



Pupil Parliament Newsletter

Autumn 2018



Written by committee members for pupils and parents.

Pupil Voice



Pupil Voice have been working hard to investigate different types of learner behaviours. This is because we want to find out what skills we need in order to be a good learner. We have worked with our classes to research team work, being independent, good listening, resilience, creativity and active participation. We have combined all our ideas and are now working to choose the correct vocabulary and take photos to create posters to show what makes a good learner. We are going to talk to Mr Denchfield about having a new award in assembly which children can achieve to show that they are a demonstrating good learning behaviours.

To support Children in Need we wore as many spots and stripes as we could as well as organising cake sale. We would like to thank all those who made incredible cakes and donated money, it was wonderful of you and we raised £696.05!



Members: Bella, Faye, Lexie, Joshua, Omaira, Trinity, Sienna, Joe, Daison, Ava Alexandra, Mason, Holly, Nathan, Harry, Daisy, Tyler, Holly, Dylan and Elija.

Learning Environment Committee



The Learning Environment Team have had a busy term. We have met to discuss the developments for the KSI playground. Friends of Benhurst have allocated a large sum of money for an additional play structure for the KSI playground. The Team met with some pupils in Year 2 to discuss ideas from their Science learning for a design for a play structure. Some members of the Learning Environment Team met with Tom from Sovereign Designs who listened to their suggestions and will create a design based on their ideas. We are waiting for further meetings with other companies to gain our three quotes to take to the Friends of Benhurst meeting in December.

Also, we have been tasked with working on improving the toilets in the KS2 corridor. We have a meeting planned with Mr Baines to discuss our ideas and work with him to create designs for new and improved toilets.

Watch this space!

Members: Amy, Dilpreet, Ellena-Rose, Sasha, Zehra, Maisie, Isabel, Jeanelle, Eliza and Ben.

Eco Committee

It has been a very busy term for the Eco-Committee. We welcomed our new members and assigned roles within the group. We have worked with Mr Bains to increase the amount of recycling within school. We put new bins in the corridor to enable us to recycle more, such as plastic bottles, food waste and cardboard. We are now responsible for making sure that recycling happens in our classrooms and empty the recycling bins every week. We are looking for ways not to waste water by ensuring taps are turned off and are considering energy usage by encouraging staff to switch off lights and interactive boards when not in use as well as by closing doors to keep the heat in.



The team made a poppy wreath out of recycled bottles, cardboard and carrier bags, which we proudly displayed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI. We have also been working as 'litter pickers' around the school grounds. We decided to write and ask Havering Council for a grant to help us buy more recycling bins for the playground to increase our recycling. Hopefully, we will hear if we are successful in the New Year.

Members: Jack, Beau, Keenan, Thomas, Aaron, Amy, Lily May, Keiron Tigerlily and Arthur.

LIFE Ambassadors

The LIFE Ambassadors met with Rachel Grimwood, Ethos Development Manager for the LIFE Education Trust, in October to discuss the events they will be involved in this term. These include: fundraising for charity, Heads Together at Liverpool Street Station in December, a whole school project to develop pupils' understanding of the term 'Ethos' and a local food bank project in which the children will be asking for donations of a £5 gift card to buy a Christmas dinner for families in need. Further details of these projects will be shared with you over the coming months.



The first LIFE Celebration event took place on Friday 2nd November. It was a wonderful evening in which last year's LIFE Ambassadors were congratulated for their work and our current ambassadors were presented with their badges. We look forward to working our current ambassadors and sharing their successes this school year.

Pupils and staff from Frances Bardsley Academy were given the opportunity to visit the WWI Battlefields in the area of Ypres, Belgium this month. Each school within the Trust was asked to create an item to be taken to the battlefields in memory of the fallen soldiers. The Benhurst LIFE Ambassadors created a poppy wreath which was laid at the memorial during their visit. This was presented to FBA during the LIFE Celebration Evening.

Members: Tasmia, James, Dilpreet, Zachary, Ruby, Rosa, Joseph, Charlotte, Scarlett and Sydnie.

Travel Ambassadors

The Junior Travel Ambassadors have started this academic year, very eager to jump into their new roles. They have enjoyed helping to organise a 'Bling your Bike/Scooter for Halloween' competition. They made many amazing posters to display around the school to advertise this competition. They had great fun, choosing the KS1 and KS2 winners. It was a difficult task as so many amazing bikes and scooters were on display!

They are currently organising a 'Golden Lock' competition. This surrounds the JTAs placing a golden lock randomly on a bike or scooter, at some point in the week. If a child finds a golden lock on their bike - they have won! The purpose of this competition is to encourage more children to ride their bikes or scooters into school. They have to be 'in it to win it.' They are discussing ways in which we could carry out this weekly competition and they are excited to promote this challenge and begin implementing it in the New Year.



Members: Poppy, Chisolm, Jannah, Harry, AJ, Lexie, Jess and Taylor.

Curriculum Team

The new Curriculum Team are already enjoying their role and have had a busy start to the school year. In their first meeting, they found out about some of the projects they would be working on this year; some were started by the Curriculum Team last year and others are new for this academic year. Last year, Friends of Benhurst agreed to fund a chicken coop to enable us to keep some of the chicks hatched by reception each year. The Curriculum Team will be looking at and agreeing plans for the



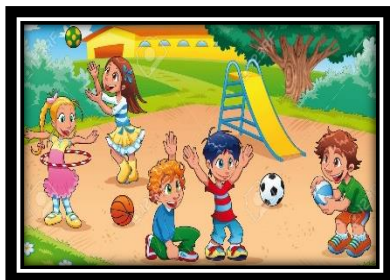
coop and working alongside the Reception team to welcome our resident chickens to Benhurst.

As you will be aware, every classroom has the sentence types displayed which help the children with their writing. Mrs Garratty has asked if the Curriculum Team can update the sentence types with some new examples. The children will start work on this in the Spring term and we look forward to the new sentence types going up on display later this year.

Members: Rebecca, Liberty, Mia, Ella, Christina, Lucy, Ishan, Leon, Godsreal, Sophie N, Tasmia, Katie, Chidera, Grace, Jenson, Niranjana, Malaikah, Isabella, Evie and Ollie.

Resolution Role Models

The Resolution Role Models were very happy to receive their green 'RRM' hats! They understand the importance of this role in our school and they are very keen to get started. However, before they can start their important duties - they will need to receive training! Training has been booked for January. Once they have completed their training - they can begin their very important jobs as the 'Benhurst Resolution Role Models!'



Members: Heidi, Anna, John, Eboni, Thomas, Zane, Simone, Laura, Alice, Mason, Erik, Laura, Jack and Sam.

Full Parliament

In December, we held our end of term Pupil Parliament meeting where we assessed what we have achieved and looked at what we are going to be working on in January.



Finally

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. Don't forget to contact a parliament member if you have any ideas or problems that you would like to raise.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!

