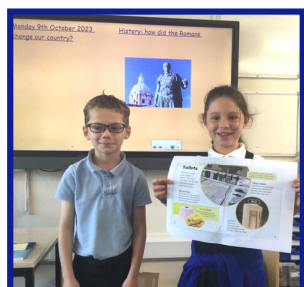




BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 13th October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

When I went into the garage in Torrington in September, I was appalled to find mince pies for sale! I've long held the view that thinking about Christmas should be banned until at least November.

I've been a huge hypocrite this week as I've got all the children to design Christmas cards. You can see their designs over the weekend and if you wish to have a set of bespoke Christmas cards made you can order by completing the form and returning it with the money by Monday next week.

The children's designs are fantastic and really show off their artistic flair and skill. All the money raised goes to the Friends of Beaford. It is used to lower costs of educational visits for all parents and improve the resources used by the children.

In other news, Zenna and I completed an OPAL audit this week. We discussed possible playground improvements such as slack lines and slides. Our large wooden planter boxes are coming to the end of their life and we'd like to replace them.

If any of our community can get hold of some tractor tyres or barrels we could use to fill with soil it'd be most welcome. If you have any of your own ideas they're very welcome too.

The children and staff have worked hard this half term and have one more week ahead of them before a well earned break and, not forgetting, our Halloween party. I hope to see many of you there.

Have a wonderful weekend.

George Myers



Owls

This week the Owls have enjoyed separating different mixtures in science. They used a range of techniques to separate including magnets, filter paper and sieves. In English, they have written their recount from the point of view of the church and wrote about when Mr Snell rebuilt parts of the church during the Victorian era. In maths, we have been exploring multiples and factors. The highlight of the week for Owls was completing their Christmas cards designs.



Otters

Otters have been busy learning how to do column addition and subtraction with exchanging as well as preparing to write letters from Hadrian's Wall. In history we have been thinking about how our country has been changed by the Romans. In PE we did some practice for cross-country running and although Christmas seems far away we designed our cards for this year!



Hedgehogs

Year Two have been busy counting forwards and backwards in steps of 2, 5, 10 and 3. Year One have been discussing where numbers go on the number line and creating their own. The children have been working scientifically by participating in some outdoor challenges. They have discussed how they can make leaves dance and have been using their bodies to investigate the height of trees. Autumn leaf art has been enjoyed by all. Hedgehogs have been matching up key vocabulary to their definitions in order to embed their understanding of Christianity.



Ladybirds

In Ladybird's this week, our book focus has been on 'Beautiful Oops!' This book discusses about making mistakes and turning them into pieces of art work. The children have had a go at making their own blow paint pictures.

Turing their splodges into works of art that they choose.

In maths, the reception children have looked into 3D shapes and talking about properties of good building shapes and shapes that are good at rolling. The nursery children have deepened their understanding of the number three.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Benji for his beautiful oops picture.
Hedgehogs	Ella for speaking like an expert about Mary Anning. Ella has clearly communicated her developing knowledge about her.
Otters	Ethan for the focus and effort he is putting into his independent learning. In maths and in writing Ethan is pushing himself to the next level and doing the best work that he can. Well done Ethan!
Owls	Oliver M for always rising to the challenge in maths and clarifying details which enable him to move his learning forward. You problem solved a question about common factors which involved some perseverance but you did so enthusiastically. Well done Oliver!



Contribution Certificates



awarded to

Ladybirds	Heidi Z for making Mr Northmore laugh with her made up voices.
Hedgehogs	Arlo for being such a helpful friend and explaining instructions clearly when others need support.
Otters	Emily for the fantastic way she assists around the school with adults and with other children. Emily is always looking for ways to help children both in class and out of class. She is an excellent role model for other children.
Owls	Amy for showing such interest in science and making fantastic observations. You worked with your group in science with enthusiasm and everyone in the group worked brilliantly as a team. Well done!



