



BEACONSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Message from Mr Woods

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a very busy start to 2011 for the school. We have now opened our new ARP (Additional Resource Provision) classes for pupils in KS1 and KS2 who require extra support with their learning. We have also welcomed nine new members of staff to the school team as part of this increased provision.

Throughout the autumn term we had many small items of building work and finishing off work completed. The process is known as "snagging". It is very time-consuming and at times quite frustrating but the end result for our refurbished areas is excellent learning facilities for all children in our school.

There has been a huge amount of discussion in the local and national news over the past months about government budget cuts. In school, despite what the education minister has said, we are faced with a large number of increased costs for essential services and cuts in funding. This will likely result in about **£30,000 of funding cuts** in 2011.

Parents can help us to minimise this budget loss in three ways.



The Conservative/Liberal Democrat government have introduced a funding option called the **PUPIL PREMIUM**. This pupil premium is paid to schools solely based on the number of children who are eligible for free school meals. The more children eligible means the more money a school receives to provide specialists activities such as musical instrument tuition (Year 3 and Year 5), reading and maths recovery support (Year 2 and Year 1), one to one tuition (Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6) and extra nursery staff (Nursery).

This year we expect to receive £15,000 in pupil premium payments but we estimate that we could be eligible for £20,000 if all children who are entitled to free meals applied. It is also worth applying for a uniform grant, as a uniform grant is payable for pupils in Reception, Year 3 and Year 5. This grant provides a £40 payment to families eligible. It is very likely that the uniform grant will be scrapped by 2012 so this may be the last chance to apply.

The second way you can help us is by ensuring that you provide your child with some basic

The first is by applying for **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** and **UNIFORM GRANTS**.

equipment (pencils, colouring felts, ruler, etc) yourself. It is well known that when we "own" something we do take better care of it. Supplying these resources across the school costs £12,000 a year. Any savings we make means that we can re-direct funds into updating resources for all pupils.



The third way that parents/carers can assist the school relates directly to the nursery. All children in the nursery are entitled to 15 hours of time each week, spread over 6 x 2.5 hour sessions. So that the nursery can be funded to provide three staff, it is essential that all children attend for the six sessions. If children do not attend we lose nursery funding which means we would have to reduce nursery staffing.

During this half-term we have held our annual Citizenship Fortnight of activities including visits, special activities and competitions. This year we have linked with Hambrough Primary to undertake some joint activities in KS2 class along with links between the school councils. Please take time to read about the class activities

Mr Dave Woods
Head Teacher

Parent Hotline



020 8574 707 576 you need to then dial our **school ID Number: 71486** to hear our school messages.

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

Building Update



The good news is that all of the major refurbishment work

inside the building has been completed. The 'snagging' items are being completed in all of the various rooms. The only outstanding items of work are the replacement of our front fence and the installation of our new library furniture.

We have now received planning approval for our replacement fence. It should be another 7-10 weeks before this work is finally completed. Our library furniture is currently under construc-

tion and it should be installed by the 18th March. At the next Parent Council meeting on Wednesday, 4th May there will be an opportunity to tour the building and see the completed works that have taken place over the last year.



Census 2011



On Sunday, 27th March the United Kingdom will collect a range of information about

people living in the country. The census is taken every 10 years. It is vital that all families complete their census forms accurately, as the in-

formation collected is used to plan for hospitals, schools, transport and other areas of government services.

School funding and other local services such as bus routes, libraries, health centres, parks and parking are all affected by the census. If information is not collected or is left out then the local area will receive less government money and fewer services.

Staff in school (Jessica Dark, Mrs Poonai or Mr Woods) can assist families with their census forms. Please ask at the office for assistance.

Curriculum News

Since the new government came to power last May, there has been very little detail about curriculum changes. What we have been told is that schools will have more control over their curriculum. Our staff meeting sessions this half-term have been focused on specific curriculum projects/activities, such as Citizenship, International Links and Eco-Schools along with Science and assessments.

