



# BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 6th October 2023



*Dear Parents and Carers,*

We had our first local governors meeting of the year on Thursday and it was great to meet the governing team. We have 6 governors this year and I thank them for giving up their time to drive school improvement.

Our school ambassadors also had their first meeting this week. They were planning how we can add to our OPAL environment and preparing an entry for Tesco's community project funding scheme.

We're pleased with the increasing numbers of children signing up to Multi Skills Club on a Friday and are going to open the football club to all Year 4, 5 & 6 children, boys and girls, to increase uptake. Please let Emily know if you'd like your child to attend or sign them up using Arbor.

Mrs Cannon marked National Poetry Day in Owls Class by watching some of their favourite Michael Rosen performance poems including 'Chocolate Cake' and 'Don't'. They then listened to 'Heard it in the Playground' by Allan Ahlberg and practised having a go at performing their own section.

After the successful premiership football match trip last year, this year, we lucky enough to be able to offer our Year 5 & 6 children the opportunity to attend the professional rugby match Wales vs The Barbarians. I know we have a few budding rugby players in school! There are a limited number of tickets available for this trip so if you are interested please sign up via Arbor or contact the school office.

Finally, I have been delighted with attendance at school this week with both Otters and Hedgehogs classes achieving an 100% attendance rate. This has a huge impact on your child's education, well done and keep it up!

Thank you once again for another great week. Have a fantastic weekend.

*George Myers*



# Owls

This week the Owls visited Beaford Church where Reverend Ally talked about events that might have happened in the church in Victorian times and how people would have acted. The children then had a tour of the church. Owls asked some brilliant questions and noticed/sketched some really interesting features of the church. Reverend Ally allowed them to have a go at ringing the church bells which they were very excited about! Thank you very much to Reverend Ally for providing such an engaging session with the children which will directly link to their historic recounts in English. In Science Owls enjoyed conducting a science experiment to explore dissolving, changing only one variable but being careful to keep everything else the same. Well done Owls.



# Otters

Otters have worked hard to finish their place value sequence in Maths and their biography writing in English. We explored the Christian Creation story using drama and recorded our science experiment. Last Friday we had our trip to the Roman Baths. The children were extremely well-behaved and a real credit to the school. We learned a lot about what life would have been like in Roman Britain and had a great day out!



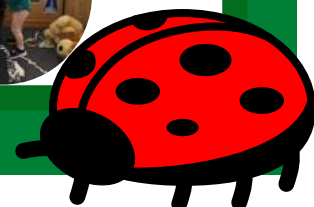
# Hedgehogs

Hedgehogs have been using their story plans to write up their dinosaur stories this week. They have been using their imaginations and reading out their stories to the class. The children have been learning about Mary Anning and have been listening to our class story, 'Stone girl, Bone girl'. They have sketched their own portraits of her. They appreciated each other's work and created a mini art gallery. Next week we will use water colours to paint our pictures.



# Ladybirds

Our week this week has been based on choice. Our book 'you choose' has asked the children to think outside of the box. They have thought about what pet they would have if they could; If they had a house, what would it look like? What job would they like to do? The children have been playing with colours and making certain colours of their rainbows. In Maths, the pre-school children have been working on the number three, alongside Reception looking at different ways of showing numbers to 10. We have also begun looking at Makaton and are starting to use it within our normal day to day. It would be great to hear the children practicing at home.





# CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Freddie for working really hard in pronouncing his sounds during phonics.
Hedgehogs	Finley for working really hard as a Year Two and trying his hardest to concentrate and focus on his learning.
Otters	Amelie for the care and focus which she brings to her independent learning. Amelie is always determined to produce the best work she can with her presentation and content.
Owls	Arianna for being so focused in Maths and for being brave enough to recognise when she needed more practise to feel more confident. You were so confident with comparing calculations that in the end, you were creating some challenging ones for Mrs Cannon to compare. Well done!



## Contribution Certificates



awarded to

Ladybirds	Walter for his efforts in multi skills last Friday and working hard on beating Mr Northmore at cricket.
Hedgehogs	Kyla for being confident and brave each morning to separate from mum and start her day in Hedgehogs.
Otters	Isabella for the extra care she has started bringing to her presentation. Isabella has been thinking very hard this week about how she can present her work as beautifully as possible.
Owls	Finley for helping set up the science experiment by filling up the cups with the same measured amount of water. He ensured everything was controlled in his science experiment and there was only one variable whilst also having a fun and positive approach. Well done Finley.



Mr George Myers  
Head of school



# DATES

for your diary

**6th September**

First Day of Term

**2nd October**

Football Club Starts

**23 - 27th October**

Half Term

**2nd November**

Selected Pupils Cross  
Country at High  
Bickington

**3rd November**

Ladybirds Reception  
Trip to Rosemoor

**4th November**

Rugby Trip to Cardiff

**10th November**

Hedgehogs Theatre Trip

**13th November**

Flu Immunisations in  
School

**17th November**

'Break the Rules Day'

**21st November**

Tempest Individual &  
Sibling Photographs

**15th December**

Last Day of Term

## Attendance This Week

Reception - 93% Otters- 100%

Hedgehogs - 100% Owls - 98%

**Good  
attendance  
means...**

Being in school at least 95%  
of the time or 180 to 190 days



### Headlice in School

We are still finding cases of headlice in school. This is just a reminder to check your children's hair on a weekly basis and treat where necessary. Thank you!

