



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 18th October

Diwali Celebration Morning!

On Monday 4th November from 8:50 until 10am, we will be hosting a coffee morning in celebration of Diwali.

If you would like to come and have a drink as well as enjoy biscuit decorating with your children and some crafts, please book a place via Parent Pay for £1.



Thank you for your continued support!

Harvest Festival

We will once again be supporting the Halifax Community Fridge with donations of food this year.



We are awarding each child one house point per item they bring in to help encourage them to donate as much as they can. If you feel that you can and would like to donate, please send non-perishable items into school with your child by **Monday 21st October**.

We have been advised that the best items to donate are tinned tomatoes, kidney beans, chickpeas, soup and peaches.

After School Clubs

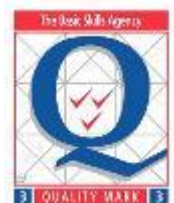
Please be aware that on **Tuesday 5th November** and **Tuesday 26th November**, the following clubs will not be taking place and children must be collected at the normal finish time of 3:10pm:

**Indian Dance
Nasheed
Board Games**



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TT Rockstars Most Correct Answers

Year 2 - Amaima W (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Zayan A (Morocco)

Year 4 - Adwaith C (Australia)

Year 5 - Hasnain M (Denmark)

Year 6 - Soha S (Egypt)

Class with the highest % of active players

Australia

Attendance Update

(from 07.10.2024 - 11.10.2024)

It is important that children attend school regularly and are punctual every day. Arriving to school late affects pupils learning. If your child is late, please ensure they go to the main office where they will be asked to sign in. If they are a few minutes late, they will receive a late mark. If they are very late, this will be marked as an absence for the morning session.

Good punctuality helps pupils get the day off to a good start, establish patterns for the future, helps your child's development and helps your child make and keep friends.

Congratulations to Wales, South Africa and Denmark for achieving 100% attendance.

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

Group	% Attend
Halifax 1	93.5
Halifax 2	98.3
Halifax 3	90.0
Northern Ireland	96.9
Wales	100.0
Scotland	96.5
Switzerland	97.3
Jordan	94.8
Canada	99.3
Mexico	87.4
Morocco	93.7
South Africa	100.0
Australia	96.5
France	94.3
Singapore	96.6
Denmark	100.0
Tanzania	97.2
Egypt	98.7
Totals	96.2

Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary

Mrs Cockroft and Mrs Freeman were delighted to attend the Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary AGM.

We felt honoured to be invited to share our story about becoming the first School of Sanctuary in Calderdale and it was lovely to reflect on our special celebrations from November 2022 and our continuing work to support families who are refugees.



Please help us to keep your children safe by ensuring that they **don't play on the playground equipment** (Roktagon, trim trail, tyres and climbing frames) before and after school.



Please ensure that you are supervising and keeping your children with you at all times at drop off and collection times.

Thank you for your continued support.



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Quote of
the week
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“Trust!
Takes years to
build, seconds
to break and
forever to
repair.”

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) Day

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) means a person has significant, ongoing difficulties understanding and/or using spoken language. DLD is a life-long condition

Please watch the video link below:

[DLD Video](#)



Bikeability October Holiday Course

Learn to Ride courses at Beech Hill School: on Mon 28th & Tues 29th October, 10am-3pm.

For more information and to book, please follow the links below:

[Bikeability - Monday 28th October](#)

[Bikeability - Tuesday 29th October](#)



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Year 1 Parent Lunches

The year 1 children have had a fantastic few days at the parents lunch.

They really enjoyed having the opportunity to eat their lunch with their parents and all the grown ups said they had a brilliant time too.

Thank you to all those parents who were able to come.



Dinner



Open Event

If you missed our Open Evening, this is your opportunity for you and your child to come and see our wonderful school.

Thursday 24th October 2024
Tours at 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm and 2pm

No need to book



Dinner Menu w/c Monday 21st October

1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Battered Chicken Steak 1, 3, 4, 5, 10	Homemade Chicken Pulao Rice 4	Cod & Parsley Fishcakes 2 Parsley Sauce 5, 10	Homemade Mexican Chicken Enchiladas 5, 10 Peri-Peri Shredded Chicken 4, 5	Pizza 5, 10
	Cheese & Onion Rolls 3, 5, 10, 12	Homemade Vegan Meatball Curry 4 Rice	Homemade Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese 4, 5	Spicy Bean Burgers 5	Spinach & Ricotta Ravioli 3, 4, 5, 10, 12
Vegetables	Potato Wedges Spaghetti 5	Ziggy Fries Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Peas Carrots	Potato Smiles Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Mixed Veg
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Jam Doughnuts 4, 5, 10, 12, 14	Treacle Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Carrot Cake 5, 10, 12	Choc Chip Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Angel Delight 10	Crispy Buns 5, 10	Jelly	Strawberry 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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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