



BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Woods

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have reached the end of 2010 having survived the recent freezing weather and large snowfalls. We eagerly await the start of 2011 when the new term begins on Tuesday, 4th January 2011. The new year promises to be full of fresh challenges and exciting developments for the school as we open our new ARP (Additional Resource Provision) classes.

We have made many improvements to the school site throughout 2010 so that we can continue to provide all of our pupils with modern facilities to enhance their learning opportunities. We have again achieved great results in formal assessments at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6.

During this year we have had a



change of government and the result has been a decrease in the funds available for resource spending in school. At the moment we do not yet have our 2011 budget details, but we are hopeful of maintaining our staffing arrangements.

Our Parent Support Advisor, Jessica Dark started her role in September and it has been pleasing to see



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the large number of parents/carers who have already made use of the services that Jessica is providing. Jessica runs our crèche/toddler group on Monday and Friday mornings. Another key area of work for Jessica is working to support families where attendance is low. If your child is absent from school or attendance levels are below 95% you can expect to receive a phone call or an invitation to a meeting with Jessica.

I would like to thank all of the staff in school for their hard work and efforts over the year to provide all pupils with many high quality learning opportunities. I'd like to wish all of our children, their families, staff and community members the very best of Season's Greetings and a Happy New Year for 2011.

Parent Hotline

We have our parent hotline number **08447 707 576** in place and we will be using this more over the coming months to add school messages regarding adverse weather conditions.

When you dial 08447 707 576 you need to then dial our **school ID Number: 71486** to hear our school messages.

Building Update



You will have noticed the wooden hoarding that has been erected along the front of

the school over the last few weeks. This hoarding is in place to ensure that our school site remains completely secure for pupils and staff over the next 6-8 weeks

while work is completed to replace our front fence.

Over the past month work has been completed to finish the conversion of our downstairs rooms into classes for our new ARP provision which opens in January. As part of this work, we have remodelled some old toilet areas to create an office workspace and some individual children's toilets.

As part of the ARP provision the special needs classrooms

are having their own outdoor play area created. This work is currently being completed to be ready before the 10th January.



Curriculum News

Staff meeting sessions during this half-term have been focused on issues linked to maths and ICT teaching. Our 'training day' on 22nd November was split into two sessions, on curriculum planning in the morning and PE gymnastics and dance activities in the afternoon.

Science/Maths Week

From Tuesday, 23rd November until Friday 26th November we held a science/maths focus week across the school. Classes took part in a range of activities including: researching famous scientists, making egg protection systems, paper aeroplanes, erupting volcanoes, moving toys and a space/planetarium show.

During these activities children used a wide range of maths skills (measuring, weighing, reading scales, creating graphs and more) along with a variety of science skills (levers, gravity, aerodynamics, packaging materials, solutions, etc, etc).

The exciting focus point of the week was definitely "The



Great Egg Challenge". Children had to design a container that was

based upon the "Mars Rover Landing Vehicle". They placed an unboiled egg inside their container which then had to "survive" three progressively difficult challenges. The last challenge was a drop from the upstairs window of the Year 5 classroom. We had just seven (7) surviving eggs from the 180 that had started.

Life Education Van Visit



After a delay caused by the snow,

the classes were able to visit the life education van on Monday, 6th and Tuesday, 7th December. The van provides children with an informative and interactive session about a range of health topics appropriate to their ages. It was good to see approximately 13 parents visit

the van for the parent workshop on Tuesday morning.

International Links

As you know we already have a link with a Sang Yuan Primary School in China. During the early part of this term classes were busy completing project work to send to China. We are eagerly waiting for our replies from China.

During the term we have also



formed a link with a school in France to further enhance the MFL elements within the KS2 curriculum. Our link school is 'Ecole Jean Jaurès' in

the town of 'Brétigny sur Orge' about 22 miles from Paris. Miss Amra is already working to develop some joint activities. We have made a bid to the British Council to complete some very exciting activities in 2011. We hope our bid is successful.

Classroom News

Nursery

Our topic this half term has been 'Around The World'. We have been learning about different countries and doing lots of international activities. Here are some of the fun things that we did:

For China, we made hand print dragons, acted out the River Race story and cooked Spring Rolls.



