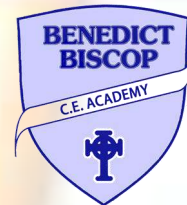


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Dates for your diary:

Friday 13th November 2020 — Children in Need—Children can come dressed down for a small donation



Week commencing Monday 16th November 2020 and Monday 23rd November — Book Fair

Monday 16th November—Anti-bullying week

Thursday 10th December 2020—Christmas Lunch in School

Week beginning 13th December 2020 — School Nativity

Thursday 17th December 2020—Christmas Celebration Day & Christmas Jumper Day



Remembrance Day



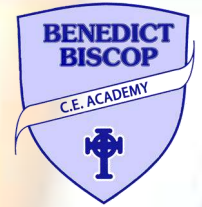
We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated and bought poppies in aid of remembrance day.

Money raised will be donated to The Royal British Legion.

We hugely missed the opportunity to have families in school joining us for worship, but are overwhelmed by the amount of people who are viewing and joining with us in a different way. We have uploaded our remembrance worship video on our Facebook page.



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OPERATION CHRISTMAS *is not Cancelled*

We are now on the countdown to Christmas and we are excited to announce that we will be continuing to have Christmas celebrations in school, within class bubbles.



We will be having Christmas dinner on the 10th December, which every child will be given the option to have. A form with further information will be sent out closer to the time.

As we are unable to have school discos, we will instead be having a Christmas celebration day with each class on the 17th December, which will be like Christmas Eve at home. The children will be in their family bubbles accompanied by some sweets and hot chocolate, board games and family films. We will also be playing music which the children can dance along to. We are asking children to come into school in their favourite Christmas Jumper on this day.

The whole school will be decorated with Christmas decorations for December the 1st (you never know, we may even decorate the school earlier!!!).



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EARLY YEARS—FOUNDATION STAGE

The children in Early Years have had a brilliant week learning all about bonfire night and fire safety. The children learnt the rules of the fire circle, how to set a fire safely and how to extinguish a fire properly.

When children were secure with these rules, they applied their knowledge to a real life experience - setting a fire! The children had a great time staying

safe around the fire and even enjoyed roasted marshmallows and a cup of hot chocolate.



Year 1

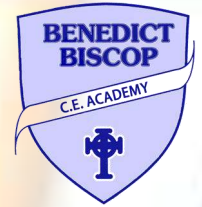
In Year 1, we have had lots of fun outside as we have been learning about Autumn and natural artist, Andy Goldsworthy! We went outside and made some natural sculptures, copying Andy's spiral shapes. We have also been researching



landmarks in the North East, getting ready to make a landmark out of clay soon! We had a practice using playdough. Some of us built the Angel of the North and others even designed a new landmark: a Lambton Worm statue!



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Free School Meals

If children are isolating, school can continue to provide school meal support for these children who are required to stay home, if they are registered for free school meals. This can be a valuable support for families if their child is required to stay home.

To be eligible you must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by the Inland Revenue that does not exceed £16,190 or Guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit

By registering, the school will receive extra funding to support your child's education should you be entitled.

Please apply if you think you are eligible. Applying online is easy, please follow the link below or contact the school office for more information:

https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en



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Anti-bullying Week

It is National anti-bullying week from Monday 16th until Friday 20th November. As part of our Personal Development curriculum, we will be looking at ways to prevent bullying and raising awareness across the school. Nationally, children and adults are invited to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November, as a sign of support for this year's theme 'United Against Bullying'. Your child may come to school wearing odd socks on this day to help show their support.



Building Work

Thank you everyone for your support and patience during the extension of our school car park, works are due to be completed soon.

We are hoping to start works to the main building site from Monday **23rd November**. We will require break times to be moved to the school field for some year groups during this week (whilst areas are sectioned off for safety), **so please ensure that your child has their opal kit, particularly their wellies in school this week.**

During the school day we will be limiting access to the main office and EYFS entrance area (excluding usual drop off/and pick up times), as site staff may need to access the EYFS outdoor area via the bottom gate – crossing the main pathway into school. If you need to collect children for an appointment, please ring the school office and they will advise you, ensuring everyone's safety.



