



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 12th July



OPAL Project

Our Outdoor Play and Learning project, to enhance the playground experience for all children, will start fully in September 2024 and our hopes are that it will change the way we think and how we play together.

To facilitate this project, we are looking for families to donate items to support us as the project grows and to enhance your child's playtimes.

We are looking for donations of the following items which will enable your children to enjoy a wider range of play experiences during playtime

Any donations need to be in good working order - not broken or damaged.



Clement Court

The year 5 children who visited Clement Court on Tuesday 9th July continued to build some lovely relationships between our school and the residents.

As always, the children were excellent representatives for Beech Hill and a real credit to themselves, their families, the school and the wider community. It was a pleasure to see the children reading with such care, enthusiasm and interest as well as getting to know the residents. The children take genuine interest in the residents and the stories that they choose to share.

We are very proud of all of the year 5 children who have visited Clement Court this year and look forward to it continuing next year.



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Attendance Update

This week's attendance is above the national average but below our school expectation (96%) - this is mostly due to leaves of absence.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that we strongly advise families not to arrange extended holidays during term time. Please ensure that you contact Mrs Farhat plenty of time in advance of any holiday/extended leave abroad being booked. May I remind you that we cannot approve any leaves of absence above 10 days. Thank you very much for your support with this matter.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, please contact Mrs Farhat Hussain, Attendance Officer.

Group	% Attend
Halifax 3	87.6
Halifax 4	95.3
Halifax 5	91.5
Wales	91.1
Northern Ireland	95.5
Switzerland	97.6
Nigeria	91.3
Canada	98.0
Jordan	94.5
Mexico	88.6
Morocco	90.7
South Africa	93.9
Australia	94.1
Denmark	94.8
France	93.8
Tanzania	94.0
Egypt	93.9
Totals	93.3

	Poor attendance, I am very concerned.
	Below expectations, I am worried.
	Best chance of success, well done.



Beech Hill School's 5 Star Kitchen

Following an environmental health inspection on Thursday 12th July, we are pleased to say that Beech Hill Kitchen has retained it's 5 Star hygiene rating.

🌟 Congratulations to all the ladies in the kitchen! 🌟

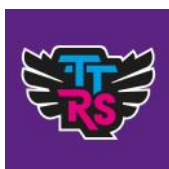
TT Rockstars Most Improved

Accuracy

- Year 2 - Fabricio P (Switzerland)
- Year 3 - Larissa R (Mexico)
- Year 4 - Michaela Z (South Africa)
- Year 5 - Muhammad Ur-R (Denmark)
- Year 6 - Hassan H (Tanzania)

Class with the fastest average speed per question

Tanzania



Secondary School Admissions

If your child is currently in year 5, it is now time to apply for their secondary school place.

To apply, please follow the below link:
[Calderdale Admissions](#)

Letters have been sent to all parents via Seesaw with further information.

**SCHOOL
ADMISSIONS
SECONDARY**

Play Development Service



Summer Holiday
Play Schemes
2024
For
5-14-year-olds

	MONDAY'S	TUESDAY'S	WEDNESDAY'S	THURSDAY'S	FRIDAY'S
WEEK 1 22 nd – 26 th July	Todmorden Sports Centre 11.00 – 3.00PM Ewood Lane, Todmorden, OL14 7DF	Mixenden Activity Centre 2:00 – 6:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HO2 8SH	(Registration for this event 11-1pm) Summer Fun Football Camp Calderdale College 1-4pm Age only 8-16yrs	Space @ Field Lane 10.00am – 2.00pm Burnsal Road, Brighouse, HD6 3JT	Beech Hill School 12.00-4.00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax HX1 5TN
WEEK 2 29 th – 2 nd August	Todmorden Sports Centre 11.00 – 3.00PM Ewood Lane, Todmorden, OL14 7DF	Mixenden Activity Centre 2:00 – 6:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HO2 8SH CULTUREDALE TINKER, MAKE CREATE ROADSHOW	Summer Fun Football Camp Calderdale College 1-4pm Age only 8-16yrs	Space @ Field Lane 10.00am – 2.00pm Burnsal Road, Brighouse, HD6 3JT	Beech Hill School 12.00-4.00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax HX1 5TN
WEEK 3 5 th – 9 th August	Todmorden Sports Centre 11.00 – 3.00PM Ewood Lane, Todmorden, OL14 7DF	Mixenden Activity Centre 2:00 – 6:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HO2 8SH Bikeability Level 1 Able to ride basic 5-9 yrs	Summer Fun Football Camp Calderdale College 1-4pm Age only 8-16yrs CULTUREDALE TINKER, MAKE, CREATE ROADSHOW	Space @ Field Lane 10.00am – 2.00pm Burnsal Road, Brighouse, HD6 3JT	Beech Hill School 12.00-4.00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax HX1 5TN
WEEK 4 12 th – 16 th August	Todmorden Sports Centre 11.00 – 3.00PM Ewood Lane, Todmorden, OL14 7DF CULTUREDALE TINKER, MAKE, CREATE ROADSHOW	Mixenden Activity Centre 2:00 – 6:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HO2 8SH	Summer Fun Football Camp Calderdale College 1-4pm Age only 8-16yrs	Space @ Field Lane 10.00am – 2.00pm Burnsal Road, Brighouse, HD6 3JT	Beech Hill School 12.00-4.00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax HX1 5TN
WEEK 5 19 th – 23 rd August			Summer Fun Football Camp Calderdale College 1-4pm Age only 8-16yrs	Space @ Field Lane 10.00am – 2.00pm Burnsal Road, Brighouse, HD6 3JT	Beech Hill School 12.00-4.00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax HX1 5TN CULTUREDALE TINKER, MAKE, CREATE ROADSHOW
WEEK 6 26 th – 30 th Aug/Sept	Bank Holiday	Mixenden Activity Centre 2:00 – 6:00pm Clough Lane Mixenden HO2 8SH	Summer Fun Football Camp Calderdale College 1-4pm Age only 8-16yrs	Space @ Field Lane 10.00am – 2.00pm Burnsal Road, Brighouse, HD6 3JT CULTUREDALE TINKER, MAKE, CREATE ROADSHOW	Beech Hill School 12.00-4.00pm Mount Pleasant Avenue, Halifax HX1 5TN

We do ask Children and young people with a disability/special need to book on so we can meet your child's particular need.
We operate on a first come first served basis, in our busy periods it is advised to arrive early to avoid disappointment as places are limited and are filled quickly.

