



14th May 2021

Benton Dene School
has a new phone number 0191 466 1818



'How sweet to be a cloud floating in the blue.....'

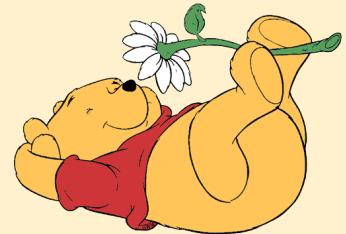
A.A.Milne

I can remember as a child whiling away time by 'cloud-watching': billowing fluffy whiteness would become all sorts of dragons, castles, ships and faces only to disappear as the wind gently (or not) moved them on. I'm sure that the term 'mindfulness' hadn't been invented back then but the effect was the same: a gentle sense of calmness.

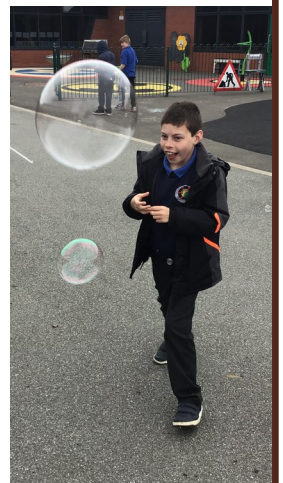
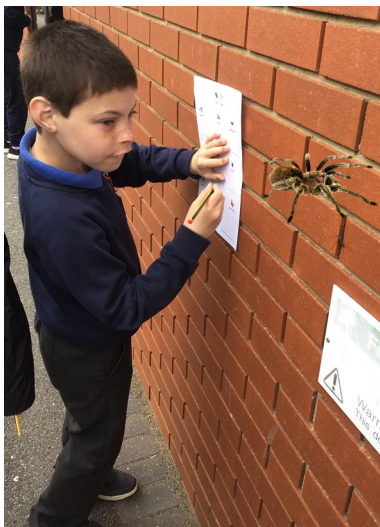
During Mental Health Awareness Week, we've taken the opportunity to be outside as much as possible and today finished our week by 'cloud- watching', (with the help of a few bubbles). And just as there was when I was a child, a gentle sense of calmness settled on us all.

I hope you all find a little 'calmness' this weekend to enjoy.

Alison McAllister.



Here are some of Red 4's Mental Health Awareness photo'. They went on a bug hunt and enjoyed blowing enormous bubbles.



English News

Check out our English pages on the school website. Miss McKenzie has added lots of information to show you how your children learn in school. There's also lots of printable resources you might find useful at home.

www.bentondeneschools.org.uk



Green5 enjoyed making diva life lamps in R.E



Blue 6 were very excited as their tadpoles started to grow legs.



Yellow 4 have made a bug hotel for the allotment, we are looking forward to seeing which bugs make a home in there.



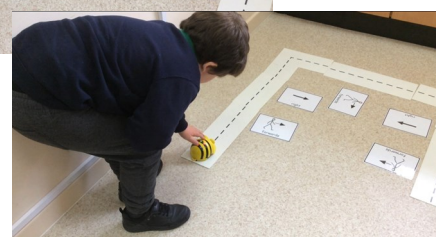
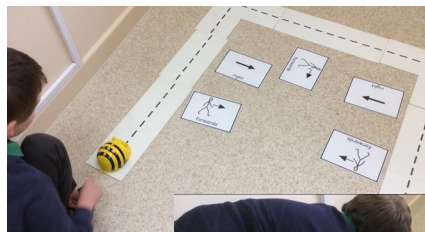
there.



Blue 5: took part in a live cookery lesson with Helen from 'Punky Foods'.



In Green 6 we have been planning routes for a Bee-bot and identifying this as an algorithm.



Green 8 have been enjoying
our mindfulness
sessions in the afternoons

where
we
have

planted some seeds,
watered them daily
and made bird feeders
which we put by the
pond for the birds.



Blue 9 have enjoyed connecting with nature this week.

The School Council met again this week to discuss ideas for a new buddy bench area in the playground. Children from across school had taken their time to create some fantastic designs for the bench, and the councillors shared these with each other. We have decided that Benton Dene School has lots of budding designers and we are going to try and include ideas from lots of different children when we decorate the benches.

Watch this space!



Class News

Yellow 3: This week the children have taken part in 'Mental Health Awareness week' where we have planted "evil peas" linking to our story supertato. We have also made Supertato hero grass heads.

Yellow 4: In Maths we are learning to add 1 more to a number.

Green 7: have been retelling the story of 'Farmer Duck.'



Red 1: enjoyed a lovely trip to the allotment on Tuesday this week as part of Mental Health Awareness week. We chose a sunny afternoon to look for minibeasts.

Red 2: have enjoyed spending time outside as part of Mental Health Awareness week, especially blowing bubbles and watching them float away.

Red 3: are studying habitats and the life cycle of a butterfly. We have some caterpillars in class and are eagerly watching them grow and can not wait for the change to happen so we can release them.

Red 4: have enjoyed innovating our talk for writing information text 'Tree Giants'. In computing we have been using a range of programs to edit images.

Blue 7: have been spending more time outdoors and using the outdoor gym as part of Mental Health Awareness week.

Blue 8: have enjoyed creating and describing their own monsters in English this week.

Blue 9: have enjoyed connecting with nature this week. We have weeded a plot in our allotment and planted the carrots, radishes and spring onions that we have grown from seeds.

Stars of the week

Yellow 3: Jake, **Yellow 4:** Noah, **Green 5:** Riley,
Green 6: George, **Green 7:** Maizy & Taylor, **Red 1:** Quinn,
Red 2: Anne, **Red 3:** Brandon, **Red 4:** Flynn, **Blue 5:** Lewis,
Blue 6: Philipa, **Blue 7:** Harry, **Blue 8:** Thomas, **Blue 9:** Harrison.

Achievements of the week

Yellow 3: Frankie, **Yellow 4:** Coen, **Green 5:** Jaiden Lee & Olivia, **Green 6:** India & William, **Green 7:** Nina, **Green 8:** Taylor & Maizy, **Red 1:** William, **Red 2:** Janis, **Red 3:** Josh, **Red 4:** Alex, **Blue 5:** Cameron, **Blue 6:** Izabella, **Blue 7:** Jessica, **Blue 8:** Jude, **Blue 9:** Taylor

100% Attendance this week.



Yellow 3, Yellow 4, Green 5, Red 2, Red 3, Blue 9.

P.E. at Benton Dene School

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

Can you complete a cosmic kids yoga on youtube?. - Can you tell your teachers what poses you have been doing?



Please ensure you ring the school office 0191 466 1818 if your child is going to be off school. Please leave your child's name, class and the reason that they will not be attending. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea please ensure they stay at home for 48 hours from the last episode. Thank you

Resources for our 'Forest School'

We are looking for some resources for our Forest School.

Do you have any old metal pans, tins, containers of any kind you no longer need?

Also looking for small baskets and wooden containers.

Thank You



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

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.

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