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Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our return to school this week has been incredibly positive. Whilst the sun has been shining, it has been wonderful to see the children chatting so enthusiastically about their news of the summer holidays with their friends and teachers; listening so respectfully to one another and most of all enjoying life back at Beaver Road.



Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to come into school on Wednesday to have a good look around their child's classroom and say hello to our class teachers.



[Zoom Curriculum Induction Meetings - Nursery to Year 6](#)



On **Wednesday 27th September at 3.45pm and again at 4.30pm**, our teaching teams will be holding two Zoom year group inductions, which will last approximately 20 to 30 minutes. These are an opportunity for you to receive information about your child's year group curriculum and the ways you can support their learning at home.

PowerPoints will be on our website year group class pages after the event. However, if you can attend in person, please do, as we will have the chat option open for you to ask any questions of the year group team about the Curriculum. Your child's year group zoom log in details will be emailed to you the week before the event.

[Diary dates and events for this half term](#)

- **15th - 24th September** - Global Goals week
- **Monday 18th September** - Harvest - Foodbank collection all week
- **Wednesday 27th September (3.45pm & 4.30pm)** - Curriculum Induction Meeting for Parents and Carers via Zoom
- **Thursday 28th September 8.45AM** - Junior School - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **Friday 29th September 9.00AM** - First School - Macmillan Coffee Morning
- **October** - Black History Month
- **Thursday 5th October** - National Poetry Day
- **Tuesday 10th October** - World Mental Health Day



- **Friday 13th October** - House Themed Day (Pegasus & Dragon - more information to follow in a House letter)
- **Week beginning 16th October** - Beaver Road Walk to School week
- **Tuesday 17th October** - Junior Individual Photos
- **Wednesday 18th October** - First School Individual Photos
- **Thursday 19th October** - School Closes at the end of the day for Half Term
- **Friday 20th October** - School Closed for Staff Training Day
- **Monday 30th October** - **Children return to school**
- **Monday 6th November** - Parents Evening (Booked through the School Spider App)
- **Wednesday 8th November** - Parents Evening (Booked through the School Spider App)

Year group specific information will be sent through your child's year group newsletter. These and our whole school dates and events are also available on our website and school app <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/events> Please continue to regularly check these for updates.

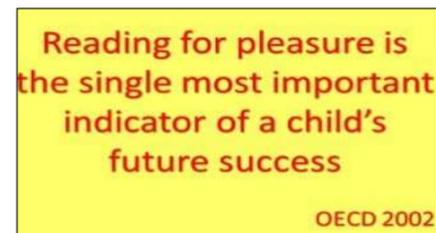
Reading at Home



Reading at home is an essential part of a child's daily routine and we are encouraging children to read at home for at least 15 minutes a day in Years 1-6 and at least 10 minutes in Early Years. Children in Year 1-6 will continue to use **Seesaw** to post pictures of the reading books they are taking home. Parents and Carers can support their child's reading routines by listening to them read out loud on a daily basis. We would

like children to record voice notes and comment on their reading posts regularly. **Seesaw comments** posted can be about **your child's enjoyment of the book** or **new vocabulary explored**.

This year, we are also introducing **Book Talk** sessions every **Monday** in all year groups. These sessions will involve children discussing the book they are currently reading with their peers in class. In order to facilitate these sessions, please ensure that your child brings their reading books into school every Monday.



In EYFS, children will record their reading using reading diaries; more information regarding this will follow in a reading letter from Miss Silva.

We would like your continued support by encouraging children to regularly bring their books into school, changing them when finished and commenting on Seesaw to record their reading. Please note, there will be a cost of £5 for lost reading books so we would like your support in ensuring books are returned when borrowed from school.

Further information about how you can establish positive reading routines at home can be found [here](#).

Global Goals Week



2023 marks the halfway point since countries adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a way of addressing inequalities and protecting the environment.

At Beaver Road, we consider ourselves very much a part of the SDG community and we aim to supercharge our knowledge, solution-building and passion for change through resources such as 'World's Largest Lesson' and 'Half-time Talk'. There are lots of small but significant actions we can take to help make progress towards the Goals. Look out on X/Twitter for special moments during GG Week in school and please tag us in if you have similar GG family / community photos and videos.

Harvest



We will be acknowledging Harvest with the children during the week beginning **Monday 18th September 2023**. With the current cost of living crisis, we understand that many families and members of our school community may need some extra support over the coming months. We are therefore asking that if you

are able to make a donation to our school foodbank, to bring it into school during this week. This could include: pasta, rice, cordial, crisps, biscuits, tinned food etc. Donations should be given to the class teachers. We will end the week with a special Harvest lunch on **Friday 22nd September**, which children will be able to order as usual through School Grid.



MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thursday 28th September 8.45AM - Junior School

Friday 29th September 9.00AM - First School



You are invited to attend our MacMillan coffee morning to help raise money for people living with cancer. Please bake or bring cakes to help us raise as much funds as possible.

In order to manage catering and numbers of people attending, you will need to inform us that you are coming via the survey and forms section of the School Spider App by **Wednesday 27th September**.

We look forward to enjoying some cake together and raising money for this worthy cause!

Black History Month

October marks the start of Black History Month.

A continued engagement with history gives us context, guidance and inspiration for the present, and of course, Black History is British history.

This year's special focus will be on the crucial role that black women have made in shaping our history. We will celebrate and showcase pioneering black women who have made remarkable contributions to literature, music, sport, fashion, healthcare, politics, justice and more - '*dreams, love and determination*'. Please look out for information about how you can get involved.



Languages Festival - Week beginning 16th October



Alongside Black History Month, we will host Beaver Road's first ever Languages Festival. An idea initiated by the children, to showcase and celebrate the vibrant cultures and languages we have in our community. The festival also aims to awaken a love of languages and inspire a desire to learn about other cultures, people and the languages they speak.

E-safety

Were you one of many proud parents/carers sharing a 'first day at school' photo? Check out the recent parent guide produced by NOS (National Online Safety) that covers everything you might need to know about sharing photos, which is available [here](#) at the bottom of the school's E-safety page. The useful #WakeUpWednesday guide runs through some safety considerations when sharing images online.



Best wishes,

Handwritten signatures of Ruth Byrne and Michael Davenport.

Ruth Byrne and Michael Davenport
Heads of School



Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.