Citizenship Fortnight (31st January – 11th February)

This was our 5th annual Citizenship Focus Fortnight where the classes across school took part in a range of exciting activities, visits and competitions. This year we linked with Hambrough Primary School to provide our KS2 classes and the School Council with opportunities to engage in joint activities with classes/children from Hambrough.



One of our common themes was "Fair Trade". Our Year 3 and Year 4 children learnt about issues of fair trade cotton whilst Hambrough looked at fair trade chocolate. We held three different types of debates over the two weeks and the school councillors along with Hambrough's school council visited that Mayor of Ealing in the Council Chambers.

Half-Term Activities—Extended Schools

During half-term we would like to remind parents that the **YMCA—Youth Access Play Scheme** will be running at Beaconsfield Primary School on Wednesday 23rd February from 11:00 am—3:00 pm. Activities are aimed at children aged 8 and above. Children under age 8 are welcome to attend, but they need a parent/carer to stay with them.



Also on Wednesday 23rd February from 10:00 am there is an opportunity for children and families to take bicycles for a "FREE" safety check-up at Southall Park. There is also cycle training, free bike goodies and healthy snacks on offer. The meeting place for this activity is Boyd Road (outside Villiers High School).

You could have a whole day of holiday fun with a bike check in the morning and YMCA activities in the afternoon.

MLE (Managed Learning Environment)



be information sessions for parents on the MLE system.

This half-term has seen more staff begin training on using the MLE system. We have more training planned after the half-term break. Some of the children in KS2 classes have started to use the MLE linked to Citizenship work. In the coming months there will



World Book Day



On Thursday, 3rd March it is World Book Day. Children will receive the £1 Book Tokens that can be used towards the cost of purchasing a book from the Scholastic Book Club order forms. From Monday, 7th March we will be celebrating "**Book Week**" in school with lots of activities to support and encourage reading. As we are preparing to open

our 'new' school library we will be inviting families to help us by purchasing a book and donating it to our library as a special gift. We hope to receive over 150 donated books from generous families that can then be shared by pupils in our school for many years to come. Each donated book will have a 'donor certificate' added to the cover to

acknowledge your generous gift. All donor families will be listed on "Donor Board" which will be in our new library. I do hope that you will support us to create an exciting, well-stocked library for our children.

DONATE A BOOK

Classroom News

Nursery

Our topic this term has been 'Space'. We have taken part in lots of Space-themed activities and learnt about planets, rockets, astronauts, aliens and the sun and moon.



Going on a moon-walk

We have also been playing with our new camera and video camera which has been so much fun!



Four Astronauts ready to go into



We built our own rocket

Some of our photos have been



Laiba drew an astronaut on the

printed for Citizenship Week, showing how we can look after our Earth by putting rubbish in the bin



Everyone should put their rubbish in the bin!

Reception

It is dirty.
Hashim

It is yucky.
Haidar Ali

Reception class went on a walk round school and took our own photos of litter that we have found. We picked some of it up and put it in the bin. This is what we think about litter.

It is smelly.
Lakshay

Put it in the bin.
Vigyat

Year 1

During citizenship week year 1 walked to the Southall canal on Bank side. It was such a great fun to watch so many seagulls, pigeons, ducks and swans. We took turns to take some pictures of the canal and wrote the recount of our visit to the canal. We made tally chart of the birds we saw there and also made posters showing how the Southall canal looks like.


Visit to the canal in Southall

During Citizenship week we visited our local canal in Southall. We saw so many birds there. We have made a tally chart of what we saw.

Bird/animal	Tally chart	Number of birds
Ducks		4
Swans		10
Pigeons	 	25
Seagulls		4
Others	 	8

Ayesha

Our Visit to the canal



On 3rd of Feb 2011 during Citizenship week we went to the canal in Southall. We went to the canal by walking and some of the parents came with us.

We saw boats we saw lots of ducks. We saw swans. We saw looses. We saw canal. We saw water. We saw very excited. We saw pigeons.

