



NEWSLETTER



A message from Miss Minter:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic first half term here at Beck Row Primary School. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with your wonderful children and see their enthusiasm and dedication in the classroom.

Throughout this half term, the children have been working exceptionally hard on their whole body listening, cold-calling, times-tables, and spellings. I am incredibly proud of the progress they have made in such a short time. Their commitment to learning and growth has been inspiring, and it's been a joy to watch them develop these important skills.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the working party of parents and carers who generously gave up their weekend to support the school's OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme. Your efforts have made a huge difference, and we are all excited to see the positive impact this will have on the children's play and development in the coming months.

Finally, I want to express my personal thanks for the warm welcome I have received during my first term at Beck Row. It has been a wonderful experience, and I look forward to continuing to work together as we move into the next half term.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Miss C. Minter
Principal

Dates for Your

DIARY



Tuesday 22nd October

Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Wednesday 23rd October

Parents' Evening 3.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Thursday 24th October

Buddies Halloween Disco

Tuesday 12th November

Odd Sock Day

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

£1 donation to Save the Children
Charity

Tuesday 17th December

EYFS Nativity 2.30 pm

Wednesday 18th December

Years 1 and 2 Carol Concert 2.30 pm

New News



RAF Mildenhall 90th Birthday Competition Winners

Our wonderful winners! I was very proud to escort three of our brilliant Beck Row children (Alice, Georgia and Evelyn) on Mildenhall RAF Base to represent us as WINNERS of the creative writing and colouring competition. The children had a great time firing water out of fire engines, climbing the control tower (not so much fun for me) and clearing the imaginary runway. We are exceptionally proud of them. Well done.

Safeguarding



This Month's Focus

This spooky season, plenty of young people will be breaking out the popcorn and giving themselves a fright but let's ensure that what they're watching is appropriate. Please see a guide offering advice on horror films and age rating. [What You Need to Know about Horror Films & Age Ratings \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com/what-you-need-to-know-about-horror-films-and-age-ratings)

[What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Horror Films and Age Ratings \(nationalcollege.com\)](https://www.nationalcollege.com/what-parents-and-educators-need-to-know-about-horror-films-and-age-ratings) - Podcast

Anti-Bullying Week 11th — 15th November.

The theme for this year is Choose Respect.



Odd Sock Day is taking place on Tuesday 12th November. Children and adults are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

BECK ROW VALUES:

Bold

Expressive

Creative

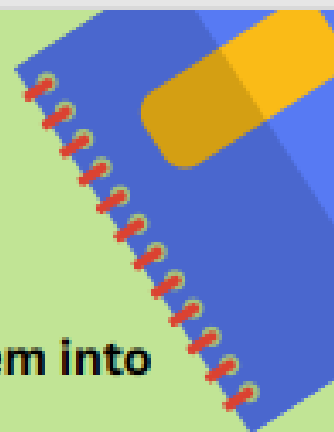
Kind

Respectful

Open-minded

Willing





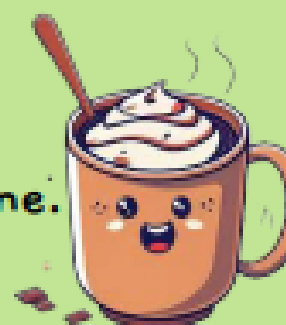
CLASS DOJOS

Receive Green Dojos and turn them into rewards!



