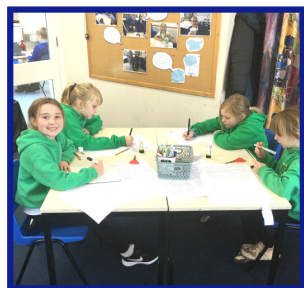




BEAFORD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Life, Love and Learning to the full

Friday 3rd November 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support with the school closure yesterday. Everyone I spoke to was very understanding about the situation. Closing schools is not a decision the Team Multi Academy Trust take lightly. On Wednesday afternoon, we received the advice from Devon County Council to close schools as storm Ciarán posed a threat to life. We informed the children and contacted parents as quickly as possible. Staff then planned some home learning activities. I took the decision to leave home learning at your discretion because I know how difficult it is to balance home learning and home working.

When you receive the advice to shut the school, I always feel a 'better safe than sorry' approach is called for. Fortunately, the storm didn't affect us as badly as was forecast and I hope everyone's loved ones and property were safe.

Even though the cross-country event was cancelled on Thursday, there's still been a lot going on this week. All the children had cricket workshops on Tuesday, run by the Chance to Shine charity. Martin Brice, an experienced cricket coach, came and taught the children the basics of bowling,

fielding and batting. Martin will be with us for the next two Tuesdays so remember to prepare for PE on those days.

Wednesday's assembly was on the history of Bonfire Night. I was very impressed with the children's prior knowledge and unsurprisingly, most of the questions in the assembly were trying to find out as many gruesome details of Guy Fawkes' torture - I wish I'd prepared better, as I didn't have a minute by minute account of the interrogation! There have also been fire safety talks at the school this week in preparation for the weekend's celebrations.

On Saturday, I'll be going with the children to watch Wales vs Barbarians at the Principality stadium. Next week, Reverend Ally is in to talk about Remembrance Sunday and hold a two minutes silence on Friday 10th at 11am. Also parent consultations start next week, see Emily's previous emails for details.

Enjoy your weekend

George Myers

Part of TEAM Multi Academy Trust





Owls

This week, the children have started to explore newspaper reports and the language used within them. We have looked at subordinating conjunctions (if, since, as, when, although, while, after, before, until, because) and how to use these to extend sentences as well as how to punctuate the sentence with a comma if we start our sentence with a subordinating conjunction. In maths, we have learnt how to multiply 3 digit numbers by a 1 digit number using a formal method for multiplication. In PSHE, we discussed the idea of 'being normal' and how there are different perceptions about what normal means and how important it was to celebrate the differences we have.



Otters

Otters have come back to school with an excellent attitude towards their learning.

We are lucky at the moment to have a cricket coach on Tuesdays. This week we worked hard at coordination and bowling skills. In maths we started our multiplication and division sequence and have been using arrays to help us. In our writing we are learning the skills we need to write an adventure story. In history we looked at some Roman artefacts and discussed what they might be used for and what they tell us about the Romans.



Hedgehogs

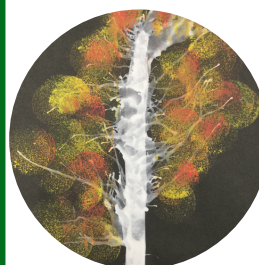
Hedgehogs have been introduced to our new topic, 'Moon Zoom'. They have discussed their prior knowledge on space and have joined in with some counting space rhymes. The children have carried out some moon buggy research and decided on their design ideas in preparation of making their own. They have started their learning on everyday materials in science and have grouped their coats into different categories. Hedgehogs have been introduced to their English text, 'Toys in Soace' by Mini Grey. They have even ended off the week with a fire safety talk.



Ladybirds

Our week this week has surrounded ourselves in Autumn. The children have been busy creating Autumn trees, using different autumnal items to print and working on their pattern skills.

We have looked at 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled' as our inspiration for our Literacy learning, discussing the characters in the book. In Maths, the reception children have been using more or fewer to describe groups of things, while the pre-school children have been practicing counting to 5.





CELEBRATION OF EXCELLENCE



This week awarded to

Ladybirds	Eddie for working really hard on his phonics this week. Sounding out his words and creating them during our word times.
Hedgehogs	Matilda for making an excellent start at Beaford and in Hedgehogs class. She has worked really hard and made lots of new friends. It has been an absolute pleasure to have have gained Matilda in our class.
Otters	George for thinking so hard about his maths this week. George has been working hard to make links between arrays and multiplication facts. Well done George!
Owls	Josh G for his super focus and brilliant presentation when learning the long multiplication method for multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers! You were so accurate and the different colours you used to show the parts of the calculation really showed your understanding.



