



BEECH HILL NEWS



Friday 21st March

****POLITE REMINDERS****

When dropping off or picking up your child, please do not walk through the car park. You must use the school path!

There are cars arriving/leaving school all the time so walking through the car park poses a risk to all pedestrians, especially children.

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.



Nut-free School

Please may we remind all parents that we are a nut-free school. We have a number of children in school with a serious nut allergy, so nut products of any kind in the school building could pose a serious risk to the health and lives of these children.

Please check the ingredients of food items carefully before putting them in your child's packed lunch.



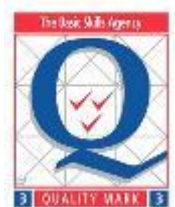
Leaving to Have a Baby



We would like to say a huge GOOD LUCK to Mrs Freeman who starts her maternity leave today. We will miss you while you are away!



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Opal

We've been working hard since September to grow and develop our provision and play opportunities for the children within the playground. The children are loving the wheeled play—the balance bikes are loved by children of all ages and now the Roktagon is open, which means that more children are challenging themselves to have a go at climbing. The basketball hoops are also proving very popular whether that be just shooting hoops or having a small game, and the fitness challenge board is another addition that children are getting involved in. Our range of small world toys has been developed with children having access to toy cars and Lego to play with. There will be dolls and road planks coming very soon.

Forest School club have been working hard in the area, and we are hoping that very soon it will be open during playtimes and lunchtimes for children to access - weather dependent for now. Mr Rathore and Mr Ahmed have been working extremely hard to support the development of the playground and are in the process of building two outside play kitchens for the children and securing large boats in the playgrounds so that children can use their imaginations to become pirates and sail the seas or become explorers and travel to fantastic new worlds. We have had a large selection of dressing up clothes donated which will soon be available for children to use. Money that has been donated by Peter Tillotson's charitable trust as a result of our collaboration with Music for the Many will be used to create a music wall before the end of the year.

We are still looking for donations to support our OPAL journey and continue to enhance the environment for the children. If you are having a clear out we would love to take the following items off your hands as long as they are not damaged or broken:

- Small world play toys - including Barbie type dolls, plastic animals, dinosaurs and cars
- Scooters - not electric
- Suitcases of any size and type
- Plastic milk crates/supermarket delivery crates/plastic bread trays
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, work tables, wooden spoons, chopping boards
- Buckets
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric)
- Foam sheets/bodyboards/camping roll mats/yoga mats
- Cable drums
- Guttering
- Hats/scarves/jazzy shirts/elasticated skirts/waistcoats/wedding dresses/character



TTRS Winners



Year 2 - Aairah-Noor A (Switzerland)

Year 3 - Raja M (Morocco)

Year 4 - Mridini G (South Africa)

Year 5 - Hasnain M (Denmark)

Year 6 - Muhammad Ur-R (Egypt)

Class with the quickest average speed per question
Singapore (1.39 seconds)

Year 4 trip to the Gurdwara

This week, year 4 visited the Gurdwara and had a fantastic time learning all about the Sikh faith.

They learnt all about the 10 gurus, the Guru Granth Sahib and the 5 Ks. They spent time in the prayer hall where we listened to a recitation of the holy scripture and even got to play the harmonium.



Eggy Armour

Last week in upper school Building and Architecture Club, the children were challenged to make some armour to protect an egg that was going to be dropped from a specific height.



The children had great fun designing their protective armour out of various materials. In the end, there were two winners whose designs kept their eggs in one piece. Well done to Redha and Eisa!



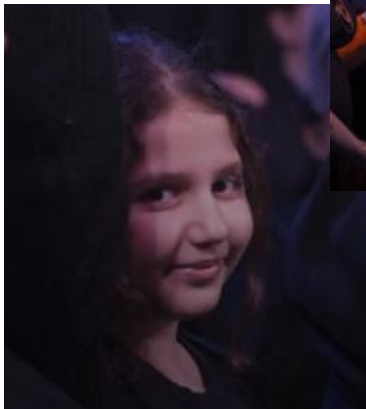


Sign Language Week

On Thursday, all children took part in BSL (British Sign Language) lessons as part of British Sign Language Week. Children were introduced to BSL through a range of videos where they learnt the alphabet, basic communication phrases such as 'hello', 'goodbye', 'thank you' and 'sorry' as well as the days of the week and signing their name.



For those children who really enjoyed it, and would like to keep on learning, please sign up to the Sign Language and Makaton after school club for the summer term.



WE BELONG

A CELEBRATORY EVENT TO MARK
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2025

Last Friday, our group of Y6 girls who have been working with Sharon from verd de gris and One Voice Collective took part in a performance at the King's Centre. The girls have grown in confidence and understand how important it is to feel empowered. This shone through in the bravery they showed in front of the live audience. As a group, they have also learnt more about how to build and sustain relationships with others, including those who are different from them. The audience were mesmerised and very impressed by the movement, singing and words spoken in the culmination of this beautiful project.



Calderdale Healthy Holidays

JOIN THE FUN THIS SPRING AND ENJOY A HEALTHY HOLIDAY!

HEALTHY HOLIDAYS CALDERDALE SPRING PROGRAMME

This Spring, during the Easter school holidays, children and young people aged 5-16 eligible for benefits-related free school meals are invited to take part in a range of exciting and fun activities through the Healthy Holidays Calderdale Programme.

The scheme provides enriching activities, delicious nutritious meals, and a chance for young people to meet new friends in a safe and fun environment.



To book scan the QR code or visit healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

You will need to register your child on the booking system before booking your place directly through the provider. There may also be sessions available for fee-paying children who are not eligible for free school meals.



Book your place now to join the Healthy Holidays Calderdale fun, taking place this Spring across Calderdale.

To book scan the QR code or visit: healthyholidays.calderdale.gov.uk/

For more information on Healthy Holidays Calderdale and support in booking a place at a Spring holiday scheme, please contact:

Facebook: @HealthyHolidaysCalderdale
Twitter: @HAFCalderdale
Website: www.calderdale.gov.uk/healthyholidays
Email: healthyholidays@calderdale.gov.uk



Dinner Menu w/c 24th March 2025

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

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

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 **STREAMERS**

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities – and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.



NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the past.



FINANCIAL HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral as streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.



UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Influencers often showcase how glamorous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 million, but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.



MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us – and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.



ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.



Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that – influencing young minds, for better or for worse.



CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Fumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers – despite many being dogged by controversy.



DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.



SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching content they shouldn't be.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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