

Beacon View Primary News

Dear Beacon View Families,

Yesterday I had the pleasure of hearing from some of our Year 5 and 6 children about personal development within Beacon View. Not only did they speak beautifully, taking turns to have their say, they also demonstrate how accepting and supportive our children are. They talked about celebrating each others differences and learning about each others cultures and religions with such passion and enthusiasm.

Today I have enjoyed squash and cake with the latest group of Great 8 Bronze certificate winners. They spoke about the ways in which they achieved each of the different values; ambition, creativity, confidence, determination, enthusiasm, respect, resilience and responsibility. I am keeping a close eye out for our first Great 8 Silver award winner.

We are finally almost at completion of the new playground. Evelyn's design is in place on the Forest School Narnia Door and the rainbow amphitheatre is looking bright and cheerful. The staff car park is almost finished, however most exciting for me is seeing the shiny Beacon View Primary Academy sign on the front wood panels. Planting is due to happen over half term and then we will be ready to open the playground up for families to explore—please watch out for the letter next week with more details and let us know if you want to be involved in planning the summer celebration to officially open the space as a member of the School Family Advisory Board. Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday at twenty to nine.

Warm regards,
Sally Hodgson, Principal

Year 2 Wildlife Visitor

On Tuesday 28th January, Year 2 had a very special visitor! **Michael Blencowe**—naturalist, writer, and wildlife guide joined us to share his passion for the incredible wildlife and plants of the South Downs and how they've changed over time.



The children were fascinated as he spoke about spotting snakes, hedgehogs, and foxes in their own gardens! He even brought in a **stuffed otter** for them to touch—what an exciting experience!

Michael has spent years helping people explore and appreciate nature, from co-ordinating a butterfly survey in Sussex to appearing on *Springwatch* and *Countryfile*. His enthusiasm is infectious, and the children loved learning from him!



Find out more about Michael and his work here [🔗 michaelblencowe.com](https://www.michaelblencowe.com)



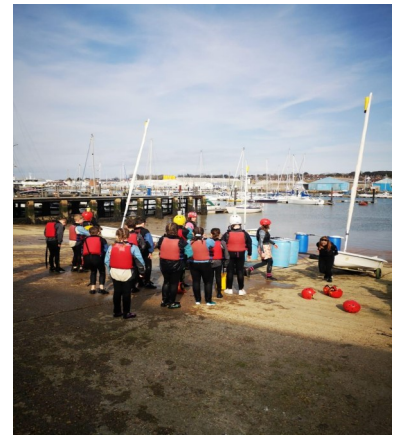
Attendance
Whole School - 93.3%

Winning class - Guildhall - 97.3%



Year 5 UKSA Sailing Trip

We are excited to again be able to offer the Year 5 Sailing Residential in April 2025. All children in Year 5 should have received a letter (on paper - please check bags and coats) and it was sent to parents/carers by email. The non-refundable deposit of £35 was due by Monday 3rd February 2025. There are only 30 places on this year's trip, of which there are a few left, therefore it is essential that you pay the deposit as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. More information will follow once we have confirmed those who are attending.



TTRS Weekly Achievements

Week Ending 7.2.25

Award	First Place	Second Place	Third Place
Most Minutes Played	Nobi M. Victorious	Peter S. Victorious	Mason W. Victorious
Biggest Improvement in Studio Speed	Mason W. Victorious	Imogen R. Vanguard	Lyla – May S Astute
Biggest Improvement in Accuracy	Lily – Rose O.C Victorious	Tucker P. Valiant	Paddy B. Astute
Highest Coin Earners	Vivienne H. Astute	Peter S. Victorious	Imogen R. Vanguard

KS2 Author Visit

On Thursday 30th of January, we had the pleasure of hosting author Simon James Green for an absolutely brilliant visit with our KS2 children! Simon was hilarious and kept everyone engaged. The session was so interactive, and the children loved being a part of the assembly. It was an inspiring and fun experience for all involved!



✿ Exciting Gardening News and a Thank You! ✿

For those of you who have been following our first gardening competition of the year, we are thrilled to announce that **Triumph Class** has won! They were the first to have an open flower on their **tête-à-tête**, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. Well done, Triumph Class!

This competition has been a fantastic way to spark curiosity in our young gardeners, encouraging them to learn more about plant growth and the joys of nurturing nature. We hope this inspires even more children to get involved in future gardening activities—so let's keep cheering them on!