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YEAR 2

What an exciting day Year Two had last week! Over lunchtime, some of the children found some BONES!

We worked it out that they were bones from the skeleton of a hedgehog.

They knew this as there was some of its spiky coat nearby. In class we looked closely at the bones using apple TV and tried to decide which part of the



hedgehog it was from. We used Google to explore hedgehog skeletons further. We realised that had found its skull and some of its jaw.

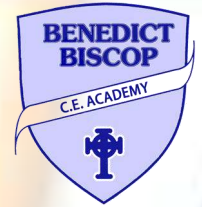


In class we watched a video about hedgehogs and were amazed to find out they ate slugs, worms and even enjoy dog food when it is left out for them.

Later in the day, we went back to where the bones were found to see if we could find any more. To our amazement, there were lots more to be found, including a rib cage. What an awesome find by the year two children.



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Car Parking

Please can we ask all parents, grandparents and carers to be considerate when parking outside of school and the surrounding streets. Please make sure that you are not blocking any residents driveways and that you do not double park at any time. It is important for emergency vehicles that Marcross Drive is accessible.

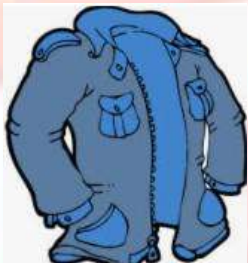
Once children have been dropped off at school it would be appreciated if you could leave immediately to facilitate our staggered drop off times and to assist the school with our social distancing measures.

Outdoor Coats

Could all children please come to school dressed appropriately for the weather— children have outdoor playtimes whatever the weather.

If one child does not have their coat, this means that the whole class bubble will be unable to go outside.

We like to encourage children to move about as much as possible as movement around school is so restricted currently.



Book Fair

Our Autumn term Book Fair arrives week commencing 16th November, and will be in school for 2 weeks. All children have the opportunity to visit the Book Fair to see if there are any books they would like to purchase. A slip will be sent home with your child confirming which books they have chosen, and a letter will be sent via email with further information on how to purchase the books.

Below is a link of some great videos shared by the Authors from chapters of their books.

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>

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PE Kit

Children should attend school in their outdoor PE kit on the days that they have PE (see below). The out door PE kit is either the school tracksuit bottoms & top or a dark navy/black plain tracksuit. Plimsolls should be brought in a drawstring bag in case PE is indoors.

Year 1:	Friday
Year 2:	Tuesday
Year 3:	Thursday
Year 4:	Wednesday
Year 5:	Monday
Year 6:	Tuesday & Thursday

Polite Request

Please can parents / family members entering the school office waiting area i.e. bringing / collecting children from after school club and breakfast club, wear a face mask. This is to ensure that everyone is kept safe and we are following Government guidance.

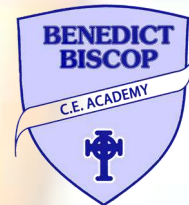
**Wash hands.
Cover face.
Make space.**

Wedding

We would like to extend our congratulations to Mr and Mrs Allison, on their recent marriage. We wish the both of you a lifetime of joy and happiness.



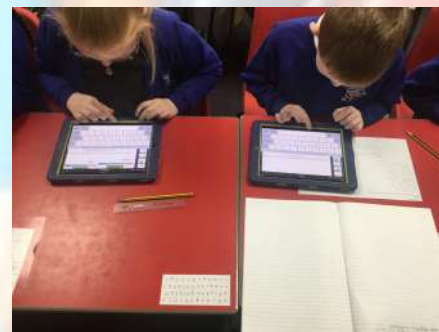
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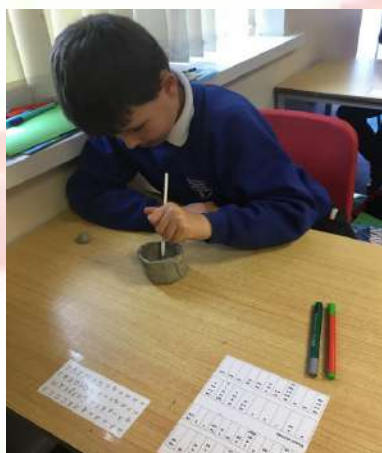