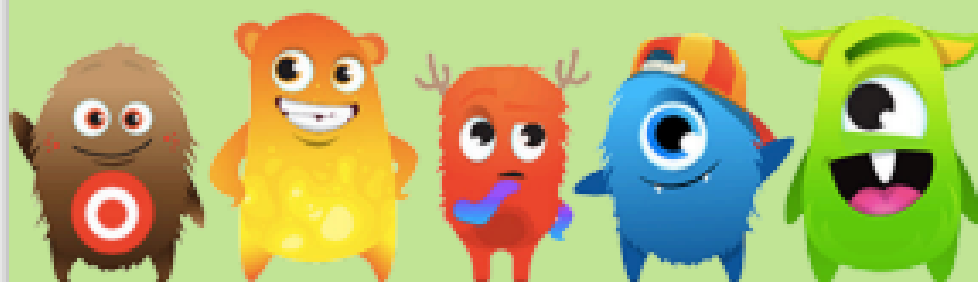
100 Green Dojos: a GOLDEN Ticket

500 Green Dojos: Hot chocolate at lunchtime.



1000 Green Dojos: Extra playtime!

2000 Green Dojos: A day trip out.



The Beck Row Way



Lovely Lining Up-
We line up in single
file and in silence.

Wonderful Walking -
We walk quietly with
our hands behind our
back or by our sides.

**Whole Body
Listening -** We sit
appropriately so we
can listen and focus.

No Opt Out- Our
teachers do not let
us give up on
answering.

Cold Calling - Our
teachers will
randomly pick us
to answer.

Right is Right - We
always know when
our answer isn't
quite good enough.



Club Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School		Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 Biscuit Booster		Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 Biscuit Booster	

Sports Club

In the new half term, we will be offering free of charge after school sports clubs on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

More details to follow.



Fancy Dress Disco

Thursday 24th October

4.30 pm to 5.30 pm - EYFS, Years 1 and 2

5.45 pm to 6.45 pm - Years 3 and above

Attendance

Attendance this term has been excellent and we are very proud that the children are enjoying school and attending every day! A special well done to Potter and Donaldson Classes for outstanding attendance in their first half term at school!

Our current attendance is:

Whole School: 96.4%

Potter Class: 98.8%

Donaldson Class: 98.3%

Jeffers Class: 96.7%

Blake Class: 96.8%

Rosen Class: 95.3%

Morpurgo Class: 95.3%

Wilson Class: 97.7%

Dahl Class: 96%

Zephaniah Class: 96.5%

Elphinstone Class: 96.1%



Absence

The academy attendance policy is available on our website <https://beckrow.attrust.org.uk/> under Our Academy and the Policies tab.

Please ensure that if your child is absent, you telephone the office by 9.30 am to inform us of the reason.

What is an authorised absence?

Pupil illness - absences are authorised in line with the academy attendance policy, following guidance from the UK Health Security Agency ([UK Health Security Agency](https://www.ukhsa.gov.uk/)) or where there is medical evidence provided.

Mild ailments such as headaches, tummy aches or colds will not be authorised.

Emergency medical appointments, where evidence is provided. Routine appointments should be made outside of school hours.

Other exceptional circumstances, where a Leave of Absence form has been completed in advance and at the Principal's discretion.

What is an unauthorised absence?

Holidays during term time

Mild illnesses

Shopping trips or days off for birthdays

Illness of a parent or other family member

No transport

If you need any support with your child's attendance or punctuality, please get in contact with a member of the Pastoral or Senior Leadership Team.

ECO Committee

A little update on our work:

One of our very first Eco Schools areas 2 years ago was School Grounds. Even though we got a distinction then, the grounds are continually improving, thanks to the hard work and dedication of everyone who has worked on the OPAL project and school garden. There is more exciting news coming soon for the school courtyard...

Clearly we are doing things right for Biodiversity (another area), as pupils have spotted a frog, lizard and grass snake on the grounds this year! There are also lots of insects in the bug hotel which we keep adding layers to. Still no hedgehog in the house this year, but here's hoping one will move in over winter.

What's next?

Pupils have been out this week doing an Environmental Review. This is the first step of Eco Schools each year: we assess how well we are doing against each of the 10 areas, then decide on how we could improve. As part of this, we choose which 3 topics we are going to focus on for the year.

We scored the lowest on the below, so watch out for new initiatives to improve our sustainability in these areas coming soon:

Transport

Global Citizenship

Water



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