



15th January 2016

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you have been able to sign up to the [school's Twitter feed](#). There were 31 regular followers at the last count. Thank you for your support; I hope it will help to keep you up to date with events.

With this in mind, I have shared the school's emergency procedure policy. This outlines the school's position and communication systems for circumstances which may require the school to be closed. Details will be published on the school's website and twitter feed before 7.30am should there be a closure. The decision to close is one that we hope to avoid wherever possible.

I am pleased to report Mr. Fletcher's operation was a success. It was great to see him pop into school and we are looking forward to seeing him in full health on Monday.

There were rumours of an end to our health mentor's work in school. I can confirm that he will remain at Ben Rhydding, contributing to developing healthy lifestyles, awareness and sports provision through the [Evolve Project Hero](#).

Over the next few weeks, our key school improvement work will be based on maths provision/teaching and learning strategy. The teachers this week have been focusing on children having a 'perfectly pitched' starting point for their learning in maths. We have done this through pre-learning tasks which then support the teacher in making a judgement about individuals' next steps and subsequent learning journey. We have examined a huge range of resources to establish those that will work best for the children at Ben Rhydding and created a new bank of maths activities. We would be very grateful for your support with a weekly maths homework task. This will be suited to the child's age and may be a practical task or a certain mental strategy to learn.

As the weather is rather chilly, please remember to send your child to school with appropriately warm PE kit. If conditions are not suitable, obviously we would keep the children in the hall.

On Friday 22nd January, we are holding a non-uniform day to support the flood relief appeal; we are aware of many local families who have suffered. We would be grateful if you could send any donations to school on that day.

Kind regards

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LEARNING HEROES

Year 1

Ted Atkinson

For having an outstanding attitude to learning.

Year 2

Leo Snedden

For being determined and for making good contributions.

Year 3

William Fellows

For being kind, polite, conscientious and setting a fantastic example to others.

Year 4

Edward Green

For starting the new term with a really positive attitude.

Year 5

Oscar Eastwood

For a general all round good attitude and a great role model.

Year 6

Clare Soundy

For being amazing on the orienteering trip.

Reception

George Healey

For setting himself a target and trying to achieve it.



ALL THINGS GREEK

The week started in Year 3 and 4 with a 'wow' start to the Ancient Greek learning challenge. They were certainly challenged! With spaghetti, marshmallows and a great deal of team effort and collaboration, we created structures to represent the Ancient Greek temples – all dressed as Ancient Greeks. Great problem solving work, team! Enormous thanks to the Burrows family for providing some traditional Greek food for us all to try.



YEAR 1's ARCTIC CONDITIONS

Would you like to live in the Arctic? Year 1 have researched the animals that live there.

Some fabulous Arctic animals have been made which are now living in our reading area. Climbing into our igloo, certainly makes reading fun!



Dates for the diary:

Class Assembly List

Year 4 Friday 5th February

Year 2 Friday 4th March

Year 1 Friday 18th March

Parents are invited to attend their class assembly and refreshments will be served afterwards. The children are keen to share and present their learning successes.

- Friday 22nd January 2016 - PTA Quiz Night

- Saturday 23rd January 2016 – Ben Rhydding Cross Country.

- Thursday 28th January Year 1 visit to Tropical World.

Dinner Money: The cost this half term is £46.40 (£1.60/day, £8/week). Please make cheques payable to BMC School Meals with your child's name on the reverse.

Milk Money: Children who have school milk or would like to start, please send in £10 as soon as possible. This is the charge up until the Easter break.

Year 5 & 6 After School Boys Football is cancelled on Wednesday 20th January due unforeseen circumstances. We apologise for any inconvenience.