### Additional Nursery Hours

If you would like to extend your child's hours in nursery after half term, please contact the school office and collect a new contract to complete.

### Hedgehogs Trip to The Plough Theatre

Hedgehogs will be attending Ben Garrod's Ultimate Dinosaur Show on Friday 10th November. An email has been sent out regarding this. Please log into your Arbor accounts to pay your voluntary donation by card.

### Year 5 London Residential Trip

If your child would be interested joining other TEAM schools in the AMAZING annual trip to London, please don't forget to sign into your Arbor account to mark your expression of interest. At this stage it is not a confirmation of place, it is to gauge the level of interest from pupils so that we can organise tickets and travel in advance.

### Year 5 & 6 Rugby Match Wales vs Barbarians

We have 13 tickets available for pupils in Year 5 & 6 to attend the rugby match Wales vs Barbarians at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff on Saturday 4th November.

Tickets are on a first come first serve basis, if you are interested please log into your Arbor accounts and sign your child up for this fantastic experience.



# Otters Trip to The Roman Baths



## Breakfast, After School & Multi Skills Sports Club

Please don't forget to book your children into our wraparound care clubs in advance to avoid disappointment.

Breakfast Club (Mon- Friday) - 8.00am - 8.45pm  
After School Club (Mon - Thurs) - 3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Multi Skills Club (Friday) - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Breakfast and After School Clubs are charged at £4.00 per session  
Multi Skills Club charged at £3.00 per session  
Pupil Premium eligible children receive a 50% Discount  
Payment is through Arbor.

**Please remember there is no early admission or late collection**

## Football Club

We are delighted to open up Monday Football Club with Mr Northmore to our Year 5 & 6 Girls!  
Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part.



## Menu Next Week



### Monday

Macaroni Cheese  
V – Cheese Salad Wraps  
Salad or Vegetables

Chocolate Sponge Traybake

### Tuesday

Spaghetti Bolognaise  
V – Cheese & Tomato Pasta  
Bake  
Baguette Slice & Mixed Veg

Cheesecake

### Wednesday

Roast Chicken  
V – Baked Homity Pie  
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal  
Vegetables

Fruit Platter

### Thursday

Beef Burger in a Bun  
V – Quorn Burger in a Bun  
Potato Wedges, Beans &  
Sweetcorn

Jelly & Ice Cream

### Friday

Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes  
V - Cheese Omelette  
Golden Fries, Baked Beans &  
Sweetcorn

Flapjack

*Part of TEAM Multi Academy Trust*



# DON'T FORGET

## Applying for a place at Secondary School

The closing date for Year 6 applications to Secondary School is

**31st October 2023**

If you have not done so already, please visit  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)  
or call the Admissions Team on 0345 155 1019.

A lot of secondary schools in Devon are under pressure with space due to local growth, so it is essential that admissions get as many applicants applying on-time as possible. Late applications may be disadvantaged, so it is vital you make your application on time, to give your child the best chance of securing a place at one of their preferred schools!





**FRIENDS OF BEAFORD**

£3.50

Entry

**HALLOWEEN  
PARTY**

**FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER  
5.30PM – 7.30PM**

**BEAFORD  
VILLAGE HALL**

TUCK SHOP SELLING  
SWEETS, CAKES AND OTHER  
TREATS!

(REMEMBER TO BRING  
SOME PENNIES)

Please return form and  
payment to the school office  
by Friday 13th October





# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

St Giles in The Wood

## Autumn Show

Saturday 7th October 2023

1.00pm - 3.00pm

3.00pm

3.00pm - 4.30pm

5.15pm

6.45pm

Judging

SHOW OPENS

Tea & Cake in the Parish Hall

Prize Giving & Draw

Auction

Enter your best home grown  
& home made produce

Tea, Coffee  
& Cake

Treasure Hunt  
Cupcake  
Decorating

Bouncy Castle

Games

Kids Crafts







**WE NEED YOU.**

We are looking for keen and enthusiastic volunteers to join our Local Governing Bodies (LGB) as a school Governor and/or a Trustee.

#### Governor

The role of a School Governor is key in ensuring the school offers high standards of education for all children.

Each school within TEAM Multi -Academy Trust has its own Local Governing Body. The LGB meet once or twice a term and are encouraged to join in with our school visits and learning walks throughout the school year. This is a voluntary position and training is available for this role.

#### Trustee

Our Trustees oversee the strategic direction of the Trust schools along with holding the senior school leadership to account and monitoring the trust's finances- amongst many other aspects of school performance.

They can draw on their own expertise from all aspects of business and industry and have specific interests as part of their role such as – Curriculum, Personnel, Admissions, Finance, Safeguarding, Premises or SEND. They meet approximately 6 times a year as a whole group and are active within a range of committees and individual portfolios.

VOLUNTEERING IN THIS WAY BRINGS MANY REWARDS. YOU WILL ENJOY WORKING ALONGSIDE LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND GET REAL SATISFACTION AT USING YOUR SKILLS TO CREATE A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN.

**If you are interested in volunteering or to find out more about being a local governor at your school or a TEAM trustee, then we would love to hear from you. Please email [vacancies@team-mat.org.uk](mailto:vacancies@team-mat.org.uk)**



For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: [www.teamacademytrust.com](http://www.teamacademytrust.com)

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