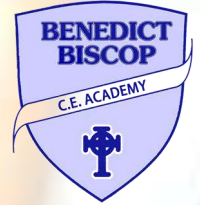


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## November 2021

### Dates for your diary:



**W/C 8th November**—Remembrance Week [poppies available]

**Friday 12th November**—School Individual Photographs

**W/C 15th November**—Anti-bullying Week

**Monday 15th November**—Odd Sock Day

**Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th November**—Parents Evenings

**Friday 19th November**—Bags2School

**Friday 19th November**—Children In Need— Non uniform day. £1 donation.

**W/C 29th November**—Book Fair—More information to follow closer to the time

### Nursery Spaces

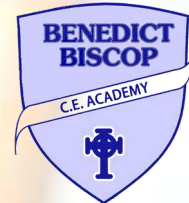
Please note that you can register interest for your child to attend our Nursery when they are 3, anytime from birth. Please contact the School Office who will provide you with a Nursery Initial Interest Form.



### BIKES AND SCOOTERS

It's great that children are exercising whilst travelling to school. To make sure that their bikes and scooters are safe, please bring a lock and make sure they are fastened safely to our racks. This also means children won't mix them with our OPAL equipment.

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## **BREAKING NEWS**

At the start of this academic year, the school was assessed as part of a Basic Skills quality mark. Two School Improvement Officers for English and Mathematics from Sunderland's Together For Children completed a half day assessment in school and after a rigorous assessment process, we are really pleased to announce that school were successful in the award and received some amazing feedback. Please see quotes below from our feedback:

**'The curriculum is bespoke and well-matched to the needs of the pupils.'**

**'Systems are strong and consistent and the quality of teaching and learning results in high standards.'**

**'There is an unwavering commitment of everyone in the school to ensure every child succeeds and makes progress in English and maths.'**

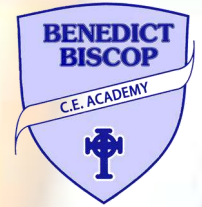
**'The school has been resourceful and inventive in tackling the challenges of continued education through the lockdown and has a detailed and carefully considered recovery plan.'**

**'Leaders know their school extremely well and they have developed a robust culture of learning and improvement for all.'**

**'Leaders are highly committed to developing the skills of staff in the teaching of English and maths in a relentless pursuit of excellence.'**

**'Leadership at all levels support the vision of "All Things are Possible" and this vision is clearly evident in every area of the school.'**

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## Clay sculpture

Year 4 have been using clay this half term as their art medium.

After investigating the techniques used by the ancient Greeks, earlier in the term they have been using clay to recreate vases.

They used a variety of tools to create and add different texture and detail.



## Bikeability

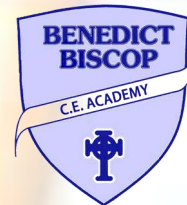
The children in Year 5 and Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their Bikeability course.

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. The children have not only learned to cycle but they have developed their confidence and independence. Their listening and responding skills have been excellent this week and the instructors have commented on their exemplary manners and behaviour.

Well done Year 5 and Year 6!



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Bag2School



## Bag2School

The PTFA are fundraising with the Bag2School Programme. As well as raising vitally needed funds for the annual pantomime experience, donating to the programme helps divert unwanted textiles away from landfill sites, encouraging recycling and reuse.

If you would like to participate and donate, there will be a Bag2School collection on .....

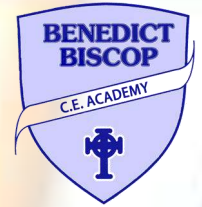
We CAN ACCEPT the following “good quality” items for RE-USE:

- Men's, Ladies and children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillowcases and duvet covers)

Unfortunately we CAN'T ACCEPT:

- Duvets and blankets
- Pillows and cushions
- Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)
- Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing
- School uniforms with or without logo
- Corporate clothing and work wear
- Textile off cuts, yarns, or threaded material.

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## Poetry In Motion

National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration that encourages all to enjoy, discover and share poetry. This year, we celebrated National Poetry Day on 7th October, and the theme was Choice. Classes across school looked at a range of different poets; from Wilfred Owen- a leading poet from the First World War to modern day poets and performers like A.F. Harrold. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring their chosen poet, analysing, interpreting, performing reciting their work. The children produced a range of work in response to the poems they studied- we think you'll agree our display looks fantastic and celebrates their hard work and efforts as well as our love for poetry.



## Help us to keep everyone safe!

Please can we ask all parents, grandparents and carers to be considerate to our neighbours 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 roads are accessible.

We would also ask that once children have been dropped off at school, that families move parked cars as soon as possible to help avoid traffic congestion in our neighbouring streets.

Remember that families are now able to drive into the school car park and use the drop of layby. We do ask however that children are of an appropriate age to walk around unsupervised to their entrance door and that families respect the 5mph speed limit.

Can we also remind parents to check that roads are clear before crossing, as cars are now driving in and out of the car park.

