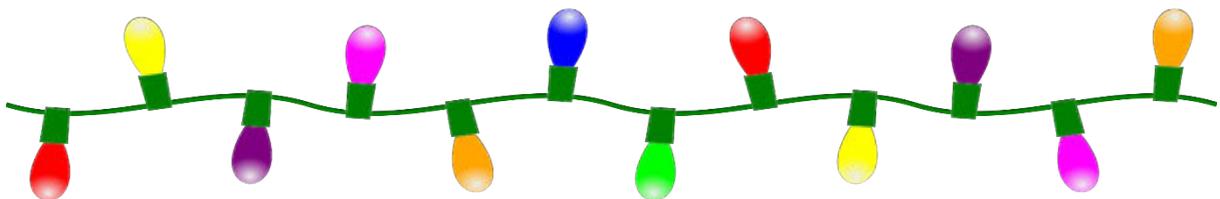
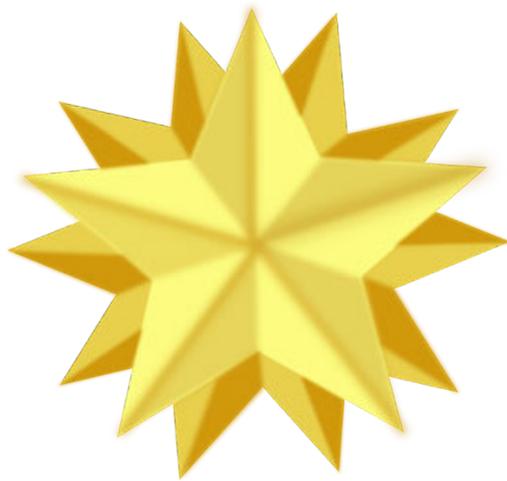




Christmas Newsletter

2016



The Beacon Senior Leadership Team

WOW!

What an incredible start to our new life as The Beacon, merging two schools has been an exciting journey. The students, staff and parents have adapted to our fantastic new environment better than we could have hoped for. Despite a few teething troubles (and moving two schools, 280 staff and 350 students into a new building, there were bound to be some!) we have made a fantastic start.

After studying plans, drawings and schedules for 2 years our building has come to life which is amazing. The environment is being developed and staff have worked hard to promote their vision for the zones, from sensory learning spaces to independent academic learning areas to independent life skills facilities.

From day 1, the students have really taken to their new school and very quickly there was no telling who went to which school previously or which staff worked where. With every day, more displays go up, more celebrations of young people's learning take place and this amazing building feels more and more alive. Most importantly our students show they are more comfortable here and they tell us they are extremely proud to come to the school.

We have been busy with many opportunities such as Open Evenings, After School Clubs, Parent Drop In's, KS5 Achievement Day, Christingle Service, Christmas Fayre, Family Film Night, Performances, Discos and a favourite, Beacon's Got Talent.

We have welcomed new staff to The Beacon and all have completed the induction training which is vital for enhancing their skill set within the classroom setting. Subsequently, we have fresh ideas and initiatives and currently we are trialling Singapore Maths and Pie Corbett Writing skills, and we look forward to the outcomes. We are incredibly proud of the staff for their hard work in getting us through the last two terms.

We are also proud of how well our children and young people have adapted to their new learning environment and their enthusiasm to explore and make new friends.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting The Beacon and to wish you Season's Greetings. Stay safe and we will see you in the New Year.

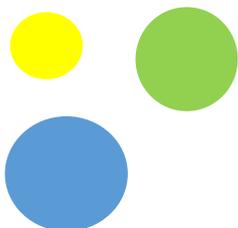


The Beacon School Notices

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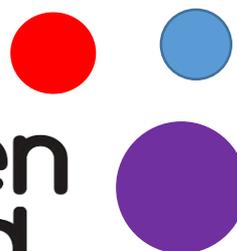
We raised £215.38 for Children in Need this

year on our 'spotty' day.



