

BEAUFONT FIRST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH 2021

SCHOOL NEWS

EYFS News

We are delighted to welcome our wonderful trainee Teaching Assistant, Miss Grace Awburn, back to our EYFS class and we are excited to welcome a PGCE student teacher, Miss Emily Carroll, for her final teaching placement. Both will be a huge asset to our team for the coming summer term and we look forward to supporting them both on their journey into the profession.

We would like to remind existing parents that our Nursery is currently full for September 2021 but there are open waiting lists for anyone wishing to reserve a place for September 2022, 2023 and 2024! If you have younger children and wish to join the waiting lists for any year, please complete and return the Beaufont Nursery Application Form on our School Website or email Mrs Booth or Mrs Boucetla for more information.

We cannot believe the amazing response to our relatively new venture and had not anticipated the demand to be so high. Thank you to all parents for the support and encouragement that you have given us so far.

Amendment to information - Can EYFS parents please note that from September 2021, 'paid for' Nursery sessions will be charged at £5.00 per hour and not per session as previously stated. Apologies for any confusion.

World Book Day at Beaufont - Thursday, 18th March 2021

As mentioned in the previous newsletter we will be holding our **World Book Day event on Thursday, 18th March**. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character and to bring in their favourite book (ideally to match their costume) to share in their class.

In school we will be sharing books, doing fun activities in our bubbles and with special thanks to Mrs Combe and Mrs Byerley, we will be having a very special 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' lunch! Thanks to Mr Tinsley for producing a lovely '**Guide to your World Book Day Books**' attached at the end of this Newsletter. The books are still widely available for you to 'purchase' with your Book Day vouchers.

Please note that for those Nursery children not normally attending on a Thursday we will be doing special activities throughout the week and hope to hold a little EYFS picnic for all of the children when the weather improves after Easter!

Polling Station - Thursday 6th May 2021

We have been notified by Northumberland County Council that the school will be used as a Polling Station on Thursday 6th May for PCC, County and selected Parishes elections. Due to Covid restrictions we have taken the decision this year to close the school for the day. Please make a note in your diaries.

Welcome back to school

It has been so marvellous to have all the children back in school and to see them rekindling old friendships and developing new ones. They have behaved beautifully and made a fantastic start to their learning. Thank you so very much for all the support that you have given them with their learning over the last few challenging months.

We have had a few very useful emails from parents outlining where their children have found the work that has been set over lockdown challenging. We think that your thoughts could form a useful part of our ongoing assessment of the children. If any parent in Class 1 or 2 would like to email in with some thoughts and feedback, you would be very welcome. (Mrs. Boucetla has already sought thoughts from the parents of the EYFS children).

Please send your thoughts to eileen.daniel@school360.co.uk If you could respond before next Friday that would be marvellous.

Cricket “Taster” Day

All the children will be given the opportunity to take part in a cricket “taster” day on Wednesday 17th of March. Tom Cant will be coming into school to run the sessions in conjunction with the support of the school staff.

Please make sure that all children come appropriately dressed in warm PE kit on Wednesday..



TikTok is a social media platform that lets you create, share and discover 60 second videos. You can use music and effects to enhance your videos and you can also browse other people’s videos and interact with them.

We are aware that some of our older children are accessing this platform, which is for children 13 years and older.

For an expert view of the risks... <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/tiktok/#topTipsBlock>

Sexual

Medium Risk

Violence & hatred

Medium Risk

Bullying

Medium Risk

Suicide & self-harm

Medium Risk

Drink, drugs & crime

High Risk

Who is TikTok intended for? TikTok is intended for users age 13 and over. Please do not allow a child under the age of 13 to use the app. If you learn that your child under the age of 13 has registered for a TikTok account, contact TikTok at: <https://www.tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy>.

If anyone has any concerns after viewing these links, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs Hawkins or Mrs. Daniel would be very happy to talk to you.

DIARY DATES

Please note that new dates are shown in italics

Friday 26th March
Monday 12th April
Friday 16th April
Monday 3rd May
Thursday 6th May
Friday 28th May
Monday 7th June
Friday 16th July

School closes for Easter break
School reopens for Summer term
National Offers Day for places for Reception Sept 2021
Bank Holiday
Polling Station - School closed for the day
School closes for Summer half term
School reopens
School closes for Summer break

Nursery, Reception & Year 1.

‘There’s A Wolf In Your Book’

by Tom Fletcher (ill. by Gregg Abbott)

First there was a monster, then a dragon, then an elf, quickly followed by an alien, and then before we knew it there was a witch and a newly published superhero, Tom Fletcher’s wonderful ‘Who’s In Your Book?’ series has had it all.

Now for this year’s World Book Day the fun continues as we are treated to an extra addition, ‘There’s A Wolf In Your Book’. Join our characters as we read a book within a book, but take extra care there might be something else wanting to join you. Feel brave? Read on and find out who it might be.

‘Luna Loves World Book Day’

by Joseph Coelho (ill. by Fiona Lumbers)

I don’t know about you but I am like Luna, Luna loves World Book Day! Do you? The fun of making a costume of our favourite book character, buying a book with a token, World Book Day is so much fun. Luna even gets to meet an author and illustrator this World Book Day. Lucky Luna!

But oh no! Luna’s unicorn costume has ripped, quick, quick get a magic potato! Good job Dad has one, phew. But will it work and save the day? Choose Luna’s story with your token to find out, and perhaps ask Mummy and Daddy to check the potatoes at home one might be magical.

‘What the Ladybird Heard Story Play’

by Julia Donaldson (ill. by Lydia Monks)

Hefty Hugh and Lanky Len are up to their old sneaky tricks; they are trying to steal the farmer’s prized cow! How very sneaky. But what’s that you say the ladybird heard them? I think you might be right. Do you think she has a plan to stop them?