In other exciting news, we want to extend a **huge thank you** to **Terrence Newman**, father of our gardener Julie. Terrence has gone above and beyond, raising an **incredible £850** to help our gardening club develop a brand-new **sensory garden** on the other side of the polytunnel. This new space will be a



wonderful addition to our school grounds, providing a calming and interactive environment for children to explore and enjoy.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported our gardening projects—we can't wait to see what blooms next!



Wraparound Care – Flexible, Fun & Delicious!

Need extra childcare before or after school? Our **Wraparound Care** offers a safe, engaging, and fun environment for your child, giving you peace of mind!

- ◆ **Flexible Sessions** – Book as needed
- ◆ **Activities & Play** – A mix of creative, active, and quiet time
- ◆ **Tasty After-School Snacks** – Take a peek at our menu below
- ◆ **Affordable Pricing**
- ◆ Bookings through Arbor

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot choice: Beans/Spaghetti on bagels	Hot choice: Soup (tomato or chicken)	Hot choice: Noodles	Picnic tea – Chicken nuggets, crumpets, ham, cheese, yogurt, pepperoni, crisp, biscuit, fruit	Hot choice: Crumpet pizza
Cold choice: Sandwiches	Cold choice: Sandwiches	Cold choice: Crackers		Cold choice: Wraps

pudding will rotate between fruit, frubes, teacakes, jelly, ice cream and biscuits.

Cereal available as an option between 3:15 – 3:30

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot choice: Beans/Spaghetti on bagels	Hot choice: Hot dogs (ketchup available)	Hot choice: Jacket potato (cheese, beans, tuna)	Picnic tea – Chips, crumpets, ham, cheese, yogurt, pepperoni, crisp, biscuit, fruit	Hot choice: Burgers (cheese and ketchup available)
Cold choice: Sandwiches	Cold choice: Wraps	Cold choice: Crackers		Cold choice: Sandwiches

Alternative Sports Festival

This week, some of our amazing children joined Coach Ash at the Mountbatten Centre for an exciting alternative sports festival! A fun-filled day of getting active, learning new sports, and embracing the joy of movement. Huge thanks to everyone involved for making it such a fun experience!



Year 6 Eco-Art

Our talented Year 6 students alongside Trudi Lloyd Williams, who is a local artist created this fabulous, recycled art installation. Over the term, Year 6 collected single-use plastic that would have otherwise been discarded or littered and turned them into a piece of installation artwork. The children worked as a year group to bring the elements together. They worked incredibly hard to transform discarded materials into something truly inspiring, reflecting our eco commitment and appreciation for the world around us.



A huge well done to Year 6 for proving that sustainability and creativity go hand in hand! Year 6 hope that this highlights the difficulties our local seas are facing.



Sir William Dupree & Phyllis Loe Chess Tournament

We are excited to share details about the **Sir William Dupree and Phyllis Loe Chess Tournament**, taking place on **Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th April** at **Portsmouth High School, Southsea**.

The tournament is open to all young people **up to the age of 21** who live or study in **Portsmouth, the surrounding area, or the Isle of Wight**.

Full details, including competition sections, entry fees, prizes, and scoring, are attached. The entry form is available here: <https://forms.office.com/e/7bXpMbD6vA>

Key Dates For School

Friday 14th February	Last day of school
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief
Friday 4th April	Inset Day - School Closed
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school
Wednesday 23rd April - Friday 25th April	Year 5 Sailing Residential

The Tete-a-Tete competition is now over

Thank you to everyone for taking an interest in our competition.

A big Beacon View Well Done to everyone for their enthusiasm and participation.

The winners with the first to first bloom were Triumph class, and most flowers (10) were Valiant Class!



Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Get ready to celebrate your Year 6 leaver's journey with a special hoodie!


Please place your order by 14th February for delivery after half term.

Don't miss out – order yours today! 🇬🇧



COMMUNITY GROUPS

All Free!

Monday	9:00-11:00 Special Guardianship Group	1:00-2:45 Stay and Play	
Tuesday	10:00-11:30 Families /Young Mum's Group TPN		3:30-5:45 Boot camp (Beacon View)
Wednesday	9-11:00 SEND drop in group from 15.1.25		
Thursday	9:00-11:00 Stay and Play		3:30-5:45 Yoga (The Victory Primary)
Friday			

At Beacon View Primary Academy
Marsden Road entrance



Email: community@beaconviewprimary.co.uk

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

PLEASE CALL

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