

**Friday 18th November 2022**

## Well done to Beech Hill School

On Wednesday, Miss Fudge and I were invited to a special celebration event at Beech Hill School to celebrate them becoming the first School of Sanctuary in Calderdale. We attended the event alongside Trustees from the Family of Learning Trust, representatives from Calderdale Valley of Sanctuary and the Mayor of Calderdale.

The School of Sanctuary status means that Beech Hill are now part of a wider network of schools nationally that have demonstrated their commitment to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum.



## Arts Mark Silver Award for Dean Field

I am incredibly proud to say that Dean Field has been awarded the Artsmark Silver Award status by the Arts Council England. A very big well done to Miss Clay who has pulled together all the evidence for achieving this award.



Our Statement of Commitment and Statement of Impact have been assessed and below is the feedback from our assessors:

'It is exciting to read your school's progress and the contribution that The Arts have made to this. It cannot have been easy to start from a point where some classes could not recall having been taught music or drama during the academic year and it is impressive that you have now embedded The Arts within a cross-curricular approach while also establishing skills progression documents that support progress in the discrete arts subjects. The use of drama has enlivened topic lessons and has led to improved writing outcomes in English. You have extended your offer to include a successful and inclusive 'Dean's Field's Got Talent' and your themed Arts Weeks help you to celebrate different cultures, as does your choice of arts topics from diverse backgrounds. Artists in residence have worked alongside your staff, and teacher skills and confidence have grown as a result of this and of your in-house CPD. Your plans to extend your cultural collaborations will offer further CPD support and more arts experiences for your children. You have made good progress, and this will continue to grow as you develop your links to other educational settings and arts organisations and networks and as you foster and harness your children's creativity.'

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Fiona Pether



## Safeguarding

**5 top tips on how to  
BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN**

- 1** Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
- 2** If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
- 3** Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
- 4** If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
- 5** Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.

For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at [www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad](http://www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad)

**Be Bright,  
Be Seen**

**THINK**

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## Staff Training

Some great news to share regarding our Y4 trainee teacher Ruksana Boston and her mentor Miss Jagger. The university tutor came into visit them and provided the following feedback:

'Ruksana's supportive and skilful mentor, Miss Jagger, is very aware of the processes associated with the Trinity PG programme. Miss Jagger was part of this programme 3 years ago and she has clearly watched the mentor training videos ensuring she is aware of the changes in observations and summative review. Ruksana feels happy in her placement and feels well-supported by all at the school. A very positive start to the placement. Well done Y4 team!'



## Dean Field Community Primary School Christmas Calendar Dates



Event	Date
Christmas Faye	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Hot Dog Day	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December
<b>Y1-Y6</b> End of Term Behaviour Treat	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Robin Hood Christmas Panto
<b>EYFS</b> End of Term Behaviour Treat	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (afternoon) - Boogie Babes
Singing Around the Tree (parents invited)	<b>Lower School</b> – Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9am <b>Upper School</b> – Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2.15pm
Reindeer Run and Christmas Jumper Day	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Dinner Day	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>EYFS</b> Nativity (parents invited)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2-2:45pm
Christmas Class Parties	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – <b>non uniform party clothes</b>
Break up for half-term	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> at 1.10pm. <b>No Friday clubs or Dean Field Den on this day</b>

**Christmas raffle tickets will go on sale from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Please donate any unwanted gifts to the school office for the Christmas tombola. No soft toys or books are needed.**

**Thank you.**

## Reception September 2023 Admission and Enrollment

Please find below the information regarding primary admissions to enroll your child to Dean Field Reception class in September 2023.

A guide has been sent out via Seesaw to help you in submitting your school application for your child to start with us in Reception September 2023. You can apply online from 18th November 2022 and **the closing date is 15th January 2023**.

If you need computer access or support then let us know and you can apply on a device in school. Please note, from experience, you need to submit your application before the deadline 15th January 2023 to receive the best chance at getting a confirmed Dean Field place otherwise your child could be given a different school. Any problems or questions please get in touch.

Admissions website: <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/>



### Starting School September 2023

#### How to apply for a school place

Children born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August 2019 are due to start primary school in September 2023.

To apply for a school place you must **apply online by 15 January 2023** at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions).

For advice and guidance regarding the application process please contact 01422 392617, option 1, and a Customer First Advisor will be able to assist you.

If you would like a leaflet about applying for a primary school place please contact your preferred school and register your child's name. The leaflet will then be distributed by the primary school at the end of November 2022.

Information relating to Admission to Primary School 2023, including oversubscription criteria, is available at [www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions).

**The application process opens on 18 November 2022  
and the close date is 15 January 2023**

Offers of school places will be made on 17 April 2023.





SQUARE



CIRCLE



TRIANGLE

## Maths Week



OVAL



RECTANGLE



HEART

This week for 'Maths week' we focused on shape. Each class spent time completing various activities on shapes. Below are some pictures from our fun shape week!



