



Benton Dene School Newsletter 13th May 2022



Reminders/Notices

We are a nut free school. Could you please ensure that your children do not bring any products containing nuts into school. This includes Nutella.



The Holiday Activities and Food Programme

HAF programmes are usually based in a variety of venues, for example at Easter there were activities at Blue Flames, Lakeside Centre, Hazelwood Primary School, Benton Dene Primary School and Pathways 4 all.

Our deadline for summer applications is 27th May. We expect to start advertising the programme by mid-June.

If any parents would like to join the mailing list, they can email easeinto@northtyneside.gov.uk.

The Queens Jubilee Cake challenge

To celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, we thought it would be fun to have a Jubilee cake bake off.

You can make Cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, or anything else that is sweet and creative. Below are some ideas you can use. Pinterest has lots of ideas (<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/>), plus some links have recipes too.



We would like parents and children to use your imagination and be creative with your design, then bring your beautiful masterpiece into school for our street party on the 27th of May.

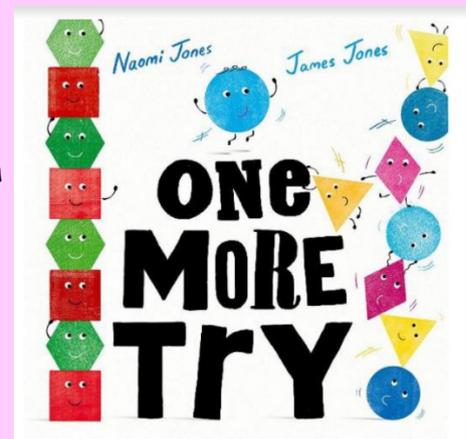
A winner will be chosen on the day and a prize will be given for the most creative.

Then we would like to share the treats with everyone at our street party. (No nuts please, due to allergies).

We look forward to seeing your creations.

Miss Mckenzie's Book Recommendations

One More Try is a beautifully simple exploration of the art of never giving up and the benefits of a fresh perspective. This book fits perfectly as part of this term's Inspire. Across school we are all working on resilience.



Superhero Fun Day Lunch - Thursday 19th May 2022

We would like to invite all children in school to an exciting Super Hero Fun-day Lunch on Thursday 19th May.

We have chosen some favourite dishes for the menu, a jumbo sausage in a bun served with fries, garden peas and freshly prepared homemade salads, followed by a Batman shaped shortbread biscuit and milk drink. Vegetarian and medical diets will be catered for.

As the day is a Super Hero theme we would love the children to wear their Super Hero dress up costumes on the day. (this is optional for each individual school).

The fun day lunch will be free to all pupils in reception, year 1 & 2 and will cost £2.25 for pupils in Year 3, 4, 5 & 6, unless entitled to free school meals (benefit based).

We hope that you can support your school on this day by sending your child in for a school meal and to have some Super Hero fun too. For more information visit My.northtyneside.gov.uk/node22793



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

What parents and carers need to know!!

At Benton Dene School we are committed to providing the best possible learning experience for all our pupils and believe that good attendance is crucial to pupils learning.

DAYS OFF SCHOOL ADD UP TO LOST LEARNING:

100% attendance	PERFECT
95% attendance	1 week 4 days of learning missed
90% attendance	3 weeks 4 days of learning missed
85% attendance	5 weeks 3 days of learning missed

80% attendance and below at least 7 weeks 3 days of learning missed

EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

Attendance

Attendance at school is vital for pupils to get the most out of their education. At Benton Dene we give attendance close attention.

Where attendance is a concern we have a staff team who are happy to work closely with parents and carers to give as much support/advice as we can.

Illness

We recognise that pupils may be ill at some point and therefore absence is unavoidable.

- Only keep your child off school if really necessary
- Contact the school if your child is off school
- Please try to avoid medical appointments in school time, if unavoidable bring your child back to school after the appointment



Well done to Liam for achieving his bronze award for reading! He has read so many books this year!



Red

3's Cat and Dog Shelter trip

P.E at Benton Dene School

Sleeping Lions

This game is great for a cool down activity. Everyone lies on the floor except one or two hunters. Everyone else is a 'sleeping lion', and once they've settled they're not allowed to move. The hunters walk around trying to make the sleeping lions move by making them laugh, telling jokes and so on, but they aren't allowed to touch them. Once a lion has moved, it gets up to join the hunters.





Blue 7's Lighthouse trip!

Blue 7 are collecting magazines for their enterprise work. If you have any spare magazines about clothes and fashion could you please send them in.



Blue 6's Badminton Festival trip

Class News

Yellow 3: We have some exciting new additions to the class. We have 5 caterpillars. We have enjoyed learning all about the caterpillar life cycle.

Yellow 4: Our theme has been around ladybirds. We have been counting spots for maths and labelling in English. We have enjoyed exploring different fine motor skills related to the lady bird.

Green 5: We are researching, designing and creating boats in DT this week. We looked at objects that float and sink, waterproof and not waterproof to help us decide what materials are best to use for our boats.

Green 6: We have been observing our sunflower seeds during the week and yesterday we noticed that a shoot had appeared.

Green 7: We have been learning about Grace Darling and exploring props associated with her.

Green 8: This week we have really enjoyed P.E practising multi skills dodging around cones and playing games in the gym.

Red 1: We have been looking at how to half and quarter shapes and quantities in our maths lessons. The class enjoyed using their skills to cut pizza and cake!

Red 2: We absolutely loved visiting the cat and dog shelter and feeding the donkeys.

Red 3: On Tuesday we went to visit the Dog and Cat Shelter to look at a range of animals in their habitats. We also got to observe them and learn more about their diets. Amy our guide allowed us to feed some animals and stroke others.

Red 4: We really enjoyed our trip to see The Angel of the North this week as part of our Local Landmarks topic in Geography. On the way back we stopped to look at The Sage, The Baltic and the bridges over the Tyne.

Blue 5: This week we have continued to explore Brazil in our Geography unit.

Blue 6: Last week we went to John Spence Community High School to take part in the Badminton Festival. The activities were great fun and we have all improved our badminton skills!

Blue 7: We visited St Mary's Lighthouse on Tuesday. The children prepared questions in English to ask the Lighthouse Keeper, they found out some great facts and even managed to watch the seals in the water whilst enjoying an ice cream that they paid for with their profit from selling Christmas gifts for Enterprise.

Blue 8: Have enjoyed following and sequencing instructions to make fruit kebab.

Blue 9: We have been comparing life as a child in Tudor and Victorian times to current day. We all decided it's better to be a child today!



Stars of the week



Yellow 3: Megan , **Yellow 4:**Alfie,

Green 5: Matilda, **Green 6:** Taylor, **Green 7:** Frankie W, **Green 8:** lilya,

Red 1: Kameran, **Red 2:** Ismaael, **Red 3:** Theo, **Red 4:** Sonny,

Blue 5: Cameron, **Blue 6:** Philipa, **Blue 7:** Max, **Blue 8:** Ethan **Blue 9:** Ehsan



Inspire Award of the week



Yellow 3: Maddox, **Yellow 4:** Aaron,

Green 5: Jaxon, **Green 6:** Leoh, **Green 7:** Frankie B, **Green 8:** Jake,

Red 1: Michael, **Red 2:** Riley, **Red 3:** Seth, **Red 4:** Jake,

Blue 5: Lewis, Dominic, Kian, Christian, **Blue 6:** Chris, **Blue 7:** Brandon,

Blue 8: Daniel, Olivia, Reilly, Ethan, Max, Kai, **Blue 9:** Luca, Tyler, Connor W