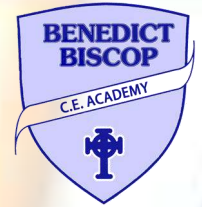


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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 22nd June—Dogs Trust visit -WHOLE SCHOOL

Tuesday 28th - 30th June—Year 6 Transition visits (specific date/details will have been sent to you from your child's secondary School).

Friday 24th June—Year 6 Marine Activity Centre Trip - more information to follow

Tuesday 28th June—End of year reports published (information to follow)

Monday 4th July—SPORTS DAY - Key Stage 1 – morning Key Stage 2 – afternoon Children in Year 1 – 6 will take part in sports day. Children will be required to wear their P.E kit and will need a t-shirt in the colour of their house team. (YELLOW = Aiden, BLUE = Bede, GREEN = Caedmon, RED = Cuthbert) your child's teacher will let you know which house they are in if you are unsure.

Wednesday 6th July—OPEN EVENING – 3.45pm – 6.00pm. All welcome – no appointments required.

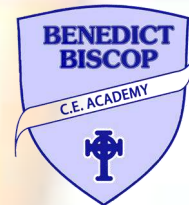
Monday 11th July—Transition Day - whole school will spend the day in their new classroom with their new class teacher ready for September 2023.

Friday 15th July—BB FEST! We are delighted to announce the return of BB Fest... all are welcome to join us on the school field as Benedict Biscop does Glastonbury (hopefully without the rain and mud!) more information to follow.

Wednesday 20th July—Year 6 Presentation Afternoon – doors open at 1.30 pm to commence 2pm – family guests invited. No tickets required. Join us to see Year 6's end of year performance of "We're All Going On A Summer Holiday". This will be followed by presentation of awards & prizes then tea & biscuits. The afternoon usually concludes around 3:45pm. Siblings in other year groups will be taken to After School Club provision until they are able to join us.

P.T.O FOR FURTHER DATES...

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CONTINUED...

Thursday 21st July—PTFA Summer Term Disco – more information to follow

Thursday 21st July—Year 6 end of term trip – more information to follow

NOTE: this is not an exhaustive list – please keep up to date with Newsletters and emails from school which may detail other events and additional information.

CLASS WORSHIP DATES

We are really excited to be able to invite families to attend class worship. Family members of each child in the class will be invited to attend a special Friday Worship led by their child's class.

Refreshments will be available in our learning centre following worship.

Friday 17th June 2022 – Year 4

Friday 24th June 2022 – Year 5

Friday 1st July 2022 – Year 1

Friday 22nd July 2022 – Year 6



Please be aware that the doors to Worship close promptly at 9am.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused, however this is to allow minimal distraction for the children—thank you for your understanding.

Packed Lunches

Please can parents ensure packed lunches brought from home and consumed in school and on educational visits are filled with healthy and nutritious food that is similar to the food served in school. You can find our 'Packed Lunch Policy' on our School Website under:

- ⇒ Key info
- ⇒ Policies

Holiday Arrangements

Can we remind all parents that we do not authorise holidays in term time. Should you wish to take your children out of school in term time, please ensure you email or write to the school to notify us.



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AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

We are delighted we are able to offer an affordable childcare solution for parents/carers of children attending Benedict Biscop C.E Academy with our Afterschool Club, catering for children from Nursery to Year 6.



Afterschool Club is located in the Learning Centre from Monday to Friday during term time, running straight from children finishing school until 6 o'clock. Children can be collected anytime from them entering Afterschool Club (3:15pm/3:30pm), up until 6pm.

Afterschool Club operates within the values and guidelines of the school and its emphasis is on providing good quality play care for your child after a busy day at school, creating a relaxed, calm and homely environment.



The club offers a variety of activities, allowing for children to play, learn and develop.



There is a range of equipment and toys that meet their varying needs, giving children opportunities to read, draw, make and play—we also carry out cooking activities with children. On sunny days children will also be given the opportunity to explore the outdoors. In this environment we encourage the children to participate in team building activities and sports, building team work skills and self-confidence.

We also provide children with tea and a light healthy snack, changing this regularly depending on the Children's dietary requirements and enjoyment in certain foods.



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THE ROYAL FAMILY

As part of our History curriculum, Year 4 have been learning all about the Royal family and the 1980s. The children



have really enjoyed learning about the big events, music, fashion and the exciting inventions from before their time and summarised their findings in a poster.

Well done Year 4!

GARDEN ROOM

This half term, in the Garden Room, the children have been experimenting with colours. They have used pipettes and



spoons to carefully choose their ingredients and watched what happened when they mixed them. This led to investigations using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. The children made their own colourful liquid mixture using the different colours of



vinegar. The children explored what happened if they added different amounts of powder and what happened if they stirred it.



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SECONDARY COLOURS

As part of our Art curriculum, Year 1 have created some fabulous pieces of art inspired by Dave Thompson! Before this, we worked on our colour mixing skills, creating secondary colours and different tones, trying to match the colour of the sky. Once we had created our final piece showing Sunderland's seaside, we evaluated it and thought about what we could do a little bit different next time. We then had another go at those sections, we really loved this part of our art!