Our Visit to the canal



On 3rd of Feb 2011 during citizenship week we went to the canal in Southall we went to the canal by walking and some of the parents came with us. I was eager to see the ducks and swans. We took lots of photos of the seagulls then we saw a big boat with a dog on it and we saw a woman feeding the ducks. We had a good time there. Finally we went back to school and to have our play time.

Year 1's Visit to the Southall canal on Bank Side



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed doing lots of different activities during Citizenship week. The theme was 'The World' They made a digital photo collage, posters, wrote poems, had fun taking part in the 'Young Town Planners' workshop and did lots of research about the environment and world.



Year 2

An acrostic poem about the World.

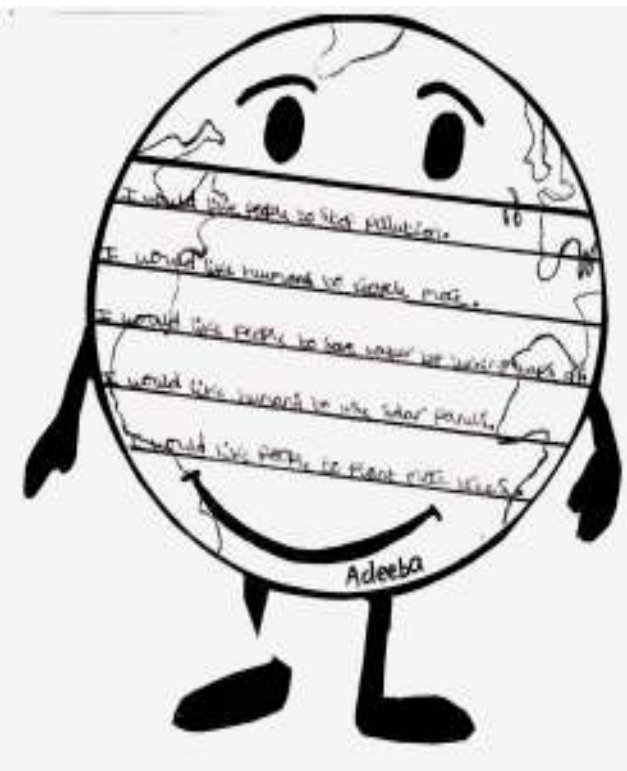


W orld is in danger!
 O ur world need to Recycle more.
 R unning water should be saved.
 L itter should be in the bin.
 D o plant more trees.

An acrostic poem about the World.



W ow the world is amazing!
 O ur TV should be off when we go to school.
 R ecycle much more and reuse.
 L ights should be switched off.
 D o not throw litter.



Year 3

Year 3 presented their Chinese New year assembly. The children really enjoyed taking part and did an excellent job. This year was the year of the rabbit. We wish you all a happy new year, year 3.

Our IPC topic was about the Rainforest and we turned our whole classroom into a rainforest.



Year 4

Year 4 citizenship week

If you were convicted in a court for a crime, what do you think the punishment should be?

Murder- I think the person who committed this crime should be sentenced to life.

Kidnap- The punishment for this crime is severe; they should be in jail for 50 years.

Burglary- I think the punishment for this person should be sweeping roads for 45 years.

Theft- I think the person, who committed theft should pay a fine of £50 to replace for the things this person has stolen.

Assault- I insist this person should be sentenced in jail for 3 years.

Drug smuggling- I think the verdict that did this should be sentenced to his/her death.

Drug supplying- I think the punishment for this criminal should be sentenced to life.

By Divangi

Year 5

Year 5 Trip to Greater London Assembly

As part of Citizenship week, we were sent by Mr. Woods to GLA. We learnt a lot about the Mayor Boris Johnson and his role in the daily running of the Assembly.

We learnt that he is given a 10 billion bursary for the up keeping of London.

We also learnt past and present facts about London. Did you know London was called Londonium?

Are you aware that we are the host of the 2012 Olympics? This will be held in Stratford and will create many new jobs for people.

