

Newsletter

Autumn 1



Message from Sacha Schofield, Executive Headteacher

Welcome to the first newsletter for this academic year. It has been lovely to welcome our new students and staff and to see how well everyone has embraced the changes we have had to put in place because the new classrooms were not ready at Gleadless.

We are all looking forward to welcoming the four tutor groups in their new classrooms at Gleadless on Monday 8 November. We will post photos on our tweeter feed @bentsgreensch for you to see.

As Covid-19 is still making an impact on the school community we were really pleased that NHS student vaccine team were able to offer the vaccine to eligible students on Friday 22 October. Thank you to all the Parents/Carers for returning the necessary paperwork. Please can we remind you to keep testing twice weekly using the Lateral Flow Tests.

I hope you enjoy this tiny look into life at school and some of the highlights of this half term.

I wish all our families in the Bents Green community a good half term break and the staff and myself look forward to seeing all the students on their return.

Message from Laura Gillespie, Chair of Governors

After more than 8 years of service to Bents Green School, Hilary Hoult has decided to step down as a Governor.

I would like to thank Hilary for her dedication and commitment to Bents Green School. Hilary was the Chair of our Safeguarding and Inclusion Committee, and our students were the centre of everything she did.

Hilary has always been a huge supporter of the school whilst always challenging all of us to do best for all our wonderful students and staff.

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Hilary a very happy retirement and hope she has many happy holidays in her newly purchased camper van.

All the best, Hilary, we will miss you.



Half Term break Monday 25th—Friday 29 October 2021

Exceptional Closure Days, Ringinglow and Gleadless only
Monday 1st— Friday 5th November

Monday 1 November, Westfield Students return to school

Monday 8 November, Ringinglow and Gleadless students return to school

Beat the Street



We were notified last week by Beat the Street that they had decided they would like to recognise our fantastic achievement of engaging 203 people to play for Bents Green this summer. To get so many pupils, parents and staff playing really was a brilliant effort.

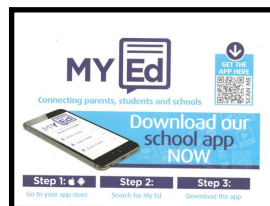
Well done and thank you to our wonderful school community for coming together and supporting us for this initiative.

My Ed App

At Bents Green School we use the [My Ed app](#) to communicate with Parents/Carers. It is

- easy to download
- all messages from school can come to you via the app
- You can reply free of charge

You can download it from your app store. Find out more at www.myedschoolapp.com



Lateral flow testing at half term and closure days

You should encourage your child to continue testing at home throughout the October half-term and exceptional closure week. Please take a test before returning to school on 8th November. Please contact school if you need any more test kits.



Artwork by Lexie 8JC ,
'made in Paint on a PC'

Uniform Reminder

We would like all students at our Ringinglow Road and Gleadless sites to wear at least one item of clothing with the Bents Green logo on it.

Students can select which item they want to wear i.e. T-Shirt, Polo Shirt, Sweatshirt or Fleece

Uniform can be purchased from **Pinders Schoolwear**, you can purchase uniform by

- **Visiting their shop** at Crystal Peaks indoor market (open seven days a week).
- **Or by ordering online** at www.pindersschoolwear.co.uk (delivery charges will apply)

The items available to purchase are t- shirt, polo shirt, sweatshirt and zip up fleece, as well as a PE kit, all with our school logo on.

Westfield Hub

Students who attend our Hub at Westfield School need to wear the Westfield School uniform. Full details can be found on the [Westfield School website](#)



Why not follow us on
[@Bentsgreensch](#)

Football at Bents Green

Since the beginning of September students have been developing their football skills at lunchtime break, and for the last two weeks of the half-term the BGS Lunchtime Football League has taken place.

Rivelin, Loxley, Don and Sheaf have been battling it out for the top spot in the league table and they have also competed in the Ringinglow Cup tournament.

In a nail-biting end to the season, all four teams are close to topping the table and it could still go either way. Loxley and Don have seen off all the other teams in a riveting knockout tournament and will meet in the final.

Well done to all the students who participated!



Upcoming dates

Mon 25—Fri 29 Oct, HALF TERM

Mon 1 to Fri 5 Nov, Exceptional closure days due to Gleadless move (Ringinglow and Gleadless only)

Tues 16 Nov — Nasal flu vaccinations

Fri 19 Nov— Children in Need

Wed 8 Dec—Y7, Y8 & Y9 Parents Evening

Fri 10 Dec—Christmas Fair, Ringinglow & Gleadless

Wed 15 Dec—Christmas Concert, Ringinglow

Mon 20 Dec—Mon 3 Jan, CHRISTMAS BREAK

Tues 4 Jan— Training Day Ringinglow and Gleadless

Tues 4 Jan—Westfield Hub students return to school

Wed 5 Jan—Ringinglow and Gleadless students return

Free School Meals vouchers

Sheffield Council have sent letters to those families eligible for FSM with a half term voucher. If you need any help accessing your voucher please contact fsm@bentsgreen.sheffield.sch.uk and we will help you.

Dance

This term, 7GL, 7NA, 8HP & 9HA have been learning about the history of dance and performing traditional dances from countries around the world. The countries covered this half term were India, Brazil, China, Italy, and Greece.

Students have watched a variety of examples of dance on video clips, then they were taught a routine to present to the class.

The Tarantella from Italy, proved to be the most popular, as it involved using tambourines and dancing in a group. Here are a few photographs of 7NA in action!



8HP news

Students in 8HP have been working on their money skills within their classroom-based Maths lessons and putting this into practice in real life settings as part of their Preparation for Adulthood sessions. They have agreed one healthy or household item to buy for their families (developing their thinking about other people skills) and used different coins to pay for the item in the local shops.

Also when off-site they have posted their own Star Student postcards!



Worry Monsters

We are lucky to have received 6 beautiful large worry monsters from Knit-for-Nowt, a charitable service that distributes knitted, crocheted or hand sewn monsters. These worry monsters help to ease students worries by 'eating them' and are an excellent way to enable and promote communication with regards feelings and worries. One of our monsters has removable pants and is linked to the NSPCC PANTS programme (<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>), so 8HP have been using this worry monster to help them further their learning during their PSHE sessions. Some individual students are benefitting from the worry monsters.

Knit-for-nowt have a long waiting list of children and young peoples services who would greatly benefit from these therapy resources so if you, or any friends or family members would like to help create some worry monsters and/or hand puppets please see their website for more information/templates (www.knitfornowt.org) and contact them directly: knitfornowt@gmail.com

What our staff say:

"They have been very useful. For two of our students, they provide the opportunity for them to write down their worries, in a word or two, which directs staff to provide an appropriate intervention or talk time to help the student."



Have a great half-term break, from all the Bents Green School Team