Mr George Myers
Head of school



DATES

for your diary

6th September

First Day of Term

23th - 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

14th November

Reception Class Vision
Screening

15th November

Reception Intake 2024
applications open

17th November

'Break the Rules Day'

21st November

Tempest Individual &
Sibling Photographs

15th December

Last Day of Term

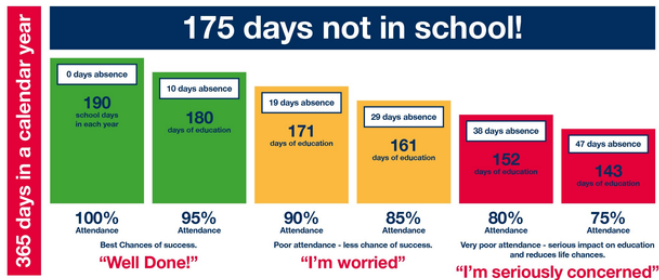
Attendance This Week

Reception - 97% Otters- 95%

Hedgehogs - 98% Owls - 92%

Good attendance means...

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



Meet your Governors

Chair of Governors

Saffron Murphy

Saffron has kindly agreed to be the chair and I will work closely with her to explain what changes are happening in the school curriculum and to solve challenges that arise.

Jim Thomas

Jim, who is the Landlord of The Globe Inn, has been a governor for three years.

Jim plays a vital role in overseeing the school's facilities by helping to monitor the premises and ensure that the school meets health and safety standards.

Rachael Hopkins

Rachael has a long history at Beaford as a former student and current parent. She brings to the governing body her expertise of teaching in small rural schools.

Ellie Burtt-Jones

Ellie already gives up much of her time overseeing the PTA, organising events to raise money for the school and as Treasurer of Friends of Beaford and I can't thank her enough for taking on the role of parent governor as well.

Kirri Snell

Kiri Snell is a parent governor with two children in the school. She lives locally in Roborough, having grown up in Bideford and currently works as a Solicitor.

Rev. Ally Hope

Ally works with Reverend Gary to support the diocese and has replaced Rev. Gary on the governing body.



Year 5 London Residential Trip Booking Now Open!



If your child would be interested in attending the TEAM schools AMAZING annual trip to London, you can now reserve their space through Arbor by paying the £50.00 deposit.

Spaces are limited, so get in quick to avoid disappointment.

Year 5 & 6 Rugby Match Wales vs Barbarians

There are still a number of tickets available for our children to the Wales Vs Barbarians match on Saturday 4th November. Please book through Arbor



Hedgehogs Trip to The Plough Theatre

Don't forget to log into your Arbor Accounts to make your voluntary payment for Hedgehogs Theatre Trip



Thank you!



Menu Next Week



Monday

Cheese & Tomato Pizza
V – Veggie Nuggets
Salad & Slaw

Cupcake

Tuesday

Cottage Pie
V – Quorn Sausage & Mash
Mixed Veg

Peaches & Ice-Cream

Wednesday

Roast Beef
V – Quorn fillet
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal
Veg

Fruit Platter

Thursday

Chicken Curry
V – Sweet Potato Curry
Rice & Vegetables

Artic Roll & Strawberry Sauce

Friday

Oven Baked Fish Fillet
V – Cheese Wheels
Golden Fries, Baked Beans &
Carrots

Custard Biscuit

Arbor Meal Accounts

Please remember to keep your meal accounts in credit at all time.

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.

Flu Immunisation In School

An email was sent this week with details of the flu immunisation due to take place in school on 13th November. Please remember to give your consent before 9th November via [this link](#) using the school code DV149090. Failure to do this will mean we cannot vaccinate your child.

Vision Screening Reception Class

NHS North Devon Vision Screening will be in school on November 14th. Letters will be going home today regarding this. If you wish to **opt out**, please complete the form and return to the school office.

National Measurement Programme (Reception & Year 6)

Parents of children in Reception & Year 6 will have received an email with details of the National Childhood Measurement Programme taking place in the Spring Term. If you do not wish your child to take part, please remember to opt out via [this link](#) by the 30th November.

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



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



BREAK the RULES DAY



Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear school uniform
2. Bring a healthy snack
3. Have neat hair
4. No temporary tattoos
5. No nail varnish
6. No make-up
7. Wear school shoes only

Here's how it works:

When?
Friday
17th November
2023

Parentkind
Member Association

Choose how many rules
you want to break!

50p per broken rule

It's simple, break your
rules and pay your
teacher when you arrive
at school!!



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



For more information, please visit our Governance section on our website: www.teamacademytrust.com

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