



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 10th January



Fun in the Snow

It was lovely to see so many of our families (and staff!) enjoying the snowy weather. Thank you for sharing your pictures with us!



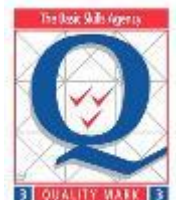
A huge thank you to all our families for your patience, understanding and support this week. It was not the return to school that we were expecting! As well as the snow photos, it was great to see children engaging with remote learning on Seesaw and those children who do not have Seesaw at home had paper workpacks to complete. All members of staff were busy too and used the opportunity to access online training as well as checking in on Seesaw.

We were extremely pleased to be able to reopen on Wednesday and are incredibly grateful for the hard work of our site team (and a local farmer) to make this possible. The whole staff team has really pulled together to make sure that school has operated smoothly over the last few days. We also need to pass on our gratitude to all of you for playing your part in ensuring all our children could arrive and leave safely.

Please note that Seesaw is our main method of communication although we do send texts to those families whom we know do not access Seesaw. Please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office if you are not receiving messages. We are hoping to be open as normal from Monday but please look out for messages.

Thank you, Mrs Bowling and Mrs Cockroft

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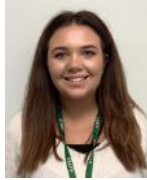




If you have any concerns regarding your child's educational needs, please speak to the class teacher in the first instance or make an appointment to speak to them with the year group SENDco.



Miss Walker is the SENDco for years 3, 4, 5 and 6.



Miss Waddington is the SENDco for EYFS, Y1 & Y2.



Calderdale Council have released a new webpage which tells you all about their Local Offer. The Local Offer has information about what Calderdale Council expects to be available across education, health and social care for children and young people who have SEND (Special educational needs and disabilities).

Please click the link as it includes information, support, services and activities for children and young people with SEND and their parent carers.

[Calderdale Local Offer](#)



Speech and Language Support

Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) means a person has significant, ongoing difficulties understanding and/or using spoken language. DLD is a life-long condition. Click on the links below for more information and a useful video.

[What is DLD?](#)

[Video about DLD](#)

[DLD Poster](#)



After school and school holiday climbing sessions taking place at ROKT Activity Centre in

Brighouse.

The twice weekly sessions for SEND children and young people 6-19 years are delivered by qualified instructors from ROKT. They use a wide range of accessible climbing equipment to support all participants. [Rokt Climbing](#)

Beech Hill Values

This year at Beech Hill, we will be focusing on 8 core values. These values are something that we feel our pupils need to learn and demonstrate throughout all aspects of life. Each half term, we will have a focus value and we will be rewarding children for demonstrating excellence in each value. We encourage you to help your children to demonstrate these values at home and in the wider community. We also welcome you to let us know different ways that your children have demonstrated the different values. Please see below for each half term's focus value.

Autumn 1 - **Honesty**

Autumn 2 - **Tolerance and Respect**

Spring 1 - **Determination and Perseverance**

Spring 2 - **Appreciation**

Summer 1- **Friendship**

Summer 2 - **Kindness**

This half term's value is:
Determination and Perseverance

House Points

The following children have received their **bronze** award for achieving **50** house points:

Zidaan C
Asma C
Noor F
Adam I
Amirah H
Aiyrah I
Salahuddin I
Muhammed J
Amelia N
Ayat O
Ella T
Eisa A
Aisha A
Asma K
Zohaib M
Imaan N
Eniola A
Khadija K
Azaan M
Faisal N
Zahraa P

Yusuf Q
Bashir R
Eva R
Nali S
Neiaz A
Janvika J S
Hareem M
Mustafa M
Aizah H
Mehak K
Ismail M
Areeba N
Sufyaan N
Aizah A
Muhammad E
Anika J
Hadi S
Amaima W
Aila A
Arslaan B
Eesa H

Raja S M
Faryal S
Alishba U
Uzair Z
Ozaan A
Zarina A
Umamah A
Alina H
Naomi K
Samanyu N
Yusuf R
Ruthvik R
Aizah U
Anaayah Y
Adwaith R C
Rayan I
Abubakr N
Othman O
Hasanain S
Noor A
Aarav D

Isha Noor
Hafsah B
Eesa B
Sofie D
Ariana G
Armaan H
Amina A
Ndeye A
Ismail A
Zainab
Thiago Q G
Nameerah S
Ayaan S
Haleema U
Samuel V
Aryaan H
Rayyan B
Javeria N

The following children have received their **silver** award for achieving **100** house points:

Eshaal A Zahid A Mohammad I Hazard R



Well done everyone. Keep up the hard work!



2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Meal Option	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons 1, 5	Homemade Beef Curry Naan Bread 5	Battered Fish 2, 5	Roast Chicken Dinner Yorkshire Puddings 5, 10, 12	Pizza 5, 10
	Tomato Pasta 5, 10	Homemade Onion Bhaji Samosas 5 Savoury Rice	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie 5, 10, 12	Quorn Sausages 5	Homemade Macaroni Cheese 5, 10 Garlic Bread 5, 10, 14
Vegetables	Potato Puffs Beans Peas	Potato Wedges Broccoli Sweetcorn	Chips Mushy Peas	Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots	Potato Cubes 5 Beans Sweetcorn
Served Daily	Jacket Potatoes with various fillings Salad Bar Selection of Sandwiches Allergies for the daily items available on request				
Dessert	Assorted Biscuits 5, 10, 12	Iced Cake 5, 10, 12	Cupcakes 5, 10, 12	Jam Sponge 5, 10, 12 Custard 10	Assorted Fresh Baking 5, 10, 12
	Strawberry Swirls 10	Jelly	Cornflake Buns 4, 5, 10	Angel Delight 10	Chocolate Ice Cream 10

NHS Pharmacy First Service - an NHS service being provided by pharmacies across England for children and adults

We have been asked to let you know about an NHS service, which is available in Boots pharmacies across England, called the **NHS Pharmacy First Service**.

What is Pharmacy First?

The NHS-funded service [enables children and adults to get convenient access to advice and treatment where appropriate for seven common conditions, without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment. Accessing the service may mean that](#) children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

The service supports with the following conditions for people in the age groups specified below:

- **Earache** (aged 1 to 17 years)
- **Impetigo** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Infected insect bites and stings** (aged 1 year and over)
- **Sore throats** (aged 5 years and over)
- **Sinusitis** (aged 12 years and over)
- **Uncomplicated urinary tract infections (UTIs)** in women (aged 16 to 64 years)
- **Shingles** (aged 18 years and over)

The person will see a pharmacist in a private consultation room. The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically appropriate, offer to supply treatment for the condition*. If treatment is provided, an electronic message will be sent to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated.

Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other healthcare professional, as appropriate.

With the ever-increasing pressures on the NHS, particularly during these busy winter months, it is important to us, as a community pharmacy, that we do all we can to provide support.

Therefore, we would really like your help in driving awareness of this fantastic service to your parents and carers and to encourage them to think **Pharmacy First**.

To support you with this, we have created the below paragraph you could use in your regular communications, to highlight the service to parents and carers:

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

JUSTALK KIDS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a chat; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact; this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the ethos of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

TOO MUCH SCREENTIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 62% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 20% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

Advice for Parents & Educators

JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what is and isn't safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

Meet Our Expert

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