Year 3 have been using keynote and ScratchJr to enhance their skills on the iPads. They have used ScratchJr to program characters using coding. The children were then able to screenshot their work and upload images to a keynote presentation. The children then use keynote to describe the process they went through create a precise algorithm.



YEAR 4

The Year 4 children have been looking at ancient Greek pottery. We had to research Greek vases, as well as sketch our own designs and ideas before creating our master pieces!



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Harvest Worship

This year we have completed our first ever virtual Harvest Worship, which was a huge success. Our theme this year was 'Rainbow Worship', as we feel now more than ever it is important to make people smile.

The Harvest Worship video can be found on our Facebook page. We would like to say a big thank you to parents and community members for all of your fantastic comments and feedback.



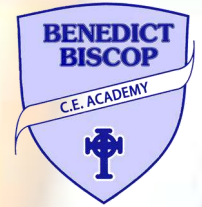
Foodbank

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the food bank. We were overwhelmed with the amount of items received, which will be a massive help to those in need at these difficult times.



Thank you to all parents, grandparents and carers for continuing to help us all to stay safe by lining up in an orderly way with your children before and after school.

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Remote Learning Success

We could not be happier with how our Year 3 class adapted to remote learning when their class bubble was sent home from school. Once the isolation period was over with, we sent parents a survey as to how they found the remote learning, and below are some of the responses we received:

"During the time my child became more accustomed to the structure of the day with remote learning. I feel the registration process was an absolute winner in getting her motivated for the day and switching into learning mode. Also the live and recorded learning activities were great and I found that she was more engaged. The daily timetable was definitely of benefit to plan the day."

"Great structure to the day."

"It provided an extended learning offer that was interactive & responsive & enjoyed by my son. The pastoral elements were a real highlight & he looked forward to partaking in it each day."

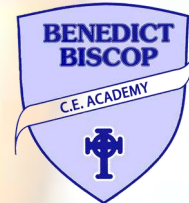
"It was nice that there teacher could be seen and kept in touch."

"Staying in contact with teaching staff, seeing friends, keeping up to date on school work and not missing out on more education."

Thank you all for your feedback and well done Year 3!



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YEAR 5

In Year 5 we have been looking at the Anglo-Saxons and how they lived! This includes where they settled, what their houses were like, as well as what they ate and drank: we agreed it wouldn't be great to be an Anglo-Saxon! We've also been looking at longship flags and have had a go at using acrylic paint, blending colours and creating texture.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been taking everything they know about World War Two and applying it in Geography. They have researched the countries that were involved, mapped that out on a global, continental and state-wide scale using the iPads and base maps. The class then wondered why those places were targeted, so they researched and searched for the links.

Did you know a lot of places in the UK were targeted because of their ports?



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Author Visit

There were 2 fantastic Author events that the children have taken part in school. Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a live event with Author A.F Harold, and Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a live event with Author Katherine Rundell. The children have completed lessons linked to both Authors and their new books. They produced some fantastic work writing poems, biographies and drawing pictures from descriptions, as well as creating character profiles to share what they had learned and read. It has been lovely to see children develop love for new Authors.



Raffle

Our PTFA will be carrying out a virtual Christmas Raffle this year, and are currently approaching different companies requesting donations. Unfortunately due to current COVID guidelines, we are unable to accept donations into the school however, if you are aware of any companies who are able to donate, please contact the School office.



Free Online Books

The National Literacy Trust is offering a free online book for children to read every week, this is a great opportunity to get your free online book please follow the link below:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/author-week-zoe-antoniades/>



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