As well as learning many new facts about London we were able to sit in the main assembly hall, where Boris Johnson sits with his constituency each week to raise important issues about London. The view from the window was amazing as we could see many famous London sights.

Year 5 Children



Year 6



Why do people Migrate?



Every year people move to the UK or other countries around the world to live permanently. But why do they decide to move? Citizens resettle somewhere else because of different reasons and those reasons include: Economic reasons, War and Conflict, Natural and Environmental Disasters and political, religion or ethnic persecution.

Economic Reasons

One of the main reasons of movement to another country is for Economic reasons. This includes when people move for a better job or a better standard of living. Families might want a better education for their children.

War and Conflict

Furthermore people migrate because of war and conflict. This causes people to resettle in another place for their own security. An example of a war which has caused a significant migration of people is the ongoing conflict in Somalia where tribes are fighting each other. This is what caused our teaching assistant, Mrs Jama, to migrate to this country.

Natural and Environmental disasters

Natural and environmental disasters can also cause people to migrate. These disasters can include events such as earthquakes, famine and floods. Examples of these include the earthquake in Haiti or the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Persecution

In addition to this another cause of movement is because of political, religious or ethnic persecution. The definition to this is when a human being is being treated very badly just because of their race, religion or beliefs. This forces refugees to come to different countries and ask for asylum.

In conclusion people migrate for different reasons however whatever the reason people migrate is to live a better life.

By Jasmin Kandola



Additional Resource Provision (ARP) Classes

The children in the ARP classes have been busy getting to know their new school. We have been learning how to look after our school, by recycling and saving energy. We have been making lots of new friends, learning about ourselves and have enjoyed joining in some of the citizenship week activities with the rest of the school.



ARP Staff/New Staff

We welcome our new staff in ARP classes. In 'Dolphin' Class we welcome Miss Rodgers (Teacher Leader), Mr Nermut and Mrs Tahim. In 'Starfish' Class we welcome Miss Ryan (Teacher), Mrs Bhatti and Miss Ghai.

We also welcome to the school Miss O'Shea who has joined our nursery staff, our gardener Mr Gilbert and our lunchtime supervisors Mrs Hayat and Mrs Mohamed.

Below is a leaflet on TB Awareness. TB has a high prevalence in the local community. This workshop will provide information about TB and contact details for vaccination and treatments.

TB Awareness Presentation

Southall Community Alliance (SCA) and NHS Ealing have arranged a Tuberculosis (TB) awareness presentation at:



Southall Town Hall
High Street
Southall
Middlesex
UB1 3HA
25th March 2011
11am – 1pm



Tuberculosis (TB) is a growing problem in our community so we hope you will come and find out more about:

- What is TB?
- Common myths about TB
- Spread of infection
- Sites of TB and symptoms
- Treatment and support available
- Role and experiences of TB outreach worker

All are welcome and light refreshment will be available.

If you have any further questions or queries please contact Southall Community Alliance on 020 8574 8855 or email at southallcommunityalliance@hotmail.com

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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)**.



It is very important that shoes have "grip" on the soles to help prevent acci-

dents.

As the weather is still changeable we would encourage children to bring a coat to school each day.



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

Due to rise in the price of cotton, we may have to increase the prices on PE shirts and polo shirts soon. Buy now to avoid any increases.

Lost Property



As parents you spend a lot of money on your child's uniform. Unfortunately we continue to have large amounts of lost property, most of which has no names. 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 (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children.



If your child has outgrown their clothes, please donate these to the school.



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 practices.

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 £60.00 (28th Feb—8th Apr = 30 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.

Parents/Carers should also give one week's notice to Harrisons if they want to cancel school meals.



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. The uniform grant is likely to end

in the next year, so this could be your last chance to claim it.