Can you describe the properties of 2D shapes?

triangle

3 Sides

3 vertices



Write the type of angle

①



acute

②



obtuse

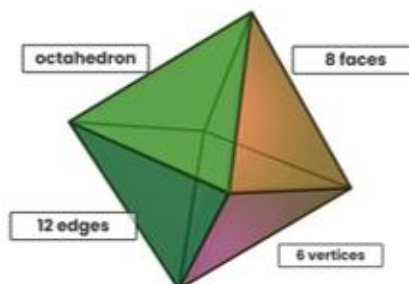
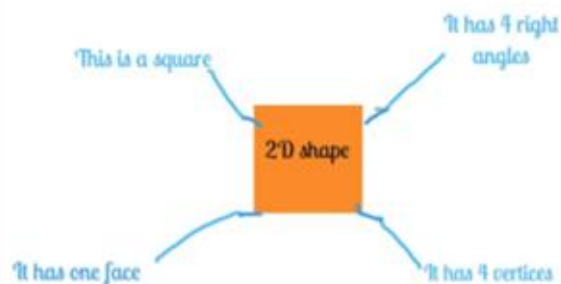
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right

Draw one of the numbers below into each box and decide whether each angle is acute, obtuse or a right angle. The first one has been done for you.

	1	2	3
10			
	acute	right angle	
5			
	right		Obtuse
4			
	Obtuse		Acute



Halifax Society for the Blind will be hosting a Christmas Fair on **Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 12.30pm** at the Maurice Jagger Centre, Halifax.

There will be stalls including a cake stall, tombola, raffle and a stall selling products from our Sight Centre.

Alongside this they are pleased to be joined by Black Cat Hampers, Knot Paper Scissors, Sulky Fox and YveJaye Crafts who will all be selling their lovely handmade Christmas gifts.

Refreshments will be available, so pop along and join them!



## Let's Get Crafty!

**Come and  
join us in our new Coffee Shop,  
Rhythm & Brews every Saturday up to  
Christmas from 10am until 12pm for Arts  
and Crafts and a decent  
brew!**



There will be a small charge of £3 per person to cover the cost of materials.



## Rhythm and Brews Taster £10

**A 20 minute music lesson and a taste of one of our delicious drinks!**

Choice of instrument: Trumpet, flute, clarinet, recorder, saxophone, piano, singing

Plus a choice of selected hot drinks

Limited availability – booking and more information: <https://bit.ly/3Ukm1sP>

Contact [admin@calderdalemusictrust.org.uk](mailto:admin@calderdalemusictrust.org.uk) for more information



Slots available Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>,  
19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> November  
between 10am – 12pm

Location: Calderdale Music  
at The Old Courthouse,  
Blackwall, Halifax, HX1 2DL







**CALDER VALLEY  
BRICK  
SHOW  
JUNIOR EXHIBITORS**

JUNIOR BUILDERS (AGED BETWEEN 5 & 17)  
ARE INVITED TO CREATE A LEGO MODEL AT  
HOME AND PUT IT ON DISPLAY TO VISITORS  
TO THE BRICK SHOW!!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND SPACES  
ARE LIMITED.

FULL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE  
TICKET SECTION OF THE BOX OFFICE  
(WEBSITE LINK BELOW).

THIS EVENT IS ORGANISED BY  
**BRICKTOPIA**  
THE TRADING NAME OF CALDERBRICK LTD - REGISTERED IN ENGLAND AND WALES (09089700)

**REGISTER VIA [WWW.BRICKSHOWTICKETS.CO.UK](http://WWW.BRICKSHOWTICKETS.CO.UK)**

**SUNDAY 29 JANUARY 2023**

**MYTHOLMROYD COMMUNITY & LEISURE CENTRE  
CALDENE AVENUE, MYTHOLMROYD, HX7 5AF**

[WWW.FB.COM/CLUBBRICKTOPIA](http://WWW.FB.COM/CLUBBRICKTOPIA)  
[WWW.CLUBBRICKTOPIA.CO.UK](http://WWW.CLUBBRICKTOPIA.CO.UK)

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The CALDER VALLEY BRICK SHOW is taking place at the end of January in Mytholmroyd and once again raising some funds for the amazing Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice.

We will be offering children the chance to be creative with the LEGO bricks that they have at home to build a small (approx. A4 size) model and then display in a special area of the event. All participants receive a certificate recognising their imagination and a special LEGO brick as a keepsake.



**HALIFAX MINSTER**  
— CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL —

**Friday 2nd December - Monday 5th December**

**A magical experience awaits!**

Halifax Minster will be filled with the wonderful scent and magical sight of over 30 Christmas trees for this annual event.

The trees have been sponsored and decorated by different families and organisations from across the town, for everyone's enjoyment. The Minster is an important gathering space for people of all faiths and those of none, a warm welcome is offered to everyone!

**The Festival is open:**  
10.00am - 4.00pm (Friday, Saturday & Monday) 12noon - 4.00pm (Sunday)

Adults £2.00 Children FREE

Refreshments available and the Minster shop will be open.  
[www.halifaxminster.org.uk](http://www.halifaxminster.org.uk)



## Warm Spaces in Calderdale

Warm Spaces are places where people can gather for free in a warm, safe, welcoming place and maybe enjoy a hot drink and some company.

