



BERRYMEDE



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Term Dates 2020/21

Christmas Holiday

Fri 18th Dec 2020 – Fri 1st Jan 2021

Spring Term 2021

Term starts for Pupils

Monday 4th January 2021

Half Term Holiday

Mon 15th Feb – Friday 19th February 2021

Back to School for pupils

Monday 22nd February 2021

Term Ends

Wednesday 31st March 2021 at 1:15pm

Easter Holiday

Thursday 1st April – Friday 16th April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the Autumn term comes to a close I would like to thank all our families for their support during these very difficult times. Activities at school have continued and our children have adapted remarkably well to the new learning environment forced upon us due to the pandemic. There have been some amazing works produced and celebrated across the school, particularly in Reading.

I would urge you to join some of the online, remote learning sessions as we are continually adding learning resources and of course to support your children, particularly the younger ones.

On behalf of everyone at Berrymede, I wish you a safe and healthy break. Merry Christmas everyone!

Mrs L Khan (Head Teacher) www.berrymede.com

Praise Postcards

A huge well done to all our pupils for working hard this term, keep up the great work! A special congratulations to the following pupils who have been nominated by their teacher to receive a praise postcard for showing great commitment and working exceptionally hard this term.

3C

Joana Kanaan
Luqman Ibrahim

3L

Hadi Darwish
Halima Hidayet

4C

Safa Mtawie
Dera Sanger

4M

Amira Monassar
Nathan Piezsak

5C

Taiyah John
Seth Carlton

5H

Hala Abdulrahman
Rabah Brahimi

6J

Leo Tonelli Ozawa
Lynn Fajardo

6M

Beatriz Gonzalez
Alessio Perkola

6O

Khalid Liban
Riyaan Abdullahi

6Y

Abdirahman Roble
Nadira Anwar

Dream
BIG
READ!



Tree Planting

Year 6 had the opportunity to take part in a tree planting activity this term for National Tree Week. It took place in Bollo Bridge Park next to the school. Each child had the opportunity to experience the planting and we learned about how important trees are for our local environment. The children also learned about how important our local parks and trees are as habitats for Britain's native species. This fit in with what we are currently learning about 'Living Things and Habitats' in Science in Year 6. We look forward to watching these trees grow and flourish as time goes by.

Attendance: Best attendance for Autumn Term 2020

Class 4C & 6M

Congratulations!!



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.

Marathon Makers

To promote perseverance and encourage healthy habits for life, our students have accepted this year's Marathon Kids challenge: to complete four marathons within the academic year. The students have been completing laps of a course around the school's playground and earning a wristband for each lap completed. The laps that they ran have been uploaded to the Digital Tracking System that calculate their total distance. Most of our students have already reached the first milestone of 10km, and have been awarded with certificates for their hard work and dedication.



Primary Maths Challenge

10 pupils took part in the National Primary Maths Challenge last month. Mehdi and Khalid did so well that they have been invited to take part in the bonus round in February.



Getting Started with Microsoft Teams: for Parents and Guardians



Microsoft Teams for Education brings conversations, content, assignments and video meetings together in a secure learning experience. With Teams, parents and guardians can help their students connect with their teachers and learn from anywhere. Use the information below to connect your student to their virtual classroom **quickly!**

Get Started

1 Set up a learning environment

To join an online class or video meeting in Teams and access Teams chats, files, and assignments from home, your student will need a computer, tablet or smartphone.

If you can, try to **set up a space free of distractions and background noise.**



2 Open Microsoft Teams

You can use Teams from most web browsers or by downloading the app.

To **download the Teams app** on mobile or desktop, visit aka.ms/getteams.

To use Teams on a browser, visit office.com and **click on the Teams icon**, or visit teams.microsoft.com.

3 Sign In

Your student can sign in with their school email and password.

Watch the [Sign in Video](#) for a walk-through.

Note: Don't see your student's class teams?

Their teacher may have invited them via a [join code](#) or a [direct link](#) (check your email).

How-to videos for learning at home

4 **Join scheduled class meetings** for class, review sessions, or school activities either in the app or via a link from the teacher.



[Join a Meeting](#)

5 **Quickly connect your student with their classes, teachers and friends** using video chat, audio calls, and chat from either mobile or desktop.



[Connect with Classes](#)

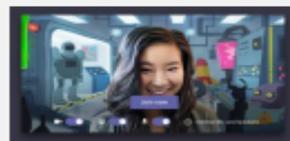
6 **Help your student organize their schoolwork** by managing their files, class notes, and assignments.



[Organize Schoolwork](#)

Teams tips and tricks for student success

7 **Use background blur** or a custom image to help conceal your child or student's surroundings during an online class.



(only available on PC, Mac, and iOS)

8 **Optimize for low bandwidth** networks by syncing files to your computer and mobile device and following these other best practices.



9 **Launch Immersive Reader**, to enable read aloud, parts of speech, picture dictionary and other tools to help your student improve their reading

