



BERRYMEDE



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Term Dates 2021/22

Christmas Holiday

Mon 20th Dec 2021 – Mon 3rd Jan 2022

Spring Term 2022

Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Term starts for Pupils

Wednesday 5th January 2022

Half Term Holiday

Mon 14th Feb – Friday 18th February

Back to School for pupils

Monday 21st February 2022

Term Ends

Friday 1st April 2022 at 1:15pm

Easter Holiday

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April

**Dream
BIG
READY!**

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 some even 20k!



Dear Parents/Carers,

As Autumn term comes to a close, I wish to thank all our parents and carers for their support and patience in these very difficult times. Our children have done remarkably well both academically and in managing constant changes in rules and regulations that have had real impact on their lives. They remain happy and resilient!

I wish all our families a safe, restful, healthy, happy Christmas break. I look forward to welcoming everyone back on January 5th 2022.

Happy New Year from everyone at Berrymede!

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.

3H

Rayan Sanger
Sham Alraias
Rahf Shehata

3C

Nora Chik
Fuad Yusuf
Marwa Ismail

4C

Nia Stewart-Tulloch
Ayub Abdi
Celicia Ogunbayo

4M

Amna Rahman
Qusai Ali

5B

Dera Sanger
Safa Mtawie
Adam Dawood

5L

Hodan Abdi
John Tejano

6J

Khalid Mukhtar
Rania Mahamed
Rabah Brahimi
Insaf Belkouch

6C

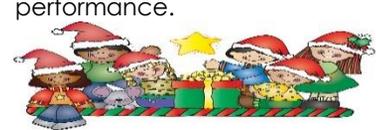
Khalish Mustaffa
John-Lloyd Jensen
Jana Ali

Switching on the Christmas Lights

Well done to all the children who represented the school in the carol singing this evening and helped switch on the Christmas lights in association with Acton BID.



A huge thank you to Mr Phillips for all his hard work with the children over the last 2 weeks getting them ready for their performance.



Attendance: Best attendance for Autumn Term 2021

Class 5B & 3H

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.



Lower School Update



3C

3C have enjoyed sharing ideas in group and pair work activities and using drama to explore characters and people from the past in both Literacy and History lessons. They have thoroughly enjoyed a range of science experiments we have conducted this term and developed their enquiry skills as they took part in experiments based on our topics of light and rocks. Most importantly, they are working as a team and learning how to support one another.



3H

This term, the pupils in 3H have been working hard to achieve their marathon kids targets. All of the pupils have already reached the first milestone of 10km, and have been awarded with certificates for their hard work and dedication. Most have now gone the extra mile; challenging themselves further and have successfully completed their first half marathon: 21.1km.



4C

Swimming this term has been lots of fun for all students in 4C. I'm so proud of each and every one for their efforts this term. It has been great to see everyone getting in the water and enjoying themselves. But it is not just fun, swimming also provides loads

of health benefits which help to keep students healthy and happy at the same time. Swimming has provided challenges, rewards and a sense of accomplishments, which had helped 4C students become more self-confident and believe in their swimming abilities.

4M

In 4M we have very much enjoyed our first term in year 4! We have been learning lots of information about Electricity, Sikhism, Black History Month and much more! As part of our Games lessons we have also been able to do lots of Rock Climbing.



Upper School Update

As the wind down approaches towards our Christmas holidays, year 5 and 6 have been reflecting on what a great half term they have had. During the last few weeks, we have welcomed Kate from My Bank, who has helped pupils to take care of their finances as well as volunteers from Bikeability who have taught pupils to become road safe on bikes. Not only have students been working hard across Reading, Writing and Maths, they have also been learning a creative street dance unit in their PE lessons with a focus on going above and beyond their PE targets – all staff were especially impressed with how synchronized and effective the routines were! Year 6, in particular, have enjoyed being hands on with making their air-raid shelters in the DT unit and Year 5 have enjoyed their poetry unit in which they learnt how to perform.



Despite all the current affairs amidst us all, year 5 and 6 have had a brilliant half term and we hope to return in January ready to start the new year excited and raring to go!