

Benedict Biscop C.E. Academy Newsletter



JUNE 2023



Friday 16th June—Reception Eye Tests

Wednesday 21st June—Year 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

Friday 23rd June—Year 4 RSC Performance

Tuesday 27th June—KS1 & KS2 Sports Day

Thursday 29th June —Reports published

Wednesday 5th July—Parents Open Evening & School Gallery

Thursday 6th July—Red Sky Day—info to follow

Friday 7th July—BB Fest

W/C 10th July—KS2 SATS results published

Friday 14th July—Sunday 16th July—Year 6 Thurston

Tuesday 18th July—Year 6 Leavers Presentation

Wednesday 19th July—Summer Eucharist

Wednesday 19th July—Performing Arts Matilda Performance—Info to follow

Thursday 20th July—BB Talent Show (inhouse event)

Thursday 20th July—School Closes for Summer holidays

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. Please note: doors will close at 9am prompt.

Y4 **Friday 9th June**
Y1 **Friday 16th June**

Y2 **Friday 23rd June**
Y5 **Friday 30th June**

**Our Term dates can be found selecting the following [link](#)
This includes 2023/ 2024 Term dates.**

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*Donations
are greatly
Appreciated!*

Early Years are looking for donations of old puddle suits/ waterproof suits for children to wear whilst outside of the provision.

We would be really grateful if any donations could be brought to the School Office!



As part of our RE curriculum, Year 3 have been exploring Hinduism. We have looked at different Hindu Gods and Goddesses and what Hindus believe about them.

We are also exploring the story of Rama and Sita which links to the Diwali (The Festival of Light). The children

have explored the characters within the story and created wonderful story maps to support their writing.

The children will use their story maps to write their version of Rama and Sita to show their own understanding of the meaning



As part of our outdoor classroom & environment week, each class has spent a whole morning outside dedicating time to improving the environment, enhancing our OPAL provision and taking part in invaluable learning experiences.



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Spirited Arts Week 2023

During May across school we celebrated Spirited Arts week – our theme this year was Green faith: Green future.

In each class we thought about God's good earth. We discussed how many religions thank God for animals, from Aardvarks to Zebras, to cats, elephants and rabbits; but as the climate crisis deepens we thought about how we are spoiling God's good earth? Can we save it – and ourselves - in time from the threats of climate change?

Each class took inspiration from The Terra Carta, made in celebration of King Charles Coronation and were invited to explore ideas and beliefs about the natural world, animals and the environment, human responsibility for the earth and ways of praying about climate justice.

Every child in school has produced their own original art work that they feel represents the theme, which will be entered into the International Spirited Art's competition.

All of the children's beautiful pieces are to be professionally framed and available to view at our own School Gallery viewing, at our summer Parents Open Evening. Parents and carers will be able to purchase their child's framed piece on the night for £10. The profit raised from this will go back into providing resources for further art and spiritual development across school.



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As part of our Environmental week at school, Year 6 went out into the community to complete a litter pick.

We walked around the local area armed with our litter pickers and filled an astonishing 25 black bags with litter!

Year 6 have then created posters campaigning for a more sustainable community to hopefully be displayed around Moorside.



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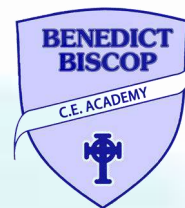
As the weather (hopefully) improves, please ensure suncream is applied to your child/ren on a morning. Every child should now have their own suncream bottle in school. If you have not brought one in, please provide as soon as possible—bottles should be clearly labelled with the child/ren's name and will remain in school for the Summer Term. Please can children also bring caps to school.



As part of Spirited Arts week, Year 4 have been exploring 'Green faith, green future?'.

They have used the Terra Carta as inspiration focusing on the way that life depends on all living things. They have used acrylic paints to create a background and then overlaid with a sketch in black ink of a vital piece of nature.