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## Year 5

Year 5 have really enjoyed their art topics so far this term. The children used their iPads to research the colours used on flags and what they represent. They also researched what animals were commonly used on flags and how they can be used to convey a message. They then used this research along with their knowledge of Anglo-Saxon times to design their own flags. Children paid great attention to detail when sketching their designs. They then explored the properties of acrylic paint and used this to add colour to their completed flag.



## Is your child eligible for funding?

Are you eligible for free school meals [different to the meals provided throughout Reception and Key Stage 1]?

Did you know that if you are, the school attracts pupil premium funding which is used to support them to access additional music tuition sessions and to provide access to some after school clubs and residential visits free of charge.

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

Please register using the link below to find out if your child is entitled to receive extra funding in school to support their education. Applying online is easy, but feel free to contact the school office for more information:

[https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/en](https://emsonline.sunderland.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

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## PTFA ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you work for one of these companies? Know of anyone who does? Does your employer offer a match funding scheme? Please get in touch with us! The PTFA are hoping to kick start their fund raising efforts once again. Match funding is a way of doubling the amount raised.



## FOOD BANK SUPPORT

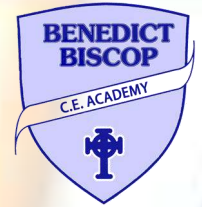
Thank you again for all of your support for our local food bank collection. We made a delivery to Sunderland Food Bank at Bethany's Church after sorting through the food donations we had received into school during harvest celebration time.



The Rights Knight are keen to continue to support food banks across the city and we will be launching another drive soon.



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## ANDY GOLDSWORTHY

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed working with clay in class.

Taking inspiration from Andy

Goldsworthy, they have used their hands and various tools to create texture and lines in the clay to replicate leaves and their patterns.

Well done Year 1!



## Painting specialists

Year 2 have been using paints to explore primary and secondary colours.



They children enjoyed mixing and combining colours to create new colours and different tints and tones. After lots of investigation they found out that a tint is when a colour gets lighter by adding white and a tone is when a colour gets darker by adding black. The children worked extremely hard and were focused, ensuring their work was neat and that they were adding the right amount of water and colour.



## Stone Age Cave Art

Year 3 have been using different painting techniques to create their own version of pre historic cave art. The children have used both thick and thin brushes for different purposes. First, the children used thick brushes to water colour the back ground using big long strokes. Then, we used thin brushes and paint to add detail and create people, animals and symbols.

We used the cave art found at the Walls of Lascaux as our inspirations. Mr Cain has been extremely impressed with the artistic flair of the year 3 class.



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## POPPY APPEAL

The Royal British Legion have delivered various items for children to purchase in school. Any donations welcome for paper poppies! Suggested donations for 'novelty' items are shown in picture although any amount would be welcome.



## WE "WHEELY" NEED YOUR HELP!



The children have enjoyed accessing our 'wheel' area where they have had the opportunity to try out lots of different wheeled resources.

We would love to extend this area and introduce our Wheel Project.

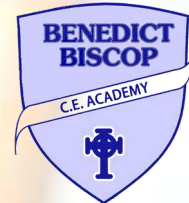
In order to do this we would be grateful for any donations of wheeled items including old bikes, scooters, trolleys, suitcases, skateboards, wheelbarrows and old wheels or tyres.



JUST IN TIME FOR A  
CHRISTMAS CLEAR  
OUT!



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## Anti-bullying Week

Anti-bullying week begins the 15th November. This year the theme is "One Kind Word" and to launch this, we will be taking part Odd Sock day.



Children are invited to come to school in Odd Socks/ different tights to help us celebrate what makes us unique, on Monday 15th November.

No donation is required.

## Children In Need

As always, Benedict Biscop CE Academy will be showing its support for this fantastic charity, which supports disadvantaged children across the UK.

We will be holding another 'spotacular' non-uniform day this year. Pupils are invited to make a £1 donation to participate in our fundraising day.

Children can wear non-uniform and outfits should have an element of spots or dots, just as Pudsey's eyepatch does! And, of course, Pudsey ears are welcome.



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## EYFS

Children have celebrated themselves and their families in a range of exciting and creative ways.

Children have expressed themselves and their families through artwork and have created a range of media such as portraits, line drawings. Whilst composing their artwork, the children have learned the technique of tracing and smudging when using charcoal, colour mixing using water colours and how to concentrate on details when creating self-portraits.



## War Time Treats!

Year 6 have been looking at recipes from World War 2 in Design Technology as part of their theme work this half term. They have investigated rationing and its impact on life on the home front during the war.

The children have enjoyed looking at the creative ways families re created their most loved and longed for recipes during the war years when ingredients were hard to get hold of because of rationing and trade lines being blocked.

They decided to recreate some of them and put them to the test. They ordered, weighed, measured and sorted ingredients, combing them as the historic recipes dictated and producing some fantastically sweet treats.

Carrot Cookies  
Brown Betty  
Bread Pudding  
Apple Pudding  
Rock Buns



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## Term Dates 2021-2022

Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy 2021 - 2022



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

The Inset days may be subject to change.