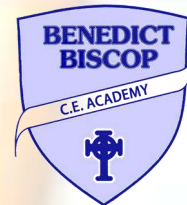


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June 2021

Dates for your diary:

Monday 21st June—Sports Day—KS1 9.15am start / KS2 1.15pm start.

Monday 28th June—End of year reports and Transition Day

Wednesday 30th June—Whole Class Photographs (full school uniform to be worn)

Wednesday 30th June & Thursday 1st July—Parents evening—online.

Friday 9th July—Picnic in the park (in school event)

Wednesday 14th July—Y6 Presentation afternoon

Friday 16th July—School closes for summer break.



Transition Day

On the 28th June, it will be Transition day in school. Children will spend the day in their new classroom with their new teacher. Secondary School Transition will also take place this week.

EYFS—Mrs Whelam-Tate, Miss Bradford & Miss Jones (soon to be Mrs Lee)

Year 1—Miss Brooks (soon to be Mrs Springett)

Year 2—Mrs Hunt & Mrs Bailey

Year 3—Mr Cain

Year 4—Miss Lockerbie

Year 5—Mrs Hansen & Mr Holt

Year 6—Mr Allison & Miss Worth

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DIGITAL LEADERS

We have some exciting news to bring you!

Mr Cain launched our digital leaders to Year 4 and 5. The children who were interested completed their application to become one of our digital leaders. After reading all the applications, Mr Cain and the house captains had an extremely difficult decision to make. All of the applications submitted were brilliant and every person who applied should be proud of themselves.



It is with great pleasure to announce that Mr Cain chose 13 children to become digital leaders.



Well done Isabelle, Danny, Ben, Rowan, Ellie, Keira and Lily from Year 4!

Well done Melody, Emily, Erin, Ethan, Jake and Sarah from Year 5!

The children showed a great passion for computing which was very impressive. Mr Cain is very excited to work alongside our digital leaders focusing on staying safe online, digital literacy and improving the computing curriculum.

Hot weather



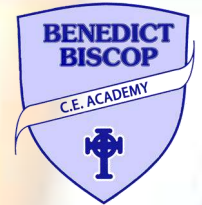
As the weather is really hot, please can parents apply sunscreen in the morning before the children attend school. As we are able to work outdoor more, we would also advise that children wear a sunhat.

Holidays Abroad

We are waiting for government guidance in relation to holidays abroad and having to isolate upon return. Unfortunately we are unable to authorise any absences due this.

It is important for our students to have as much learning as possible under the current climate.

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Year 1

Summer Term has been fantastic for Year 1. We have finally been able to go to Beach School again! We have splashed, we have explored, we have painted! We climbed on the rocks, hunted for seaglass, painted the landscape and we can't wait for our next visit! We have also been learning about plants, naming flowers and trees, and planting beans. In RE, we have been very interested when learning about Judaism. We have

investigated Jewish artefacts and learned stories about Hanukkah and Passover. We loved playing with the dreidel!



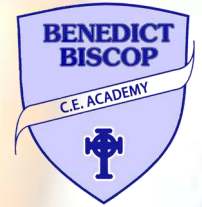
Year 3



Year 3 have been looking at Hinduism in RE. The children explored the concept of reincarnation and karma. The children created their own snakes and ladders game to understand how karma works. They wrote on their board game to show the good and bad choices people make. They wrote the good choices at the bottom of every ladder to show that good choices have good consequences. On the snake's head, they wrote bad choices and understood that bad choices have bad consequences. The children loved this interact way of learning and it was great to see how excited they were!



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Sports Day

We are pleased to announce that school have just received guidance regarding parents/visitors attending our pupil sports day [KS1 morning of June 21st and KS2 afternoon of June 21st]. We are currently seeking further clarification regarding exact arrangements for the day from our health and safety team and we will send more information out as soon as arrangements are confirmed.

It is likely that events will take place in class bubbles; that 1 adult per child will be able to attend and that social distancing be observed.

As with previous years, if we need to cancel due to weather, then we will look to arrange an alternative date.

As the children have begun practising, we would ask that if pupils have a coloured t-shirt in the colour of their house team, that it is brought into school on the day they have PE or worn instead of their PE uniform t-shirt on the days they have PE. Please can we kindly ask that pupils do not wear football shirts.

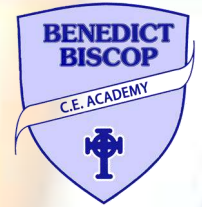
Parents Evening

Unfortunately with the new Covid variant and rising cases within Sunderland, we have been advised at present that the risks are too high to host a whole school open evening in doors. Usually in the Summer term families are invited to move around school and view their child's new class area, talk to staff and see their child's books within their current classroom. We would therefore like to offer parents an opportunity for a MS TEAMS appointment with their child's current class teacher instead. Booking systems will go live next week where parents can book appointments on either 30th June or the 1st July after school. Parents will be sent a text message to confirm that the booking system is live.

We are of course disappointed that we are unable to offer what we would usually have in place, however I know that parents will be understanding and supportive of our aim to keep everyone safe. And as always we are keeping our fingers crossed that things will improve locally and that restrictions will once again return to normal.



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Year 4

In year 4 we have been working extremely hard in Maths! We have been focusing on symmetry and looking at lines of symmetry as well as symmetrical shapes. The children have been working hard to create a symmetrical pattern of the initials of their names and different patterns!