During our week on Africa, we turned our role-play area into an African Safari and made some instruments and

bead necklaces like the one's from Africa we saw.



For Europe, we tasted some foods from different countries on the continent and made models of some famous European landmarks.

Finally, we have been learning all about the Arctic and Antarctic. We have taken part in lots

of snow and ice-themed activities and playing in our very own ice kingdom.



We wish you all a Happy Christmas!



Reception

Reception had fun during Science Week.

We made paper aeroplanes and flew them to see whose flew furthest.

Said and Ikongkar won the first race.



Nurudin won the second race.



Year 3

Beaconsfield Primary School's newly awarded Silver Eco Award!



The Eco Warriors have been over the moon about achieving our next Eco award. These past few weeks have been quite busy promoting more ideas in taking better care of our environment. We have been collecting rubbish from the playground and also doing spot checks looking at how our school are taking care of our environment, by remembering to switch all lights and anything else powered by electricity off when not in use. Our spot checks have been largely taking place during playtimes and lunchtimes. We have included water wastage in our checks, since water is an unnecessary waste for the environment. The Eco Warriors were told about many parts of the world that are slowly running out of water and if we don't take better care, by making sure we use



water sensibly, for example making sure the water doesn't run for too long, when brushing our teeth in the morning then this would help in the fight to save water.

The Eco Warriors have continued in our drive to recycle paper, the recycling team are always quick to remember the weekly trip to all classrooms, offices, staff room and Mr Woods office, collecting the weekly box of paper ready to be collected.

A few weeks ago, we braved the cold weather and collected as much rubbish as we could from the playground and sur-

rounding areas. As you can see from the picture we took, the rubbish collected consisted of all sorts, from empty cans to sweet wrappers. We were quite shocked by our findings, we are sure that you are too!



We managed to fill two boxes with rubbish collected from the playground. Ms Starr said we should feel proud of the great job we did, but we all felt quite sad and embarrassed at how some members of the school community could be so selfish in throwing their rubbish in our school environment. The more we discussed the issues, the more shocked we felt, especially at how some people could not be bothered to throw their rubbish in the



bins provided. Ms Starr mentioned, how important it was for us all to take a part in making sure our environment is Lit-

ter free, as this would not only promote a more welcoming school environment, it would also make sure vermin, such as rats are discouraged from feasting on any tiny pieces of food, e.g. bits of chocolate on sweet wrappers that have been left behind. PLEASE help us take better care of our school environment by remembering to throw your rubbish in the bins provided.



Next term will be just as exciting as this term. Our school will be involved in a whole school project which will have something to do with both the Olympics and the environment. We will be giving you more information about this project in our next newsletter.



Finally, if you have any ideas or would like to offer some time or resources to help the Eco Warriors with helping the environment, please leave a message for the Eco Warriors at the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

By members of BEaConsfield's Eco Warriors

Collection of photos from Year 3's Science Week



Paper aeroplane flying competition



Making paper frogs



Making a volcano



Indoor Planetarium visit



Egg dropping competition

Year 3

This half term The China Group have been working on power points all about our school. We have also talked about even more interesting facts about China and particularly the customs and culture in China. This has made us more aware of the many traditions and way of life for someone that has grown up or is living in China.

All classes from Nursery to year 6 have been busy working on mini projects which Ms Starr will deliver to the London offices soon. You can read all about some of the work produced in this newsletter. We have already sent specially created welcome cards to

Sang Yuan Primary. Here is a selection. See if you can spot anyone you know.

The China group feel that there is even more going on with the project this year, as now the whole school are involved in it. All classes have a project to work on and are quite excited about the next parcel we hope to receive from our Link School – Sang Yuan Primary.

Finally, we have an exciting end of term assembly next week. We will be talking about 'Christmas in China'. Why not join us.

From the China Group



Year 4



We went to Dormers Wells High School for our wood work activity. Assistant Head Teacher Mr. Pritchard told us about their school rules which we had to follow. He then split us into two groups. The first group went into the main workshop, while the second group did another activity.