Exploring Artefacts

To kick start their theme Year Two went to the North East Land, Sea and Air Museum. The children had a fantastic day exploring different artefacts from the past and present. They got to experience what it was like to sit in a cockpit, army trucks, trams and buses. The children stood under the Vulcan XL 319 which landed in Sunderland Airfield over 10 years ago! They also had the chance to wear some of the different outfits worn by pilots and make their own paper aeroplanes to race! It was a fantastic starting point for our new topic and I know the children brought a lot away from the experience.



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PLATINUM JUBILEE

On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth. To celebrate this, children carried out many activities and events in school taking a closer look at a specific decade from 1950's to the present day. Children explored significant events both Nationally and Globally, fashion and music trends and technological breakthroughs. We would like to say a big thank you to our PTFA for helping throughout the day, providing hot dogs & buns, ice lollies and purchasing a commemorative pin for every child.



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SUMMER TERM—CLASS THEMES

Year 1—The Seaside: Sunderland's History

Year 2—Transport: Planes, trains and automobiles

Year 3—What I Believe: The right to choose religion and beliefs [exploring religion around the world]

Year 4—What I believe: Everyone and everything has the right to be alive. Life in the rainforest.

Year 5—What I believe: No one is allowed to punish you in a cruel or harmful way.

Year 6—What I believe: I have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation.



POLITE REMINDER

We would like to remind parents that our car drop off zone is for **KS2 children** only, as children will walk to class without an adult. Please be aware of your speed in the car park—the car park is a **5mph zone**. We have received complaints of speed exceeding 5mph and would hate to have to remove this facility.

NURSERY SPACES

You can register interest for your child to attend our Nursery when they are 3, anytime from birth.

Is your child born between 01.09.2019—31.08.2020? If so, we would recommend registering your interest now as the admissions process will start in October 2022.



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SIDDHARTHA GAUTAMA

Year 3 have enjoyed the start of their new Theme which is “What I Believe: The right to choose religion and beliefs by exploring religion around the world”. In

History, we started by researching the origins of Buddhism by looking at the life of Siddhartha Gautama. The children used a range of historical

sources, such as artwork, pictures

and written texts, to explore the origins.

In Geography, we have begun to investigate different religious sites around the world. The children have used maps, atlases and the internet to find where the religious sites are located. The children have explored what can be found and done at each of the religious sites. We aim to make one of the displays within the classroom look like a travel agents window to promote the different religious sites around the world.



SUNCREAM

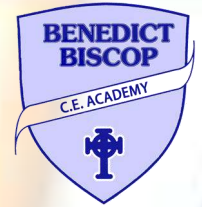
As the weather is now improving, please ensure you apply sun cream to your child/ren on a morning and we will also re-apply sun cream on an afternoon.

Please can children also bring a cap into school.



We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who purchased the knitted Easter bunnies from our PTFA—in total, we raised an amazing £201.50.

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

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.

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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ART OR CRIME?

Year 5 returned to school after the Easter holidays to find that there had been a crime committed. Someone had taken inspiration from Banksy and

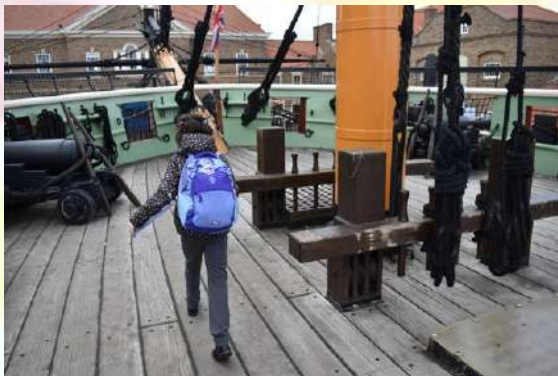


graffitied the classroom! The



class inspected the crime scene looking for clues and evidence, collecting notes before interviewing their suspects. The children were very enthused by the topic and became very passionate in their debate – is graffiti art or crime?

HMS TRINCOMALEE



As part of Year 6's History theme, they have been looking at Slavery, how it began and how Britain were involved in this. They visited the HMS Trincomalee in Hartlepool which was involved in the early part of its life to search for any illegal slavery and fleeing slaves.



The children, whilst there, got a feel for how small boats of the time were especially to sometimes carry hundreds of people.



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SPORTING EVENTS

Football

The Year 5 and Year 6 football team have had a fantastic Term! They have had back to back matches at Farringdon and managed to win all games, making us top of the league! Keep up the excellent work boys.

Gymnastics

Children from across Year 3 and Year 4 visited AAA sports centre to take part in a Gymnastics taster session. The event covered different areas such as vault, beam, trampolining and bar work. All of the children had a fantastic time and came away from the session having learned lots of new skills. For anyone that is interested in taking up Gymnastics outside of school time, please see Mr Holt for more information.

Karate Competition

Well done to all of the pupils who represented Benedict Biscop in the Kawaso Karate competition last month. Everyone performed brilliantly and we came away with a final medal tally of 3 Gold, 3 Silver and 5 Bronze. Daniel was also awarded the trophy for most outstanding fighting performance—Well done to everyone that took part!

Cricket Competition

Well done to the pupils from years 5 and 6 who represented Benedict Biscop in the Sunderland School Games Primary Cricket Tournament recently. Our team put together a string of amazing performances in the elimination rounds and semi-finals, managing to reach the final. Unfortunately, we were narrowly beaten in a close final with St Benet's. A massive well done to all of the children who took part and came an impressive 2nd out of 11 teams!



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