

12<sup>th</sup> February 2016



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for supporting the Ashlands Cross country event which was very well attended; 53 children took part and we achieved 8 team placings. The following children achieved top 10 positions – a fantastic achievement when nearly 450 children ran. Well done! Thank you to Mrs Leach who braved the elements to help.

Reception	Iris Smith 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 1	Emily 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jessica 5 <sup>th</sup> Sophie 7 <sup>th</sup> Alexa 10 <sup>th</sup> Ted 1 <sup>st</sup>
Year 2	Jack 7 <sup>th</sup>
Year 3	Alexander 1 <sup>st</sup> George D 8 <sup>th</sup> Harry Buck 9 <sup>th</sup>
Year 4	Jessica 9 <sup>th</sup> Emily 10 <sup>th</sup>
Year 5	Charlie M 7 <sup>th</sup> Grace 8 <sup>th</sup> Josh 10 <sup>th</sup>
Year 6	Joe 7 <sup>th</sup> James 10 <sup>th</sup>

Sadly, my time here comes to an end this week. It has been an enormous pleasure to work with the children in Ben Rhydding Primary School. Mrs Seton and I have built a strong partnership and have worked at a pace to put systems and practices into place. I know that this will stand the school in good stead on its continuing journey.

Regretfully, Mrs Armstrong, Inclusion Leader/SENCO will also be completing her role in school today. Her work here has had an enormous impact, ensuring that children's needs are identified and being met. I know that she is sad to be leaving the school and has enjoyed her time here. I would like to thank her for her enormous professionalism and dedication to the role.

The children continue to be a real credit to you and are keen and willing to learn at a very high level which should be embraced wholeheartedly. I wish the school the very best success in the future and thank you for the opportunity that the Burley Oaks team have had here at Ben Rhydding over the last five months. There are many ways that partnership work will continue, together with the Two Valleys Learning Collaborative. I hope that you all have a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards

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# LEARNING HEROES

Year 1

Amelie Haslam

For becoming more resilient and independent.

Year 2

Angus Hellewell

For being a peacemaker.

Year 3

Lexie Thorpe

For being caring, helpful and a great team player.

Year 4

Cameron Leafe

For excelling in the daily maths challenges.

Year 5

Emma Docherty

For achieving consistently high standards in her work.

Year 6

Sophie Pitt

For being good at reflecting both academically and socially.

Reception

Jack Peel

For making great progress in his learning and becoming more confident.

## BRITISH VALUES



The whole school has been focusing on what British Values are and what they mean to us, both in school and the wider world:

- Democracy
- Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual Respect And Tolerance Of Those With Different Faiths and Beliefs

Year 6 researched 'Individual Liberty' in order to present their findings in assembly this Monday. Their presentation focused on how we like to be free to choose our hobbies and ambitions now and in the future - as long as they are within the law!



Thank you to the Year 6 parents who were able to join us. Fabulous work Year 6!

More information can be found on the school's website where there is also information to support the government's 'Prevent' agenda.

<http://www.benrhydding.ngfl.ac.uk/ethos-and-values/>

**Twitter** followers now at 54!



**Dates for the Diary/Notices:**

### Class Assembly List

Year 2 Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March

Year 1 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

**School is closed for half-term from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February and re-opens on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**