After we put our aprons on we went in pairs to our table, Mr. Smith their DT teacher

explained to us how their 'vice handle' worked. We turned the handle around to hold the log in firmly. We were using a machine called 'plane' to cut the shavings off the wood. When I had a problem another person helped me to shave the log. We eventually made a hole using the drill. Finally our log was ready to be decorated. We had a useful time learning a lot about using different machines safely and how to create beautiful Christmas log.

For our Science week we had lots of fun creating different scientific things and linking it to different subjects. We had to do a lot of experience like make crystals, aeroplanes, make a model of human beings. Egg throwing competi-

tions was fun to see Mr Woods up on the PE cupboard.

Now we are looking forward to our Christmas week where we hope we are going to enjoy it. Have a wonderful break.
By Devangi



Year 5

We had an exciting term, working on different subjects. For literacy we went to see a 3D film 'Alpha Omega'. I laughed a lot with my friends it was a funny film, as a treat we had our own coach. Then we had our science week. We did lots of experiments with different recycled items.

1. Our exploding volcano was amazing we thought it was real until we saw the teacher adding colour to it.
2. We learned how different chemicals react to each other.
3. We made lots of talking frogs from which we learned different shapes.
4. Our crystals were a complete disaster they did not work at all.
5. Egg throwing competition was the best of all, my egg set off to Mars but the poor



- thing became a fried egg, I tried my best to make it survive.
6. In our paper aeroplane competition Haseeb and Adnan won the competition.
7. It was an amazing term where we linked all the different subjects together.

Seema. Year 5

In science week we made aeroplanes, paper frogs, Martian Space Ship for our eggs and our bubbling, bursting volcanoes. We had fun filled activities in science week. We all worked well as a team. To build a volcano you need men-

tos, fairy liquid, baking soda & coke we even designed eggs and wrapped them in different material too. Our crystals were a total disaster miss even tried to cheat. It was a tiring week with all the fun we had a lot of fun. The Science planetarium was the best. We saw the universe from our school hall.

By Zeeshan & Idil



Year 6



China Project! By Jasmin, Adnan & Yaseen



There has been a new group called the China Project, it is led by Ms Starr and involves children from every class. In this article we investigated what the China Project do and further future plans. We interviewed Ms Starr and got some information related to the group.



What is China Project?

China Project is a group that focuses on China, they complete projects and send things to our linked school Sang Yuan Primary School. China Project was set up in 2009. In the China Project children learn about the different Chinese cultures, languages and further more things. During the past the China Project has learnt how to make Chinese fans and things related to the culture.

What does China Project have in progress? (Achievements)

Ms Starr told us "Every class is putting together a project to send to China. At the moment we are sending cards from each class, also the China Project members are putting together PowerPoint's all about the school." They have been sending things about different cultures like Christmas and others celebrations.



Why was China Project set up?

China Project was set up for a reason and the reason was our school wanted to link with an international country. Ms Starr told us "We could have chosen countries like India or Afghanistan however we wanted to link with a country which the children in our school are less familiar with like China."

Is China Project going to take any visits related to the Chinese culture?

The group were thinking of going to China Town, where they will go to restaurants, have a look at things related to the Chinese culture.



What do the China Project members feel about this group?

Ms Starr told us what she feels about this group "I feel quite excited, about more ideas involved with all the classes and I am reassured that everything that is happening is very good!" we also have some members from our class we asked their opinions about the group and these are the answers. "I think it is great to have China Project and I am sure we will have good success with connecting to our link school," Rajpreet explained.

Sumail told us "It is good to have China Project because we are communicating with a culture which we don't know as much about."

What are your future plans?

Our school has got a lot of future plans one involves teachers visiting China with children later in the years. "We are hoping to make more connections and more input on the country and culture!" Ms Starr told us enthusiastically. It is great to have a link with a school in a different country, we get

to make things and learn more about their culture while they are learning about our culture.



We are all grateful we get to link with a school in China!



Science week 23rd Nov to 26th Nov 2010

We had a fantastic Science week from 23rd Nov to 26th Nov 2010. Great activities were packed for us to do during science week. There were lots of investigations to do. Each year group investigated on life science, theme of colours and food science. Each class researched about a famous scientist and learned about his inventions and the impact it had on human society. We loved making our own toys and we had to use lots of maths skills like measuring to make them.



