds. More importantly, we've laughed and chatted and enjoyed being with our friends outdoors. We will be continuing with our 'daily mile' on a regular basis because we know how important it is to be outside exercising in the fresh air.

Even though the weather forecast isn't brilliant for Monday, enjoy your 'extra' day this weekend.

Alison McAllister.

Goodbye & good luck



Today we say 'Goodbye and good luck' to Ms Moira Banks our deputy Headteacher. She will be a huge miss to us all. She has decided to take early retirement and spend some quality time with her husband Paul.

We wish her lots of luck and happiness in her new adventures. We will miss you.

Reminder— School will be closed on Monday 3rd May 2021 for May Day holiday. The children return to school on Tuesday 4th May so enjoy your long weekend hopefully in the sunshine and take care.

Please ensure you keep us up to date with any changes to contact details, ie—mobile numbers, emergency contact member details, email addresses, house moves.

It is important we have this information in case we need to contact you in a case of emergency.

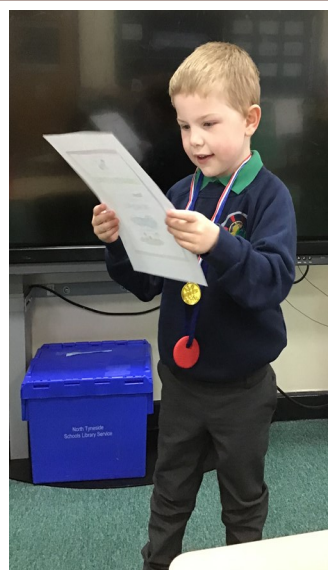
You can do this by seesaw or contacting the office.



England Does The Daily Mile™ is a national event day in schools and across social media to celebrate active schools and good mental health.

Benton Dene School children have had a wonderful walking day. Some choose to run, some skip and some

walk but they all had a go. There was lots of fun and laughter going on. They all did it in their bubbles, some in the rain, some in the sun.



Reminder

If you would like to make an appointment to speak to Nicky Ramsay our Speech and Language Therapist, she will be available Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th May. Please put a message on seesaw or email the school office— office@bentondeneschool.co.uk.

Meal survey

We recently emailed home a link with regard to a survey about school meals. We would be very grateful if you can complete and return to school asap. It is a very short survey and will only take a couple of minutes. Thank You.

<https://forms.gle/T8aARz5HjC1j3Mt28>

Northumberland Country zoo is a lovely place to visit and one person gets in free with a child with special needs.

2, Eshottheugh Farm, Felton, Morpeth NE65 9QH (pre booking is required)



Class News

Yellow 3: This week the children have enjoyed following instructions to make a fruit salad. The children enjoyed tasting the delicious fruit.

Yellow 4: have been learning about capacity in Maths. We have started making our own non fiction book in English. We are enjoying telling our teachers interesting facts about our chosen subject.

Green 5: have been learning about Hinduism beliefs and the symbol of aum.

Green 6: have been learning about Bee-bots. Next week we are going to programme the Bee-bot to make an algorithm

Green 7: have been learning about the UK.

Green 8: have enjoyed exploring the English culture in Geography through taste, touch and smell exploring English delicacies including strawberries, apple pie, cherry bake-well and tea.

Red 1: This week in RE we have explored different Hindu artefacts and some Bollywood inspired dancing. We had a great time moving our bodies to the music and copying the dance moves.

Red 2: have completed an experiment in Science; we planted seeds and placed them in different locations. We will only water some of them. We made predictions about which seeds would grow into a sunflower. We can't wait to see if we are right!

Red 3: are learning about habitats of Animals.

Red 4: have enjoyed creating patterns inspired by nature in our computing lessons. In Maths we have learnt about using thermometers to measure temperature.

Blue 5: have been inspired by the artist 'Filip Dujardin. The children produced some amazing photomontage pictures.

Blue 6: have had great fun in challenge and development, we took part in a geo caching session, we had to find the clues that were hidden around school.

Blue 7: have been learning about Christianity and exploring artefacts.

Blue 8: have been tasting different Greek food as part of their history exploring the ancient Greeks.

Blue 9: are reading the story 'Humphrey the Lost Whale'. We are debating animal rights and discussing captivity.

Stars of the week

Yellow 3: Jake, **Yellow 4:**Coen, **Green 5:** Jaiden Lee,

Green 6: India, **Green 7:** Mason, **Green 8:** Alistair,

Red 1: Michael, **Red 2:** Janis, **Red 3:** Josh, **Red 4:** Charlie, **Blue 5:** Lewis,

Blue 6: Ehsan, **Blue 7:** Bradley, **Blue 8:** Jude, **Blue 9:** Rocco,

Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Tommy, **Yellow 4:** Cohen & Swayze, **Green 5:** David, **Green 6:** William,

Green 7: Matilda, **Green 8:** Jake, **Red 1:** Kameran, **Red 2:** Theo,

Red 3: George, **Red 4:** Caleb, **Blue 5:** Kian, **Blue 6:** Justin,

Blue 7: Jessica, **Blue 8:** Olivia, **Blue 9:** Sam.



P.E. at Benton Dene School

Please see 'Find a Goal' on next page.

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

Also John Spence High School has a Sports Club on every Tuesday evening for all abilities.

For more information please contact Gail Robson:

gymclub@blueyonder.co.uk or 07984481823

Parent Consultation

Thank you to everyone that participated in the parent consultation on Wednesday evening. We had lots of positive comments and great feedback. It has been a different type of learning this year and with your support we have managed to come out the other side. The children have settled into school and managed the changes amazingly well. Lots of happy faces.

