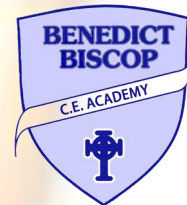


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Dates for your diary this term

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day, Children are invited to dress as their favourite character from a book (£1 Donation)

Week commencing 25th March - EYFS open week—
appointments available from 1st March 2019.

Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th March - Y1 to Y6 opening evenings.
Appointments available online from 1st March. 2019.

Week commencing 1st April – Easter celebrations and farewell events to mark Mrs Thompson's retirement.



School Office Closed



Please note that the school office will be closed on
Wednesday 3rd April from 14:00.

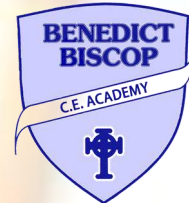
Parents Evening and Open Week Appointments

Parents evenings and EYFS open week will be held week commencing 25th March 2019. Appointments will be available to book online soon and you will receive a text message when the appointments are open. Appointments can only be booked through this system but if you are having issues please contact the school office for assistance. Appointments are on a first come first serve basis so please ensure the school office have your current mobile telephone number.

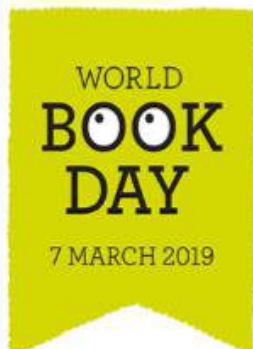


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World Book Day 2019 Thursday 7th March



Children can come into school dressed as their favourite character from a book on Thursday 7th March (£1 Donation), for costume ideas & money saving tips you can visit the world book day website <https://www.worldbookday.com/>. No football tops please.

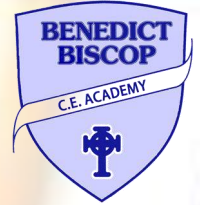


Spirited Arts Week

During Spirited Arts week the whole school had the chance to dig deep and ask BIG questions about the themes of the 'Mysteries of Life', 'Where is God?' and 'Questions, Questions.' Each class chose a different theme for their artwork. The children worked hard during this week to create their own piece of artwork and a written piece to accompany it explaining what they had drawn. Staff were impressed at the quality of work produced and the thought process behind the children's choices. We are currently judging the artwork and will be choosing 10 school winners from across the whole school to be sent to the National Spirited Arts competition. Watch this space for the names be announced!



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Year 1 Beamish



Year One went on their very first outing in Key Stage One this month! As part of their work on the Victorian Period, they visited Beamish Museum where they travelled back in time and became Victorian school children! They met a very strict Victorian Teacher and got to see what a Victorian classroom looked like. They enjoyed practicing their writing on old-fashioned slate and counting using wooden peg boards. The highlight of the visit however, was definitely the ride taken at the top of a Victorian tram!

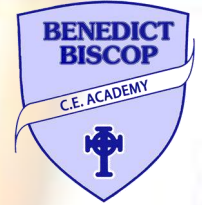


Year 6 Safety Works

Last half term Year 6 visited Safety Works to take part in their ongoing safety campaign. The children took part in a range of professionally led sessions and 'real life' scenarios which were designed to educate everyone on how to keep safe at home and when out and about. The sessions included: a talk about making the right choices from Northumbria Police, a BBQ and fire safety session from the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Service, a basic first aid session from St. John's Ambulance and a talk by Nexus around safety when using the Metro. All of Year 6 loved the activities and came up with fantastic questions to ask to deepen their understanding.



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Derwent Hill

The year 5 children have been to Derwent Hill this week and have had an amazing time enjoying lots of activities. Please see the blog on our website for more information and pictures of their adventure.



School Money - change passwords

You can now set your own passwords on the school money system.

Step 1: Login to your account with the old password provided by the system.

Step 2: If you are using a computer you will see 'Change Password' in the top right hand corner. If you are using a mobile device, when you navigate to the menu side bar it will be listed below History.

Step 3: A screen will pop up asking for you to type in your current password, then enter and confirm your new password. The password must include at least 8 characters, at least 1 capital letter and at least 1 number.

Step 4: Save Password.

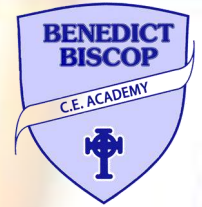
Nursery 2020 Admissions

We are now taking initial interest forms for Nursery 2020 admissions. This is for children born between 01.09.2016 - 31.08.2017.



If you have any children born between these dates or know of any family or friends who may wish to apply, please ask them to contact the school office to get an initial interest form.

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Running Champ!

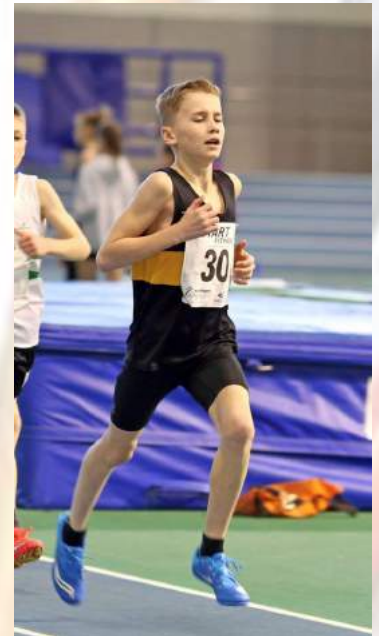
A huge congratulations to Joseph McGinley who recently competed for Durham County Association in the under 11 National Cross Country Championships in Essex. Joseph won the race and is now current under 11 National Cross Country Champion.

Previously, Joseph finished 5th in both the finals of the under 13 boys 800m and 200m at the Northern Athletics indoor Championships in Sheffield.

Whilst the 800m was a straight final, Joe had to progress through the heats and semi final in the 200m.

Completely undeterred for the final, it should be noted that Joe was considerably the youngest in the field competing against boys a school year older.

A fantastic performance in his first major Championships, Joe now ranks number 1 in the UK at his own age in the 200 metres and currently 14th at 800 metres in the UK as an U13 athlete where he is a year younger. We are so proud of him!

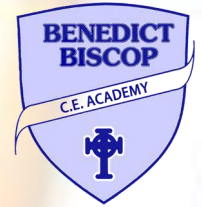


Online Safety Week

During Internet Safety Week, we explored different ways that we could stay safe when using the internet. Children across school created informative posters and leaflets to highlight the dangers that they may face when online. The children showed a fantastic understanding of what they can do if they see or do anything online that may make them feel uncomfortable. The children learnt lots of new and different skills that they can use to ensure they stay safe online. Children have been made aware of age ratings on games, movies and websites and have been challenged to stick to things that are appropriate to their age. The children have shown a brilliant and mature attitude to everything they learnt about over the course of the week.



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Writing achievement

Last month we received a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for School Standards) congratulating our school on our very high achievement in writing in the 2017 key stage 2 assessments.

The results showed that a 100% of our pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in writing at the end of key stage 2 meaning our school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England for achievement in writing.

We are extremely proud of our pupils and staff for this outstanding achievement and would like to thank everyone involved.



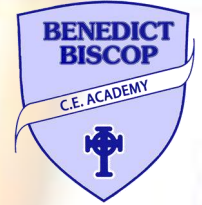
REMINDER: Can we please ask parents to regularly check pupils school bags for important letters. Also, to remind pupils to hand in letters from their school bags. Thank you.

Parking

Please can parents be considerate that they are not blocking residents' driveways or garages when parking outside of the school gates.



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	School Closed/Holidays
	Bank Holidays
	Inset Days - pupils not in school

The Inset days may be subject to change.