Contribution Certificates



awarded to

Ladybirds	Rosie C for being a great friend to another child who was upset. She made sure they were not on their own and that they were well looked after.
Hedgehogs	Sid for his contribution in maths. Sid has a really keen maths brain and is always thinking about his maths even when someone else is answering a question. Keep it up, Sid!
Otters	Olivia-Rai for setting in so well in her new class. Olivia has been helpful and kind with other class members. She has also engaged brilliantly with her learning. Well done Olivia!
Owls	Oliver M for his fantastic contribution to home learning over the half term. Oliver has recreated a scene from WW1 by making a model of the trenches, the barbed wire and used mini army people to place in and around the trenches. What an amazing effort! Well done Oliver.



Mr George Myers
Head of school



DATES

for your diary

6th September

First Day of Term

2nd November

Selected Pupil 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

14th December

Christmas Play

15th December

Last Day of Term

Attendance This Week

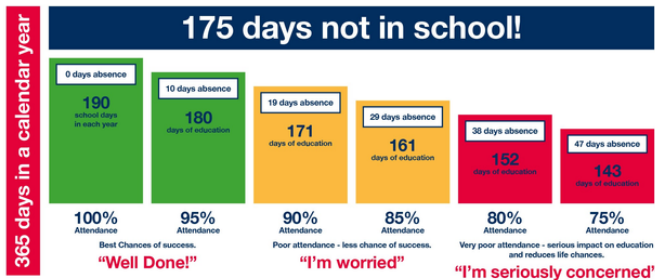
Reception - 97% Otters- 93%

Hedgehogs - 91% Owls - 94%

Good attendance means...

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

175 days not in school!



Parental Consultations

Don't forget to book your parental consultation slot via Arbor. If you are having any problems, please contact the school office.

Ladybirds - 14th November

Hedgehogs - 7th & 9th November

Otters - 7th & 9th November

Owls - 6th, 8th & 9th November

Admissions policy for 2025-26: Annual Consultation

Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2025-26. The Local Authority is also consulting on its admission arrangements. You are invited to look at the proposals which are based on policies for this year and next year and have your say.

Our proposed policy is on our admission page on the school website and you can see all policies at [Add a little bit of body text](#). Further information is here: www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements

The consultation runs until 12 January 2024. Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March next year. You can comment at schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk or by emailing the school.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Thank you to everyone who came to this years Halloween Party and helped make it a great success.

The kids had a fantastic time and such a great way to end half term and we raised a fantastic £395!!

A very big thank you also has to go out to all parents who helped, be it making cakes, running the tuck shop, setting up the hall and clearing up after everyone had left and of course Beth and Darren - without you all, we could not have done it, so thank you.

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. You still have time to give consent for your child to receive the vaccine so if you have not already done so, please click on [this link](#) before 9th of November and use our school code DV149090. Failure to do this will mean your child will not be vaccinated.

Menu Change

We will have a change of menu for Monday morning. Instead of macaroni cheese we will be serving sausage and mash.

Headlice

Please keep checking your children's hair on a weekly basis and treat where necessary.



Fire Safety Talk with Hedgehogs & Owls

We were lucky enough to have Wendy Gosling from Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service in school today delivering a talk to some of our pupils about fire safety and prevention. The children listened attentively and took part in demonstrations such as 'stop, drop and roll'. The children learned some top safety tips and scored top marks on their quiz.



Hedgehogs Theatre Trip

Unfortunately, The Plough Theatre contacted us this morning to inform us that they have cancelled the Dinosaur performance on Friday 10th November. Parents will of course receive a full refund. While we are desperately disappointed, Hedgehogs Class will be entertained by some unexpected performances by some staff members.

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



Menu Next Week

Monday

West Country Sausages
V – Vegetarian Sausage
Mashed Potato & Beans

Sticky Toffee Pudding

Tuesday

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

Cheesecake

Wednesday

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

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

Arbor Meal Accounts

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

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!!

Join us for
our new
Digital Dad's
Drop in!

Devon Children's
Centres, Digital Service
are offering **digital
drop in sessions** for
male carers.

So why not pop in to
this **informal, friendly**
drop in session and
discuss topics that are
important to you and
your family. The
session will give you
the opportunity to get
support from other
male carers in Devon
with the assistance of a
Family Practitioner.



Monthly sessions are
from
**7pm - 8pm on
Mondays**
Dates are:
**23rd October
27th November
11th December**

To book your place
on any of the
sessions, please
CLICK HERE or scan
the QR code below

You will join the session via
Microsoft Teams.



Topics can include: sleep, eating,
toddler tantrums, bath times,
getting to school on time...



SCAN ME



Any questions? Please contact:
devondigital@actionforchildren.org.uk