Follow the links below for more information:

<https://www.placesforpeople.co.uk/about-us/our-social-impact/community-projects/warm-spaces-in-calderdale>

<https://www.warmwelcome.uk>



**Labour Councillors for the Ovenden Ward**

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A reminder that Beechwood Library is now a 'Warm Space' your welcome to call in for a hot drink and a biscuit and will be offered a warm welcome

#warmspaces #warmwelcome  
#CostofLivingCrisis #community



**Your Local Library  
is a warm bank**


**This winter we will be providing warm refreshments and free activities in the library for everyone.**

**Every library will have a different offer, for more information about what is available please drop in to your local library**



**Visit [warmspaces.org](https://warmspaces.org) to find out more about the scheme**

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**Your Local Library  
is a Warm Bank**

**Warm drinks from 11am**

**Jigsaws, Crafts & Games**

**Access to computers & WiFi**

**Newspapers & Books**

**A warm welcome to everyone**

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## School Money Debts

Polite reminder to get ahead with paying any school fees on the School Money system. You can log on at any time and pay any fees in advance. You can access this online at: <https://login.eduspot.co.uk/public/portal/parent/?app=schoolmoney&source=website&version=20190314>

We are now a **cashless** school so please pay all trips and school fees on the School Money system.



Every Wednesday  
9:45 - 11:15  
@ the Hope Centre  
- 89 Turner Av. South  
(free - donations welcome)

find out more at [hopehalifax.org/toddlers](http://hopehalifax.org/toddlers)

# WIN A PS5 BUNDLE



- Cash prize every week
- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Win up to £25,000!

**PLAY NOW:**

Scan the QR code or visit:

**www.yourschoollottery.co.uk**  
and search for: Dean Field Community



Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 10th Dec 2022.

## Reindeer Run & Christmas Jumper Day 2022

The reindeer fun is back on **Wednesday 14th December**! Sponsor forms will be sent home shortly if you wish to take part in the fundraising.

We're taking part in

The Overgate

# Reindeer Run

Date:

& Christmas Jumper Day at Dean Field on Wednesday 14th December

Help us support Overgate Hospice as they care for local families this festive season

Kindly sponsored by

**Study Write tuition**  
07990 775779

Registered Charity Number 511619

Overgate HOSPICE  
[www.overgatehospice.org.uk](http://www.overgatehospice.org.uk)



## DIARY DATES

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 22nd November	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 22nd November	Y4 Leeds Museum Trip
Thursday 24th November	Y2 Beech Hill Owl Experience
Monday 28th November	Y6 History workshop at Beech Hill
Monday 28th November	Nursery Family Learning Event
Wednesday 30th November	Rec/Y6 Height and Weight Check

**Reminder:** We are a nut free school and we would appreciate that any lunchboxes do not include nut products to protect the children in school with nut allergies.

**Please note Christmas dinner will be on  
Wednesday 14th December.**



**"Let us remember:  
One book, one  
pen, one child and  
one teacher can  
change the world."**



## Accelerated Reader – Reading Achievements this Year



Poland	84.2%
Brazil	87.2%
Kenya	81.9%
Australia	80%
Ireland	92.8%

You could help increase your class percentage by doing some extra reading on myON! There are thousands of books for you to choose from! If you need a reminder of your login details, please speak to your teacher. Visit <https://www.myon.co.uk/login/> to start reading!

## This Weeks Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Mexico	94.6%
China	92.4%
Australia	90.7%
Poland	93.8%
Kenya	96.3%
Brazil	94%
Ireland	97.9%
Total	94.2%

Congratulations to Ireland class who had the highest attendance in the school this week. Well done to Kenya class for coming second. I am seriously concerned of classes who are below 96%. Meetings with parents of children who are of concern will occur.

If your child is absent from school please contact the school office on 01422 258258 before 9.00am.

It is important we are aware of the reason for your child/children's absence. It becomes a safeguarding concern if parents do not inform school when their child/children are absent. Please contact the school office on the first day of absence before 9am stating reasons for any absence. This will avoid absences being recorded as unauthorised.

If you have any concerns or questions surrounding your child/children's attendance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many Thanks.  
Lorraine Stansfield, Pastoral Manager

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Mexico Reception	Grayson W	For being more independent and confident!
	Megan S	For being an 'always child.'
China Year 1	Kaya M	For fantastic behaviour at all times.
	Alarah S	For a great piece of maths work this week.
Australia Year 2	Mia E	For being a role model pupil!
	Keeley C	For excellent participation at all times!
Poland Year 3	Lucy H	For your great independent writing in English.
	Jaida S	For always trying your best and being kind to others.
Kenya Year 4	Anthony-James H	For your fantastic engagement in maths.
	Levi N	For a huge improvement with your writing.
Brazil Year 5	Gracie-Mai FO	For a huge improvement in your AR scores.
	Poppy B	For always encouraging your peers.
Ireland Year 6	Alexa G	For writing a superb newspaper report.
	Junior S	For your enthusiasm in sport.