The Play Development Service provides free open access play sessions for children and young people aged between 5-14 years old. The sessions are open access and are offered at various centres, parks and open spaces across Calderdale. We provide a range of activities that are chosen by children and young people; these can sometimes get messy, so please come in clothes that are appropriate for the activities and the weather. We aim for all our activities to be inclusive to all children and young people.

For further information please call
the Play Development Service on 01422 380995

You can also visit our website
www.calderdale.gov.uk



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 15th July

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Chicken Goujons 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Homemade Meat & Potato Pie 5, 10, 12 Or Chicken Tikka Wraps 5, 12	Battered Fish 2, 5	Homemade Mexican Chicken Enchiladas 5, 10 Or Shredded Chicken 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Loaded Potato Skins 10	Quorn Sausages 5 Gravy	Homemade Vegetable Curry Rice	Mac 'n' Cheese Croquettes 5, 10	Spinach & Ricotta Tortellini 3, 4, 5, 10, 12
Vegetables	Potato Cubes 5 Beans	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Mixed Veg	Chips Mushy Peas Sweetcorn	Potato Wedges Peas Carrots	Curly Fries 5 Beans
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	American Pancakes 5, 10, 12	Jam Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard	Cheesecake 4, 5, 10	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Strawberry Ice Cream 10	Angel Delight 10	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Jelly	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

If you require an allergy list please email kitchen@beechhillschool.co.uk

National Online Safety - Weekly Information

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators FAIR PLAY AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION

In school sports, fair play and friendly competition are important for character development. Fair play embodies respect and integrity while good-natured competition balances rivalry with camaraderie. This guide addresses potential challenges – like the pressure to win – and offers practical tips on instilling values of fair play and cultivating a positive sporting environment for young athletes.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Parents, carers and teachers should try to exemplify fair play; demonstrating respect for opponents, coaches and officials. Children frequently learn by observing adult behaviour, so displaying a sense of fair play sets a powerful precedent for them to follow in their own actions on and off the field.

2 EFFORT OVER OUTCOME

Encourage children to focus on giving it their all, rather than basing their entire performance on whether they win or not. This fosters a growth mindset, where the journey and the process of improvement are valued just as much as the end result. It also reduces the pressure to "win at all costs", which can be a harmful outlook in some situations.

3 SET CLEAR EXPECTATIONS

Establish clear guidelines and expectations for behaviour before, during and after sporting events. Ensuring that children understand what is considered acceptable conduct helps prevent misunderstandings and promotes a positive, respectful atmosphere.

4 HIGHLIGHT COOPERATION

Underline the value of teamwork and cooperation in achieving success. Success isn't just about individual achievements, but about how well the team communicates, encourages each other and works together towards a common goal. A strong focus on cooperation fosters camaraderie and mutual support among players.

5 DISCUSS ACCEPTING DEFEAT

Help children to understand that they can't win every contest – that losing occasionally is a natural part of both sport and life in general. Teaching them to accept defeat gracefully and learn from their mistakes promotes resilience, humility and the ability to bounce back stronger from setbacks. Taking a loss in one's stride is also an admirable trait and can help children and young people garner respect in their future life.

6 ENCOURAGE INCLUSIVE PARTICIPATION

Promote an environment where all children feel welcome and valued, regardless of their skill level. Prioritise the importance of participation and enjoyment over winning, creating a supportive atmosphere where every child can thrive and develop their abilities without unnecessary pressure.

7 FOSTER CONFLICT RESOLUTION SKILLS

Teach children how to resolve conflicts peacefully and respectfully, both on and off the field. Providing them with strategies for effective communication and problem-solving helps build stronger relationships and enhances their ability to navigate challenges, which can be a huge boon to them throughout their adult lives.

8 TEACH RESPECT

Emphasise to children the importance of respecting everyone involved in the game, regardless of the outcome. Respect for your teammates, opponents, coaches and officials helps to create a positive, inclusive sports environment where everyone can feel valued and appreciated.

9 GIVE CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK

Offer feedback that focuses on areas for improvement rather than unfiltered criticism. Praise what a child has done well and advise on how to improve, rather than simply pointing out shortcomings. Encouraging a growth mindset and highlighting progress helps children to develop confidence, resilience and a desire to continue striving for excellence.

10 CELEBRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

Try to avoid solely drawing attention to children's physical performance on the field. Recognise and celebrate acts of sportsmanship, fair play and kindness, too. By spotlighting positive behaviour, you reinforce the importance of such conduct and inspire children to practise this in the future, creating a culture of respect and camaraderie within the sports community that does wonders for morale.

Meet Our Expert

Caroline Holder is a PE consultant based in Staffordshire. Having worked across all age ranges delivering PE in schools, she now trains teachers and works with schools to develop their provision and ensure it achieves maximum impact for pupils. She passionately believes in the impact that PE, sport, and activity can have on children.



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