This World Book Day choice is perfect for all of the family because everyone has a part to play. With tips to get into character, prompts for Oscar worthy World Book Day acting, and how-to instructions for drawing our heroic ladybirds the fun is endless!

‘Gigantosaurus Dino-Spot’

by Jonny Duddle (ill. by Jonny Duddle)

Our Bonehead thinks he’s a great Dinosaur Spotter, he’s usually pretty good too. But can he find the other dinosaurs as well as the ginormous Gigantosaurus? You might think so with a name like Gigantosaurus, but perhaps he could do with your help just in case.

Continue on your Dinosaur Spotting skills on the World Book Day website for Wild Word Searches, Colouring activities as well Jungle Maze activities and you’ll be an expert before you can shout “there’s a ginormous Gigantosaurus in my World Book Day Book!”

Confident Year 2s, Year 3 & 4.

‘Planet Omar: Operation Kind’

by Zanib Mian (ill. by Zanib Mian)

Omar is trying to help his best friend Daniel. Daniel has a little sister who visits the hospital regularly and cheering her up can often be easy, but today Daniel wants to do something extra memorable, extra special for sister Suzy. How kind and thoughtful!

When news breaks out that Suzy's favourite author is in the country, but only for one day, our kind heroes are overjoyed and have a plan. They'll get Suzy a signed copy, how hard can that be? No spoilers here, but being kind may also require you to be a little brave for those you love most.

There might be some confident Year 2s (certainly Year 3) who are at that stage for a challenge, or perhaps want their next new read to share with their families. 'Planet Omar: Operation Kind' sounds like the World Book Day choice for you.

'Little Badman and the Radioactive Samosa'
by Zanib Mian (ill. by Zanib Mian)

Now that's a title!

'Little Badman and the Radioactive Samosa' is another one for our Year 3s and is bound to excite; it's a very cool bonkers adventure after all, what's not to love.

Twelve-year-old Humza Khan has his reputation for a many number of things, some include his small town's honour as greatest ever rapper, ninja, as well as being all-round legend; he's even saved the world a few times but who is counting. They were different adventures after all, and nothing quite like the one you're about to read here. If you want a new mad adventure, look no further, but watch out for those giant hamsters ... Oops, I shouldn't have said that.

'Protect the Planet: How To Be Kind To Our World and Change The Future'
by Jess French (ill. by Aleesha Nandhra)

We all know how precious our world is. We all know how we have to do our utmost best to look after it and look after everyone and everything on it, but it's not down to one person it's a collective responsibility. Luckily help is at hand, and there are lots of brilliant books that give us all advice and activities for us to learn, engage, and take part in to do our part.

One book to get you going, and thinking differently, feeling inspired, is this one. Dr Jess French and illustrator Aleesha Nandhra have joined the growing collective to teach us how we can make a big difference on our planet. Within this book Jess and Aleesha teach us the importance of kindness, and acting with it towards the people, wildlife and plants, as well as ourselves, anything is possible to save our beautiful world!

'The River Whale'
by Sita Brahmachari (ill. by Poonam Mistry)

Immy is a keen wild swimmer and with big dreams to become a marine biologist she finds herself one day away from starting turning her dreams into a reality; she is going to achieve her entry level diving certificate. But trying to get a good night's sleep the night before is proving tricky. Immy has an unusual and what feels like a very real dream about a whale in trouble in the river. Surely this is just a dream; a whale can't possibly be in Immy's river. Can it? Can you help Immy save the day and help the poor whale? I believe you can.

Mixing our standard novel like prose we read in our chapter books with free verse (a poem that does not rhyme or follow a regular rhythm) Sita's small but poignant adventure will delight, enchant and inspire the whole family, and is perfect for shared bedtime reading.

Be courageous; be inspired; save the day, save our whales!

'Skysteppers'
by Katherine Rundell

If you were to look up above the high tops of Paris' buildings you may see a secret gang called the rooftoppers; children who make a home and live their lives between the French capital's chimney pots. (Important note, I wouldn't recommend it at home.)

Mateo and Mercedes' adventure, like ours, is soon to begin and the life they love so dear is under threat and their quest to save it will spread us right across the city. What's the view like from the roof of the Palace of Versailles, or the Louvre museum? You'll just have to tell me when you've finished your adventure and are gazing across the Parisian skies.

There might be some Year 4s out there who might have read Katherine's adventurous, joyous 'Rooftoppers' from 2013, and recognise the Paris you're about to find yourselves in. If not, don't fear this is a perfect way to be introduced to the beautiful worlds Katherine creates in her books. You might be inspired afterwards to read 'Rooftoppers' and I highly recommend you do ... She's a personal favourite, can you tell?

'Football School: 20 Statistics'

by Alexander Bellos and Ben Lyttleton (ill. by Spike Gerrell)

Finding its place amongst the ever-growing 'Football School' series that continues to add title after title, I lose track. Whether its part of the ongoing series or a spinoff title, this little World Book Day choice is bound to be enjoyed by all and a perfect addition to your collection, 'Football School: 20 Statistics' offers even more fun and facts at your fingertips. Within this World Book Day edition we learn all about true stories of some of the world's top players and teams, and the radical game changers who have shaped the beautiful game we know and love to what it is today.

Stories range from the mini football magician Lionel Messi, to the footballer who pooped on the pitch! (Eeeeww!!), the greatest GOAT (no typing error) in football and the incredible, and remarkable, story of women's football after World War 1, there is so much packed into one small book!

See the version attached to the parentmail letter for pictures.

We will almost certainly have the books delivered to school so it would be a great idea to discuss the books with your child so they know what they can choose from before the day.