

# Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



## MAY 2023

Dates  
for your

DIARY

**W/C 8th May**—Year 6 SATs

**W/C 15th May**—Coronation & Environmental break-out week

**Tuesday 16th May**—Y6 Thurston Parents Meeting—15:45 start

**Friday 19th May**—Coronation Celebration—Refer to letter for further info

**Monday 22nd May**—Reception hearing test

**Monday 22nd May**—Class Photographs

**Tuesday 23rd May**—Y6 Dental checks

**Thursday 25th May**—Triathlon Event

**Friday 26th May**—INSET Day—School closes for May half-term

**Monday 5th June**—School reopens

### Worship Dates

Parents, Carers and the wider community are invited to attend Worship every week, however please see below for each class shared worship date for this term. There will be no Community Worship **FRIDAY 12TH MAY** or **FRIDAY 26TH MAY**.

Please note: doors will close at 9am prompt.

**Y3 Friday 5th May**

**Y4 Friday 9th June**

**Y1 Friday 16th June**

**Y2 Friday 23rd June**

**Y5 Friday 30th June**

### Environment Break-out Week

We are looking for donations of the following items to help us complete our activities throughout environmental break-out week:

⇒ Pipes/ guttering

⇒ Bamboo canes

⇒ Bricks or large stones

⇒ Tubes

⇒ Cable ties

Our Term dates can be found selecting the following [link](#)

Please note we have updated this to include the extra bank holiday for the King's Coronation



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## Early Islamic Civilization



In year 3 we have been learning about a new theme linked to article 14 of the United Nations Rights of Child "the right to choose religion and beliefs". We have been learning about the early Islamic civilization. We have started by exploring everyday life in the city of Baghdad in 900AD.

We have been using our historical enquiry skills to investigate historical sources to gain an understanding of the past. We have found out that life in the early Islamic civilization was incredibly advanced compared to the rest of the world at that time.



## The Twelfth Night



Year 4 have been exploring the Shakespeare play, the Twelfth night. We have been exploring the language of Shakespeare and the complexity of different plots. As a class we have broken down the



play into different sections and used drama techniques to re-enact our understanding of the play.

In Design & Technology, Year 4 have been exploring and building their own bridges. After identifying what makes a structure strong, they incorporated these features into their very own bridges to make them successful.

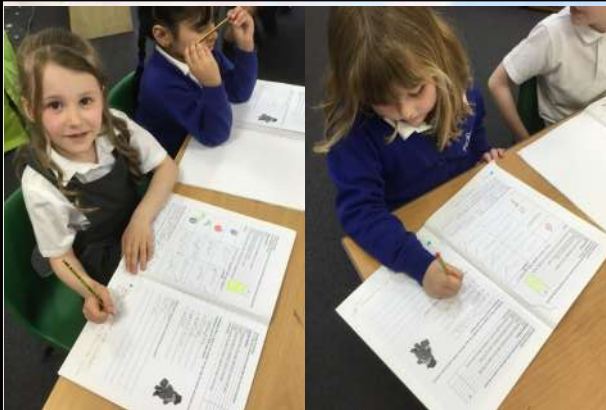




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### PICNIC BY THE SEASIDE!

Year 1 Class 2 have been focusing on our Design and Technology project 'picnics', exploring what foods would be appropriate for a picnic by the seaside. We were able to distinguish what foods



would be a good choice and why certain foods would not be so good—we even made a packed lunch for Paddington Bear to take with him to the beach, which included marmalade sandwiches and fruit kebabs. The children were also able to articulate that we shouldn't eat certain foods after not storing them correctly.

### SUNSCREEN



As the weather (hopefully) improves, please ensure sunscreen is applied to your child/ren on a morning. We ask that your child brings their own sunscreen bottle to school - it should be clearly labelled and will remain in school for the Summer Term. Children will be encouraged to re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.

### ONLINE SAFETY

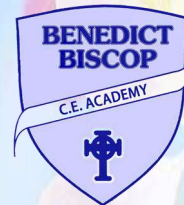
Following the latest Bulletin of 'Safeguarding in Education' provided by Together for Children, The Internet Watch Foundation have produced a very helpful guide for parents that tells them all they need to know about the risk of online sexual abuse and the scale of the issue affecting children today. We ask that parents view and download the following guide and talk to children regarding online safety:

[IWF. TALK Checklist by Internet Watch Foundation](#)





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## Useful Forms

Please find below some useful links to forms which you can complete to notify the school office of any changes etc.