ParentPay Parent Update (School Meals)– urgent please activate your account

Thank you to everyone who has already registered with ParentPay.

If you have not received your activation email, please first check all e-mail addresses you provided to your child's school together with your junk mail folder before you contact us at parentpay@northynteside.gov.uk Please include your child's name and school in the email.

Check your account

Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to free meals, however, during the change from one system to another, meals were charged for on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th April in error. This is being rectified, and a credit adjustment will be actioned on your account if your child had meals on these 2 dates. Please accept our sincere apologies for this error. You don't need to contact us about this.

Contact us at: parentpay@northynteside.gov.uk

ParentPay is managed by North Tyneside Council Catering Services, not your school. **Please ignore any advice on the ParentPay website to contact your child's school about school meal payments.** The correct email address to contact us is parentpay@northynteside.gov.uk **Please include your child's name and school in the email.**

All parents need to activate their ParentPay account even if your child is entitled to free school meals, as the system will be used to communicate updates about your school meals service, as well as a payment system

Holiday Dates

June Half Term Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June

Teacher Training Day Friday 25th June

Summer Holiday Monday 19th July to Tuesday 31st August

FIND A GOAL

Achieve the challenge

The aim is to pass your ball through every goal in the shortest possible time.



How to play

1. Get into pairs.
2. In your pair, set up two cones of the same colour, one metre apart, making a goal.
3. Start off passing the ball to your partner through your goal. How many goals can you score in one minute?
4. Change to moving and scoring in every goal. How long does that take?

Equipment

Essential

- Cones or markers to make a gate.
- A ball or item to pass between the gate.

Optional

- Different types of balls/items so players can choose what to pass.

Spirit of The Games



Teamwork:

How do you decide with your partner which goal to go to next?



Passion:

What personal challenge are you going to set yourself and are you going to give it your best to achieve it?



Determination:

Are you excited about playing this game?

Safety

- Be aware of other players when moving around so you don't hit into them.

Link it up

Using and finding space is important in many games such as ultimate frisbee, hockey, handball and many more.

Play the video

Scan this QR code on your mobile device to watch how the game is played.



Think tactics

- Which are the best gates to go through and why? How far away from your partner do you stand?

FIND A GOAL

Roles for leaders and officials

- Help players set up the playing area.
- Ensure there is a variety of equipment to choose from.
- Time the activity.

Including Everyone

- What could you use instead of coloured gates? Try to have different sized gates for everyone.

STEP in. Including all young people by changing the Space, Task, Equipment or People (STEP)

EASIER

- 1 Increase the size of the gates.
- 2 Try different types of passes, with your hands or with your feet.
- 3 Use a bigger ball.
- 4 Work on your own and carry the ball through the gates.

HARDER

- 1 Decrease the size of the gates.
- 2 Pass the ball with your non-dominant foot or hand.
- 3 Use a smaller ball.
- 4 Add in defenders trying to stop your pass.

Change it up

- Can you try a different type of pass between every gate?
- Try adding in defenders, who can block passes.
- Shout instructions for all players to go through a coloured gate as quickly as possible.
- There are lots of ways that this game could be played. Be creative and come up with your own versions!

SMILES DETECTIVE

It's important to make sure you can answer YES to the following questions.

SMILES checklist:

- Is the activity safe?
- Is everyone joining in?
- Can you change anything if they aren't?
- Is everyone learning new things?
- Is everyone smiling and enjoying the game?

If you can't answer YES to these questions, make sure you STEP in.



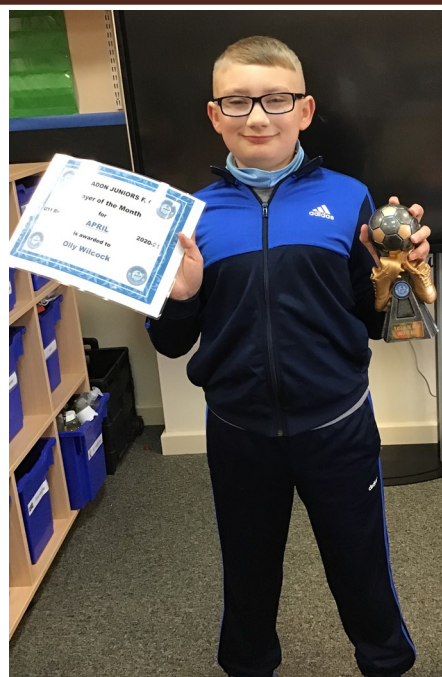


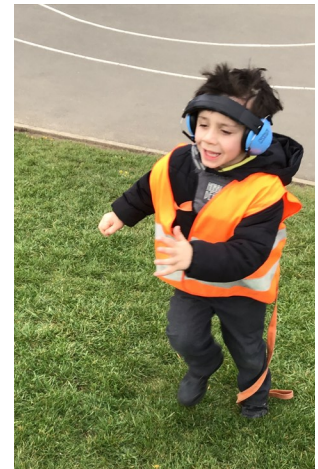
One of the children in **Blue 5 enjoying doing a photomontage picture**



Congratulations to one of our boys in **Blue zone who won player of the month at Burradon FC.**

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**Some of the children
enjoying the mile
walk today.
Some needed a little
rest after.**





Daily mile Red 4



PIC•COLLAGE

As you can see from the photo's the children have had a fabulous day and enjoyed their walking/running and it even stayed dry too.

There will be lots more to look at on our school website.

www.bentondeneschools.org.uk