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This letter contains information about the following dates and events:

- Friday 2nd October – International day of Non-Violence
- Thursday 8th October – Clean Air Day
- Friday 9th October – World Mental Health Day and cakes for Macmillan coffee morning
- October – Black History Month
- October 13th - If you have not received your Zoom invite for the Parent/ Carer consultation evening by this date, please contact school admin.

International Day of Non-Violence



Friday October 2nd is the International Day of Non-Violence. Therefore, our article of the week is Article 38 – Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces.

Article 38 is about protecting children from war. Sadly, wars and fighting often affect children and stop them being able to enjoy all their rights.



“Children bear no responsibility for war. But they are the first to suffer its consequences.” Unicef

We invite families to discuss why it is so important to protect children from fighting in wars in an age and stage appropriate way. By raising children’s awareness of this quite hard hitting article we can help build support and tolerance for refugees whilst helping children understand that resolving disagreements using a non-violent approach makes the world a better place.

Clean Air Day

Every year, air pollution causes up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. The World Health Organisation and the UK Government recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today. Clean Air Day is the UK’s largest air pollution campaign to

- Improve public understanding of air pollution.
- Build awareness of how air pollution affects our health.
- Explain the easy actions we can all do to tackle air pollution, helping to protect the environment and our health.





On Thursday 8th October, we are asking all our families to make an extra special effort to find alternative ways to come to school, rather than by car. Whether it be walk, scoot or cycle everyone can play his or her part.

Global Action Plan have collected everything you need to know about air pollution in one place. If you'd like to find out more visit <http://cleanairhub.org.uk/>



World Mental Health Day



On Saturday 10th October, it is World Mental Health Day. As this falls on a weekend, Beaver Road are raising the awareness of Mental Health and Well Being on Friday 9th October through **#HelloYellow for YoungMinds**. We hope as our school uniform is already yellow, wearing yellow clothes will be quite a simple thing for families to organise, but if children want to take their yellow attire to the next level they are most welcome.

Research shows that talking with others is good for our mental health. Therefore, we would like to combine our MHWB day with raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support. We are inviting children to bring in a piece of cake or a biscuit that they have baked at home which they can eat whilst having a chat with their friends. Unfortunately, due to our health and safety procedures children will not be able to share their baking treats on this occasion.



If you would like to bring a donation into school on Friday 10th in support of both YoungMinds and Macmillan Cancer Support, we would be grateful for anything you can spare and we will split the money we raise between both charities.

Black History Month



The whole of October is Black History Month. A month where we celebrate the enormous contribution Black Britons have made to our vibrant and diverse society. Our culture has been enriched and our society has been made stronger because of the people who travelled here to build new lives in the UK, as well as the achievements and contributions of their descendants. If you would like to find out more, please visit <https://www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk/>

After the success of our guest speakers during Global Goals week, we would like to invite members of our school community to make a short presentation to the children, to help celebrate the people of African and Caribbean descent. They could be anything from a Musician to a Policeman. Anyone who is interested can either e-mail Mrs Silva, Mr Berry or your child's class teacher through the school admin email. Make sure you look out for any updates, or celebrations relating to BHM over the coming month.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "R. Byrne".

Ruth Byrne
Deputy Headteacher