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

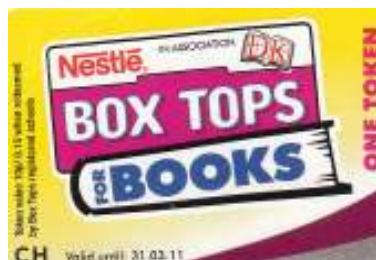
Voucher Collection

It is the time of the year when a range of voucher collection schemes begin. These schemes provide the school with hundreds of £££s of free equipment each year. When you are completing your shopping please remember to ask for the vouchers from Sainsbury's and Tesco. We also collect the box-top coupons found on a range of cereal boxes.

ment we can get for the children.



The collection boxes for these different voucher schemes are located in the waiting area of the office. Please encourage your neighbours, friends and relatives to also collect vouchers for us. The more vouchers we collect the more resources and equip-



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 invite friends and neighbours to come along.



Parent Support Advisor (PSA)

Our parent support advisor, Jessica Dark is available in school each day from 8:30 am – 12:00 noon. Jessica is here to assist and work with parents to support and improve children's learning. The easiest way to see Jessica is to make an appointment at the office or to catch her on the playground before school.



Attendance

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.



Last term we introduced attendance incentive



scheme which rewards pupils who maintain a 100% attendance rate. Our first bicycle winner was **Anureet Kaur in Year 4**. She had excellent attendance in the autumn term which earned her 5 tickets in our Attendance Draw.

We will be giving away another bicycle in April followed by a 3rd bicycle in July. Also in July we will have our Mega-Attendance Draw with a gaming console as a yearly prize.

Wii

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.

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 the nearby roads arrive late.

All children marked late more than once will be referred to the ESW for fines and court prosecutions.



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

(ESW) will issue fixed penalty fines for unapproved leave.

Over this term pupils have lost their school place for taking unauthorised leave. Another 7 families received fixed penalty fines for taking unauthorised leave.





Our holiday dates until September 2012 are attached. Please follow these when making bookings



Important Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 23rd February 2011	YMCA School Holiday Scheme at Beaconsfield
Monday 28th February 2011	School returns for 2nd half of Spring Term (8:50am)
Thursday 3rd March 2011	World Book Day
Friday 4th March 2011	Class Group Photos
Friday 4th March 2011	Speech & Language Workshop for Parents (Early Years)
Monday 7th March 2011	Parents E-Safety Workshop (9:15 am)
Monday 7th March 2011	Book Week Begins
Friday 11th March 2011	Year 5 Assembly—Ash Wednesday
Friday 11th March 2011	Theatre Workshop (Nursery—Year 3)
Monday 14th March 2011	Reception Visit to Fire Station
Friday 18th March 2011	Year 1 Assembly—Holi (Festival of Colours)
Friday 25th March 2011	Reception Class Assembly
Sunday 27th March 2011	United Kingdom Census
Friday 1st April 2011	Eco-Council Assembly
Friday 8th April 2011	Year 6 Assembly—Vaisakhi
Friday 8th April 2011	School closes for Spring Holidays (1:30 pm)
Tuesday 26th April 2011	School returns for Summer Term
Friday 29th April 2011	Bank Holiday—Royal Wedding
Monday 2nd May 2011	Bank Holiday—May Day

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><u>Spring Term 2011</u></p> <p>Tuesday 4th January 2011 – Friday 18th February 2011</p> <p><i>Half term</i> <i>Monday 21st February –</i> <i>Friday 25th February 2011</i></p> <p>Monday 28th February – Friday 8th April 2011</p>		<p><u>Summer Term 2011</u></p> <p>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><i>Half-term</i> <i>Monday 30th May –</i> <i>Friday 3rd June 2011</i></p> <p>INSET Day – Monday 6th June</p> <p>Tuesday 7th June 2011 – Tuesday 19th July 2011</p>
	<p><u>Autumn Term 2011</u></p> <p>INSET Day— Monday 5th September 2011</p> <p>Tuesday 6th September 2011— Friday 21st October 2011</p> <p><i>Half-term</i> <i>Monday 24th October—</i> <i>Friday 28th October</i></p> <p>Monday 31st October 2011— Friday 16th December 2011</p> <p>INSET Day— Monday 28th November 2011</p>	
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