- **Change of Details** – Please click on this link to notify the school office of any changes e.g. Address, telephone number, change of circumstances etc.
- **Change of Lunch Preference Form** – Please use this form to advise us if your child would like to change to school dinners or to packed lunches (please read our school policy on packed lunches)
- **Photographic Permission Form** – Please complete this form if you would like to update the permissions that we hold.
- **Gate Preference (for collection of pupils)** – Please use this form to notify us if you would like to change where you collect your child from after school.
- **Breakfast Club & After School Club Contract** – You will need to complete this form if you are wanting to use our Breakfast/After School Club facilities.
- **Initial Interest in Nursery** – If you would like your child to be included in our Nursery Admission process please complete this form so that we can send you an application form nearer the time.
- **Exceptional Circumstances Leave of Absence from School Application form** – Please use this form to advise Benedict Biscop CE Academy of an exceptional leave of absence request for a pupil.
- **Appointment Notification Form** – Please use this form to advise Benedict Biscop CE Academy of any appointments that your child may have which requires them to be out of school. (Please note that wherever possible appointments should be made out of school hours).

Reminder that we have the above forms available in digital format via our school website, rather than paper format. These can be located under the 'Parents' tab, selecting 'useful forms'.



We are looking to set up an OPAL ranger community team made up of staff members, parents, family members and people from our local community who would be willing to give up a little of their time to help us create, plan and build some of the projects that have been suggested by the children.

If you're confident using a saw, drill, screwdriver or paintbrush and think you could

help, please inform Mrs Brown or email the School Office—  
bbinfo@nllt.co.uk

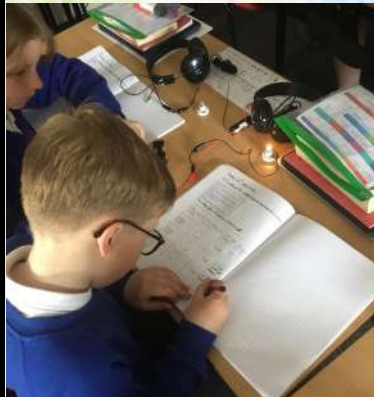




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## Electricity & Circuits



Year 6 have been reflecting on their learning in Year 4 when investigating electricity and circuits. They recalled the circuit symbols and how to construct a simple circuit. Using this knowledge, the class were tasked with investigating how a change to one component may change the others. Many groups changed the voltage in the circuit and saw a change in the brightness of the bulbs.



## Investigating Fossils



The children in EYFS wanted to find out more about fossils. Through the use of



the projector as a provocation and watching fossils being made, this led to the children wanting to become palaeontologists themselves!

We observed different footage of fossils being excavated and being displayed in museums, this sparked children to speak about when they have observed fossils from dinosaurs and other animals in their local museum.

Children were able to put their previous knowledge into practice to brush and clean the fossils carefully to observe them closer; this led to them drawing and creating their own on paper using chalk and charcoal as a medium.





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## Rainbow Award

Our 1st March— 21st April Rainbow Award winners are...

### Nursery

Evan L	Alby T	Freddie G-R
Oscar Mc	Rayne Y	Isabella Mc
Liam S	Evalyn C	Harry H
Harry H	Jack H	Poppy R
Poppy R	Leo C	Freddie S

### Reception

Frances J	Mezube E	Emilia O
Nina R	Freddie P	Aubrie F-W
Layla B	Sophie M	Kitt C
Mikey M	Daisy P	Rose D
Charlotte M	Thea W	Hannah C

### Year 1—Class 1

Lily W	Mollie B	Leo Mc
Zakk T	Hollie R	Lucas C
Eliza K	Phoebe H	
Rosie R	Margot T	

### Year 1—Class 2

Phoebe W	Fraser W	Jay H
Daisy M	Skye M	Zephaniah D
Sophie J	Olive H	
Oliver P	Thomas S	

### Year 2

Ella-Rose W	Alessandra H	Oscar F
Christopher D	Avery W	Avery W
Erin M	Olivia Mc	
Eleanor T	Hannah B	

### Year 3

Lucas H	Acacia T	Seth Mc
Ella J-M	Seb L	Phoebe J
Aaron K	Ife O	
James H	Minnie K	

### Year 4

Robyn S	Max W	Oscar H
Jacob H	Scarlett C	Lilianna D
Faris T	Annelise T	
Geoffrey S	George J	

### Year 5

Oliver B	Cooper D	Sasha W
Isla W	Matthew R	Isla B
Alexa G	Francine G	
Charlotte D	Paul B	

### Year 6

Maisie C	Cheiron B	Layla C	Halle Mc	Xenia T
Jayden P	Olivia H	Flynn T	Leah F	Henry B



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A huge congratulations to Mrs Kaur on the birth of her lovely baby boy — we can't wait to hear more on how they're getting on!  
We wish them all the best from Benedict Biscop Academy.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF!