Year 6 presentation

We can't quite believe it but our 2021 Year 6 pupils are in their final half term at Benedict Biscop. We couldn't be more proud of them and the resilience they have shown, particularly during the last year. They have been an amazing class and have achieved exceptionally highly...a true reflection of all their hard work and dedication.

We are pleased that this year we are able to host a year 6 leavers presentation for the Year 6 families and the class have recently started rehearsing – so be prepared for the script and song practicing at home! We do not know yet if we will be able to host a face-to-face event on site for families, but we are keeping our fingers crossed that restrictions will be lifted and school will be given new guidance regarding this. However, we do have a back-up plan! If we are unable to host families on site then we will host the event virtually via MS TEAMS for family members to join us. We know that this is not the same as face-to-face but again we will do all we can to make the event as safe as possible for everyone.

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Year 2



Year 2 have been exploring their transport theme through Design Technology. We have been planning, designing and making our very own



toy car. We have taken inspiration from all of the amazing pioneers we have been learning about such as Emilia Earhart, George Stephenson and the Wright Brothers and thinking about our own inventions. As well as designing our cars we had to measure and mark materials, use a variety of joining techniques and cut materials safely using a saw. We had to



create products using wheels and winding mechanisms too. The children had to support their partners and work as a team to ensure everyone had a car to test.



Year 5



Year 5 have been looking at forces and this week have been thinking about water resistance. They

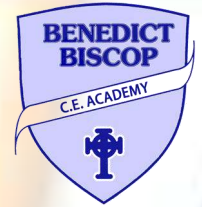


had a go at walking through the water whilst they were at swimming and agreed that water definitely gives more resistance than air! When they came back, they tested different shapes to see which one had the most and the least water resistance by timing drops.

They also used their maths skills to round decimals and calculate the mean. Well done Year 5!



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School Holiday Activities

The Holiday activity and Food Programme has been supporting families and children in the school holiday since 2018 and was significantly expanded in light of the pandemic last year.. Together for Children were successful in their application and received confirmation of funding to operate over the summer and Christmas 2021.

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme offer is to be delivered by a wide range of community based organisations including existing holiday care, schools, registered childcare, youth clubs, sports coaching, creative and performing arts provider and food providers.

- Each activity must be delivered for a minimum of 4 hours per day for at least 4 days a week and for 4 weeks in the summer holiday.
- The programme is offered to school aged children who are in receipt of benefit-based free school meals who live in Sunderland in reception to year 11.
- The activity and food will be delivered free of charge to eligible children and their families.

For further information please contact Lucy Atkinson at lucy.atkinson@togetherforchildren.org.uk
Jane Wheeler at jane.wheeler@togetherforchildren.org.uk



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OPAL CLUB



The children in OPAL club have embraced the ethos of playing and learning outside. They have been having fun and learning new skills by using tools including drills, hammers and spades.



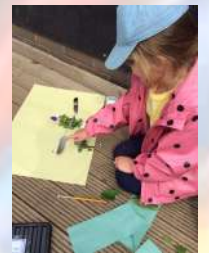
We have been planting sunflowers in old wellies and positioning them in sunny places around the school and have been watching them grow!

We made some bug hotels by collecting some natural materials from around the school ground and camouflaged them in quiet areas to keep the bugs safe.

Leaf monsters were a popular activity which made us use our imagination to create monsters and their families, again using all natural materials.



We have lots of activities planned to ensure we are creating areas for children across the school to access and enjoy.



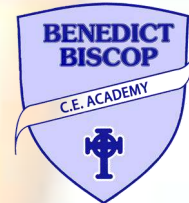
Rotary Sunderland Award



Staff at Benedict Biscop Academy have been recognised by Rotary Sunderland for their efforts to support communities throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and Mrs Clark was pleased to accept the award on behalf of the school.



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Year 6

As part of the Y6 theme we have been making sculptures. The children practised different techniques using the clay tools to create texture and



then applied them to recreating their own hands.



Free School Meals

School can continue to provide school meal support for children who are eligible and are registered for free school meals. This can be a valuable support for families and is also available during the half term school holiday. 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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Early Year Foundation stage

Beach school has recommenced for our Reception children. Their first session was about benefit risk assessment, setting rules and boundaries and learning how to keep safe in different situations. The children were very excited to be on the minibus and our first rule came into practice - seatbelts. We talked about why it was important to wear a seatbelt whilst on the bus and how to check that our belt was fastened correctly. When we arrived at the beach, we created a meeting point which we would use each time we visited the beach. This space was in front of the beach safety signs and was a perfect place to look at the beach rules. We looked at the signs and talked about what they meant.

Next, we were able to put another rule straight into practice by using the handrail and moving down what felt like 2783782138293 steps carefully. When we arrived on the beach, we talked about the things we could see, how excited we were to explore but also what we needed to do to keep safe when entering the beach rules from the signs.

Whilst at the beach the children explored the caves, discussing the patterns inside the caves and they realised there was nothing to be scared of inside the caves. They designed their own stone towers using a range of natural and found objects to create their masterpieces, all constructed with care and pride. The children's language was rich with vocabulary related to size, shape, colour and weight.

Back at school during the afternoon period, the children were very keen to share their morning with the other children. They talked about their journey, the beach adventure, caves and stone towers, and how they thought it would be beneficial for the children to have a map of beach school so they don't get lost.

Children created a 3D of their journey to beach School, identifying key buildings such as shops, schools, a church, a bridge and a railway line. They talked about traffic that they'd observed, traffic lights and tilting in the bus as we turned right and left.



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.

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