

BENWICK PRIMARY SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2016



Goodbye to Mrs Baker

Following nearly 30 years of service to Benwick Primary School. Mrs Brenda Baker is retiring on Thursday 20th October. Mrs Baker is well known to you all, as the voice on the telephone, the face in the office and we will all miss her very much. She started working at the school in 1986 as a teaching assistant and then later moved into the office as Secretary. We would like to wish her well in her retirement and hopes she will enjoy her future, without Benwick Primary School.

Midday Supervisors

Miss Taylor (one of our midday supervisors) has started her maternity leave. Mrs Jayne Fleet was appointed to temporarily cover the position until July 2017.

VIAM WORKSHOP — 14th September 2016

On Wednesday 14th September KS2 children took part in a Voice in a Million workshop with Jo Garafolo. We sang some of the songs for the up and coming concert in March 2017 and everyone had the chance to sing into Jo's microphones. As always there's a new selection of music which this year includes Fight Song, Flashlight and History. The session seemed to pass so quickly but we all had a great time and we have since had 37 children sign up for VIAM 2017.

Sainsbury's School Games Mark—Silver Award

I am really proud to announce that Benwick Primary School has been awarded the Silver Sainsbury's Games Mark. Throughout the past year, we have worked hard to motivate children and provide them with more opportunities to further develop their skills and enthusiasm towards sport. Children have participated in both inter and intra school competitions, and their successes have been recognised across many sports such as:- athletics, netball, football, tennis, tri-golf and skipping. I would like to say a massive thank you to all of those children who contributed to Benwick gaining this award.

Tag Rugby

Year 5 and 6 have been very lucky to have weekly tag rugby sessions from Mr Leicester. He has given the children the opportunity to reinforce and further develop their skills, such as passing the ball, tackling and possession. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and look forward to participating in the tag rugby tournament in November. Thank you Mr Leicester



LIFE EDUCATION BUS—5th & 6th OCTOBER

On 5th and 6th October 2016 the Cambridgeshire Life Education Bus came for its bi-annual visit. Each class visited the Bus over the 2 days covering the following subjects. Robins—All About Me / Doves—My Wonderful Body / Owls—Feelings / Herons—Meet the Brain / Swans—Friends. The Bus was set up as a mobile classroom and the children enjoyed the experience of learning in a totally different environment.

ROBINS — BALANCE BIKE TRAINING 21-23 September



During their first full week in school, Robins class had three days of cycling fun with Duo-Velo Cycling. There was a mix of activities on offer over the three days and many children gained confidence when riding their bikes. Many children used the strider bikes within the sessions and some children learnt how to ride their bikes without stabilisers as a result. Throughout the sessions different children were given the Go-Pro camera and were able to film their journeys. All of the Robins enjoyed the sessions, were very enthusiastic and keen to join in. Well done Robins.

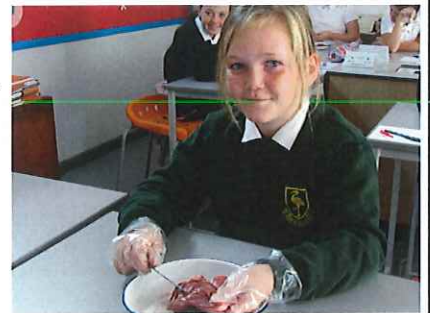


29 September — World Heart Day at Cromwell



Year 6 children went to Cromwell College to celebrate World Heart Day. They participated in various activities such as making clay hearts, learning about the history of medicine, dissecting a lamb's heart and carrying out several sporting activities

where the children measured their heart rate. They all had a fabulous day and were full of enthusiasm when they returned to school.



Harvest Festival—13th October



Our Harvest Festival began with a strong rendition of the song 'Conkers' followed by the Robins, who sang 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and 'Dingle Dangle Scarecrow' - they definitely had the cute factor! Well done to the Robins on their first performance at Benwick Primary School.

The Robins were followed

by the Owls who performed a poem and told us why they like Autumn. The Herons gave us a Fruit and Vegetable Rap which everyone enjoyed. The Swans told us about Harvests in other countries and entertained us with a Fruit and Vegetable Fashion Show! The Doves were last but not least, singing "Cauliflowers Fluffy, Cabbages Green!

Well done to all the children for their wonderful performance. Your donations will be sent to local food banks—thank you for your contributions.