We would like to say a huge welcome to Miss Simpson our new Assistant Headteacher, Miss McGrath our new Class Teacher and Miss Salkeld our new Teaching Assistant, who will be working within Breakfast Club too.  
We are also thrilled to welcome Mrs Lee back following her maternity leave.



## IT STARTS WITH A SEED!

Year 1 Class 1 have sprung into their new Science topic Plants. They have explored plant structures through closely observing a range of live plants and have even planted their own sunflower seed. The children have shown great care when looking after their seeds, watering them each day and monitoring their growth.



We also hope to plant some herbs and wild flowers in our garden over the coming weeks!



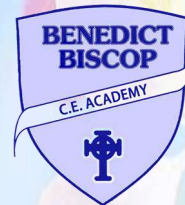
We would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who purchased Easter raffle tickets from our PTFA, to help them fundraise for the school—in total, we raised an AMAZING £439.57! All prizes have been claimed—the winning numbers were:



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| ⇒ 2837—1st prize | ⇒ 2817—4th prize | ⇒ 2305—7th prize |
| ⇒ 2261—2nd prize | ⇒ 0209—5th prize | ⇒ 1076—8th prize |
| ⇒ 3511—3rd prize | ⇒ 3847—6th prize |                  |



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## SCHOOLZ OUT CLUBS

Reminder of the Schoolz Out Clubs we have to offer throughout Summer Term:

Club	Year Group	Day	Gate Collection
KS1 Digital Leaders (INC. Y6)	Year 1 & 2	Monday	Back Gate
Digital Leaders	Year 4 & 5	Monday	Back Gate
Karate	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Monday	Back Gate
Reading & Animation	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Monday	Back Gate
Cookery Club	Year 1 & 2	Tuesday	Front Gate
Karate	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Tuesday	Front Gate
Netball Club	Year 4 & 5	Tuesday	Front Gate
Choir Club	All Year Groups	Wednesday	N/A during School Hours
Football Club	Year 5 & 6	Wednesday	School Office
Outdoor Explorers	Year 1 & 2	Thursday	Front Gate
Performing Arts	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Thursday	Front Gate
BB Historians	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Friday	Back Gate
Football Club	Year 3 & 4	Friday	Back Gate

Please contact the School Office if your child is interest in taking part in any of the above Schoolz Out Clubs.

Packed lunches should not include hot food, flasks, pasties or crisps—reminder that we are a nut free school, so packed lunches should also not include nuts.

Our full Packed Lunch Policy can be found selecting the following [link](#)

We regularly review our packed lunch policy and if you would like to provide any feedback, please email [bbinfo@nilt.co.uk](mailto:bbinfo@nilt.co.uk)

If your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches, notice must be given half a term in advance for us to inform our kitchen staff.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM



Thank you so much for all of your kind donations towards our pre-loved uniform stall.

We will have to pause donations for the time being, as we have limited storage.

Once again if anyone would like any uniform, please visit the school office, where all pre-loved uniform is located, to help yourself to.



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## Is Graffiti Art or Crime?

In Art this term Year 5 are taking inspiration from street artist Banksy to create their own digital art.

They were really interested to learn that Banksy is an anonymous artist and that he uses his art to share a message.



## Safe Places to Live

Year 2 have been learning all about safe places to live and we realised that this wasn't just for humans.

We were challenged to find safer places to live for minibeasts and bees in our local environment. We conducted our own research into the issues that the bee population are facing and came up with a plan of how we could help!



We have created our own bee hotels - look out for these in our school grounds soon.



## SchoolMoney App

We have been notified from parents that they are experiencing a few issues with the ApplePay function not working correctly via the SchoolMoney App.

SchoolMoney have advised if parents delete and re-install the App, the ApplePay function should now be available to use.