There were lots of challenges and competitions through out the school. Our favourite was the paper aeroplane competition. We made our own aeroplanes and chose three winners from each class. Then all the entries from the semi final had to fly their planes and one winner from each class and three top winners from the whole school were chosen.

We grew our own crystals but year 1 won the first prize in

growing the best crystals.

All the classes in key stage 2 made 3-D models of volcanoes and had a competition of erupting them in sharing science week assembly.

Year 3 won the first prize in making the best 3-D model of volcano.

Year 5 won the first prize in the best volcano eruption.



The most favourite of the whole school was the egg drop competition. We had to make our containers for safe landing of our egg characters on Mars. We worked very hard for this competition. Mr Woods and Mr Burman helped us in dropping our eggs from the height of around 3 metres in the first round. Half of the eggs broke



in the first round. Those who survived were feeling very happy



and excited and hopeful of landing on Mars. In the second round, Mr Woods dropped our egg containers from the roof top of PE cupboard outside. Only 20 eggs survived this great fall. At last Mr Woods went to year 5 and dropped all the egg containers from year 5 window. Only 7 lucky eggs survived and landed safely on Mars!! What a fantastic week we had. It was great learning with great fun!! Thank you Mr Woods.

Eggs containers being dropped by Mr Woods from the roof of PE cupboard in the play ground.

Only 7 lucky eggs survived the fall from year 5 window and landed safely on Mars!!



School Information/Procedures

Uniform

We expect children to always be wearing the correct school uniform at all times. Our uniform includes black shoes (**NOT BOOTS OR TRAINERS**).



During winter months it is very important that shoes have "grip" on the soles to

help prevent accidents.

Now that the weather is colder we would encourage children to wear a coat to keep them dry and warm.

Please ensure that your child's name is on all clothing items.



Lost Property



A great deal of money is spent on your child's uniform. Unfortunately we continue to have large amounts of lost property each half-term. The lost property is located just inside the door from the playground. We cannot keep large amounts of lost clothing. Please look through for any lost items as the box is cleared every six weeks.

Help Needed

Occasionally in school children have an accident where a change of clothes is required. We would greatly appreciate any donations from parents of trousers and shirts that your child has now grown out of. Please give

these clothing donations to Mrs Poonai.

We specially need donations of trousers for young (Reception and Year 1) children.



School Dinners



Our school has achieved healthy school status which we are aiming to keep. Food eaten in school is covered by our 'Food Policy' guidelines. We want to remind parents that children who have a packed lunch are only allowed to have healthy items. Items such as crisps, biscuits, small chocolate **are only allowed on a Friday** as part of children's lunch. This is part of encouraging responsible healthy eating.

Dinner Money

School dinners must be paid for **before the meals are eaten**. If you pay for meals in advance the cost will remain at £2.00 per day (£10 per week).

Payments should be made using the internet payment service at www.ealingmeals.com or by phoning Harrisons on 020 8280 0318. Cash payments can be made using the envelopes in the payment box in school. The cost for the next ½ term will be £68.00 (4th Jan—18th Feb = 34 days @ £2 daily). Any children who

owe more than £10 will have their meals stopped.

Parents/carers are reminded that it is your responsibility to inform Harrisons when your child is absent from school. If you do not inform them you will be charged for a meal. School meal debts may be referred to a debt collection agency.



Free School Meals

Many children should be able to apply for and claim 'Free School Meals'. This saving is worth £380 per child each year. If you are receiving benefits/working tax credit or jobseekers allowance you may be entitled to claim.

Please ask for an application form at the school office. If you claim free school meals you may also be entitled to claim a uniform grant.

Food Menus

Our menu for school dinner is designed to provide as many children as possible with access to a hot lunch. Meat dishes are served from Monday – Thursday and vegetarian dishes are available every day.

Monday	Non-halal meat + vegetarian
Tuesday	Halal meat + vegetarian
Wednesday	Non-halal meat + vegetarian
Thursday	Halal meat + vegetarian
Friday	No meat served only vegetarian

Attendance & Punctuality

Children can only learn and improve their work when they come to school. There are too many children in our school with **poor** or **unacceptable** levels of attendance. Overall our attendance level is one of the worst in Ealing and much lower than schools near us.