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Rainbow Award

Our May Rainbow Award winners are:

Nursery

Edie D	Hettie C	Archie A
Max R	Effie W	Sonnie H
Finn S	Gabriel C-H	Ada H
Myles R	Rosalyn S	Remi E

Reception

Georgia D	Oliver R	Theo B
Teddy L	Isla A	Kenzie M
Saul G	Mezube E	Connor C
Georgia D	Norma-Rose	Theo W

Year 1—Class 1

Lily P	Aaron S	Archie D
Joe B	Hollie R	Arik J
Rosie S	Grace H	

Year 1—Class 2

Anya S	Olive H	Skye M
Phoebe W	James T	Thomas S
Amelie P	Jenson W	

Year 2

Oliver A	Joshua C	Hendrix S
Robyn H	Matthew C	Matthew D

Year 3

Amelie C	Daniel C	Aidan W
Hannah B	Phoebe J	Samuel M
Nathan P	Ava P	

Year 4

Jacob H	Amy R	ALL OF
Ella T	George J	YEAR 4

Year 5

Sophia B	George H	Josh S
Ava M	Flynn C	Eve C
Isaac M	Ava K	

Year 6

Honor D	Katie M	Oliver H	Ethan F
Leah J	Ellie S	Sebastian B	Nathaniel Z

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In Year 2 we have been learning about a poem of a rocket that blasts into space!

We began by reading the poem, listening carefully and drawing, colouring and labelling a picture that represented our imagination!



We spent the rest of the week reading, learning and reciting parts of the poem in small groups. To help us remember parts, we drew pictures of each stage in the poem, reciting it to the rest of the class which we thought was so much fun!



The children in Early Years have had so much fun celebrating International Mud Day in honour of our new King.

As we know King Charles is an environmentalist and loves the natural world, so how better to celebrate than everything MUD!

We started our day with planning our own learning by coming up with great ideas of mud activities. We decided

on mud ball throwing, a mud slide, mud kitchen recipes, painting with mud face painting and mud shakes! The children especially enjoyed painting their skin with mud and making footprints and handprints on large paper.

We have all had such an amazing day celebrating our wonderful outdoors, especially with our grown-ups — we hope our families had as much fun as us!



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We are delighted to share communication we have received from the DfE regarding our achievements in the Year 4 multiplication checks and YR1 phonics screen, last academic year.

As always, we are so proud of our pupils and the staff for all their hard work!



Department
for Education

Dear Mrs Armstrong,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's achievements in the 2022 multiplication tables check.

Your average pupil score of 24.7 out of 25 makes Benedict Biscop Church of England Academy one of the top 200 performing schools in England for the multiplication tables check. The excellent achievement of your pupils is something the Government hopes to see replicated in schools across the country.

Knowing times tables is vital for school and day-to-day life. Recalling multiplication and division facts up to 12x12 is important for progression in maths. That is why we recently introduced these checks, as a helpful tool for teachers to identify those pupils who need extra support.

I would like both to congratulate your staff and pupils for their hard work and success and to thank you for your leadership in continuing to promote the important subject of mathematics.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Nick Gibb'.

The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP

Minister for Schools

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for Education

Dear Mrs Armstrong,

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2022 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve literacy. As such I was delighted to see your results which are particularly impressive given this was the first year of administering the Phonics Screening Check (PSC) following the pandemic.

With 100 per cent of pupils in Year 1 meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 1 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 85 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2022, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you and your staff again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

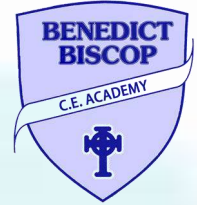
The Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister for Schools



We loved our visit from Bishop Paul who joined our Community Worship on Friday 19th May.

After Worship, we were lucky to have Bishop Paul formally open our Teepee for the children, alongside Mrs Cameron and Mrs Holmes, representing our PTFA.

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The year 1 children have been busy designing and making their own picnic.

We learnt all about different cutting techniques including a bridge hold, fork secure and claw grip, as well as maintaining good hygiene.



The children had so much fun learning different techniques and then even more fun eating their picnic!



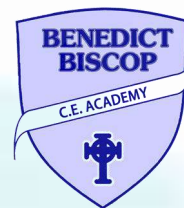
Year 5 are learning about forces in science this term and have extremely enjoyed investigating gravity and air resistance.

The children designed and created their own parachutes to see how surface area impacts the rate at which an object falls to the ground; they were very careful to control variables to ensure a fair test was carried out.

The class loved being able to work outside in the sun!



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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).

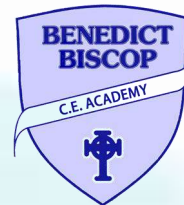
Reminder that we have the above forms available in digital format via our school website, rather than paper format. These can be located under the 'Parents' tab, selecting 'useful forms'.

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.

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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@nllt.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.