



# BERRYMEDE



Newsletter ~ Issue 2~ November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the term, this newsletter highlights many of the activities our children and parents have been involved in. Most importantly, your feedback has been invaluable. Please continue to complete surveys, talk to us about how, as a community, we can ensure our children have the best possible primary experience. On that note, **our Shakespeare production was amazing, our children made us proud! Tremendous thanks to all the staff who dedicated their time and efforts, the parents who came to support and of course to the hard work of our fabulous children!**

A number of parents have started attending Monday maths/English sessions and really enjoy them. We welcome more parents to join (please ask at reception). A record number of parents have attended open mornings and internet workshops – these are really important sessions that keep you updated. A reminder about break time fruit for children, please do send in with them to keep them energised and **please do continue to read with your children – it is the most important homework of all and should happen everyday!**

I would like to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a wonderfully happy New Year! *Mrs L Khan, Head Teacher*

## What's been happening?

October and November have both been extremely busy months at Berrymede!



### China

During the October Half Term Mrs Khan and Mrs Tahirkheli travelled to China along with a very lucky child from Year 5. They met children and teachers from the Yu Xin school. They all had a fantastic time visiting some amazing schools and experiencing what a Chinese school day is like, as well as taking in some of the most spectacular attractions!!



### Literacy Open Morning

Over the past few weeks we have had several open mornings across the school. The aim of these mornings was to give parents the opportunity to come in and observe their children as they learn at school.

This proved to be a successful event and was valued by parents who appreciated the chance to see what their children learn and what they are taught in a typical Literacy lesson.

Thank you to all the parents who came to the open mornings, we greatly value your contribution and interest in your child's education. In total we had 102 parents come.

From the feedback forms that were completed by parents we were able to conclude that:

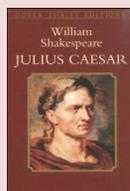
- 98% of parents would like to do it again.
- The most popular lesson to see next is maths.
- 99% of parents felt the lesson they saw either met or exceeded their expectations.
- 98% of Parents found the lessons informative or very informative.
- 100% of parents felt that their children liked them coming in.



### Shakespeare

Well done to all the cast of the fantastic Year 5 / Year 6 Shakespeare production of Julius Caesar at Richmond Theatre in front of 500 people! The children have been working extremely hard over the last few months, putting in extra work after school, learning lines and they did not disappoint – a fabulous performance!

A special thanks you to everyone who made this production possible, especially Mr Jeffs, your hard work and dedication is truly appreciated by everyone!



Stay up to date by regularly visiting the school website and if you haven't already, make sure you sign up to class dojo!! <https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/>



Article 3: The best interest of the child must be a top priority in all things that affect children.

## Attendance

Please remember that the current Government legislation does not give schools any authority to approve leave for children to take holidays in term time. Any leave requests need to be done by filling in the Leave of Absence form which can be collected from the school office. There is no entitlement to leave during term time and it will only be approved under exceptional circumstances which need to be explained and evidence produced. Failure to comply with this will mean a referral to the Local Authority which may result in a fine and court action. Thank you in supporting us to ensure your children have every opportunity for success in their education entitlement.

## Dream Big READ!

Please encourage your child to read everyday!

At Berrymede we are extremely passionate about reading and we want to get all parents involved in their child's reading.

### Collecting children from School

If your child is collected by someone other than yourself the school needs to be informed. If this is a regular occurrence please inform the office in writing, if it is a one off occurrence please ring the office as soon as possible and they will inform the class teacher. Children will not be allowed to go unless permission has been granted.

## Self Care Week

Self-Care Week is an annual national awareness week that focuses on embedding support for self-care across communities, families and generations. This year's theme is engaging and empowering people and the strapline is Embracing Self Care for Life. To find out more visit the Self Care Forum website.

## PE/Swimming

PE and swimming are important parts of the curriculum and contribute to your child's health and wellbeing. Research has shown that the benefit of sports have a knock on effect on children's confidence and achievement. We encourage all children to have their PE / swimming kit in school so they can reap these benefits

All Pupils are aware of the days they are timetabled to have PE and must ensure that kits are in school on those days. Similarly, all year 4 pupils have swimming on Tuesday mornings.

## Lost Property

There are a large number of items in the lost property. There are 2 lost property areas - 1 in lower school and 1 in upper school. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with children's names and where possible their class.

## Dates for the Diary

### Class Assemblies:

6C - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 9am

## INTERNET SAFETY WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Internet safety information morning for parents at Berrymede.



A big thank you to all the parents for supporting our workshops.

## Parking

As the winter months come upon us, I trust that you will be mindful of where you park and consider all our residents living on surrounding roads. This is one opportunity for us, as a school, to show our respect to the local community and more importantly look out for the health and safety of our pupils.

## Parent Workshop – Reading with Your Child Every Monday at 9am with Mrs Khan



## Sporting News

Well done to all the children who took part in the tag rugby tournament. They competed against 44 other schools from all over Ealing. Mr Gavin has been training them hard during their lunch times. A big thank you to him for training them and getting them ready.



Well done to our boys football team they finished 3rd in the Acton/Southall tournament. There were 20 teams who took part. We scored 10 goals. The children showed excellent behaviour and were a shining example of how children are at Berrymede. Well done to Mr Burlow for all his hard work in coaching them for this competition.