This is because parents/carers at our school keep children away more often.

We must improve our levels of attendance.

This term we have introduced a termly prize draw to reward children who do have 100% attendance. We will have a termly prize of a bike and an overall yearly prize of a Nin-

tendo Wii console. Children will earn a ticket in the prize draw for every two weeks period (10 days) in which they have 100% attendance. A winner will be drawn at the end of every term. All tickets will go into the main draw in July.

We expect **all** children to maintain attendance levels of over 95% for the year. We do not approve **ANY** leave during term time. From September we have been phoning parents/carers daily to check attendance. Those with poor attendance will be referred to either the ESW (Education Social Worker) or to Social Services.



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Punctuality

It is an important skill for children to learn to **"be on time"**. School starts at 8:50 am every day and we expect children to be in the playground by 8:45 am. It is unacceptable when families living on Beaconsfield Road or

in the nearby roads arrive late.

From September we have been having **'random' blitz days** where all gates were closed at 8:50 am. All children marked late more than once will be referred to the ESW for fines and court

prosecutions. Please do not complain when gates are closed as you have been warned and this is easy to avoid by getting to school on time.



Request for Leave

Holidays should be taken during the 13 weeks of the year when school is closed. **There is no right to take holidays in term time.**

The governing body has approved a strict policy of not approving any leave for pupils during term time. This policy is strictly enforced at all times. The Education Social Worker

will issue fixed penalty fines for unapproved leave.

During this term two pupils have lost their school place for taking unauthorised leave. Another 8 families have received fixed penalty fines for taking unauthorised leave.

Our holiday dates until September 2012 are attached.

Please follow these when making bookings



Parent/Carer Toddler Group

The toddler group runs on Monday and Friday mornings from 9:00 to 11.30



am. We are continuing to expand the resources available for children from 18 months up to 3 years of age.

This is a great opportunity for parents to meet and socialise together while their young children play safely and happily. We want to see more parents and toddlers attending each week so please in-





vite friends and neighbours to come along.



Important Dates

Date	Event
Friday 17th December 2010	Last day of autumn term—School closes at 1:30 pm
Tuesday 4th January 2011	School returns for spring term (8:50 am)
Tuesday 11th January 2011	Parent Council Meeting & School Tour
Wednesday 12th January 2011	ARP classes open
Friday 28th January 2011	Year 6 Visit to Houses of Parliament
Monday 31st January 2011	Citizenship Launch Assembly (with Hambrough)
Wednesday 2nd February 2011	School Council visit to Hambrough Primary
Thursday 3rd February 2011	Year 5 Visit to London Assembly
Friday 4th February 2011	Year 4 Visit to Tower of London
Friday 4th February 2011	Year 2 Young Town Planners Workshop
Friday 4th February 2011	Year 3 'Runaround Debate'
Monday 7th February 2011	Year 4 'Runaround Debate'
Wednesday 9th February 2011	School Council 'Question Time'
Thursday 10th February 2011	Year 5 & Year 6 PowerPoint Displays
Friday 11th February 2011	Joint assemblies with Hambrough
Friday 18th February 2011	3:20 pm—Half-Term Begins
Monday 28th February 2011	School returns (8:50 am)
Friday 4th March 2011	Class Group Photos

Below are our approved school holiday dates through until July 2012. Please note these dates and ensure that any holiday bookings are made outside of the school terms.

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spring Term 2011</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 4th January 2011 – Friday 18th February 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Half term</i> <i>Monday 21st February –</i> <i>Friday 25th February 2011</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April 2011</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summer Term 2011</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 26th April 2011 – Friday 27th May 2011</p> <p>Extra Bank Holiday (The Royal Wedding) —29th April</p> <p>Bank Holiday – 2nd May</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Half-term</i> <i>Monday 30th May –</i> <i>Friday 3rd June 2011</i></p> <p>INSET Day – Monday 6th June</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 7th June 2011 – Tuesday 19th July 2011</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Autumn Term 2011</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSET Day— Monday 5th September 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 6th September 2011— Friday 21st October 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Half-term</i> <i>Monday 24th October—</i> <i>Friday 28th October</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 31st October 2011— Friday 16th December 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">INSET Day— Monday 28th November 2011</p>
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