BBC

Children
in Need



We also raised £1647.17 in our Christmas Fair. The afternoon was a great success and enjoyed by all.

School Day ~ Our school day starts at 9am and finishes at 3pm. Please note pupils should not arrive earlier as we are unable to supervise pupils during this time. The only exception is for pupils that have been signed up to 'Breakfast Club': this allows them to be here from 8.30am and be supervised as necessary. Thank you for your help with this. 😊

Dates for your Diary- Term 3

MAST Parent training/drop in =

Friday 13th January

Wednesday 18th January

Friday 27th January

Friday 3rd February

First Day of Term =

Tuesday 3rd January

Last Day of Term =

Friday 10th February

*The Beacon School Uniform Website: www.kentschooluniform.com *

Pupil Absence – Reminder! Please ensure you report any pupil absences as soon as possible on 01303 847 555 Option 1. Leave a message with pupil name and reason for absence. Thank you.

The Beacon Terms and Holidays

TERMS AND HOLIDAYS OCTOBER 2016 - JULY 2017

TERM 2 – OCTOBER 2016

Monday 31 Oct	SCHOOL BEGINS	(Pupils Return)
Wednesday 21 Dec	SCHOOL FINISHES	

Holiday Thursday 22 December – Monday 2 January

TERM 3 - JANUARY 2017

Tuesday 3 Jan	SCHOOL BEGINS	(Pupils Return)
Friday 10 Feb	SCHOOL FINISHES	

Holiday Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February

TERM 4 - FEBRUARY 2017

Monday 20 Feb	STAFF TRAINING DAY	(Staff only)
Tuesday 21 st Feb	SCHOOL BEGINS	(Pupils Return)
Friday 31 March	SCHOOL FINISHES	

Holiday Monday 3 April – Monday 17 April

TERM 5 - APRIL 2017

Tuesday 18 April	STAFF TRAINING DAY	(Staff Only)
Wednesday 19 April	SCHOOL BEGINS	(Pupils Return)
Monday 1 May	BANK HOLIDAY	(School Closed)
Friday 26 May	SCHOOL FINISHES	

Holiday Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

TERM 6 - JUNE 2017

Monday 5 June	STAFF TRAINING DAY	(Staff Only)
Tuesday 6 June	SCHOOL BEGINS	(Pupils Return)
Friday 21 July	SCHOOL FINISHES	



United Kingdom



UK Butterflies Nursery

Terms 1 and 2

We have had a lovely start to our first year at The Beacon.

Our topics have included Peppa Pig - My mummy and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have enjoyed these topics and have experienced different activities to support our play and learning.

We are beginning to make friends and familiarise ourselves with the wonderful new areas.



Sweden

Sweden at The Beacon

We have had a fabulous time meeting all our new friends at "The Beacon". We especially love our new Sensory Room. Thank you to all those that helped raise money for it.

In Term One our focus was "All about me". We focussed on our new class and zone, so we looked at Sweden and all the other countries that can be found in Zone One.

In Term Two we have focussed on colour and have had fun exploring colours within our assemblies and in our art lessons.

The last 3 weeks have been all about Christmas and we are all excited for Santa to visit.

Hope you all have a fabulous Christmas Holiday.



Spain

In **Spain** class the children have enjoyed finding out all about their new school and getting to know each other in Zone 1. We have been figuring out various routes around the building and outdoor area, and taking turns to lead each other to different places. The children seem to be finding their way around quicker than the staff!

We had a great trip to Ripple Organic Farm where we harvested potatoes and pumpkins. The pumpkins looked lovely on our Harvest table and were then turned into tasty pumpkin soup. Yum!



On another trip to Brockhill Park we collected all sorts of natural objects and later made collages and sculptures, inspired by the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

We have some budding actors in Spain class and all the children have given two wonderful performances in celebration of **Harvest** and **Christmas**. It was Zone 1 children (the youngest in the school) who did the first ever Beacon performance. No wonder there were a few tears shed!

Ireland

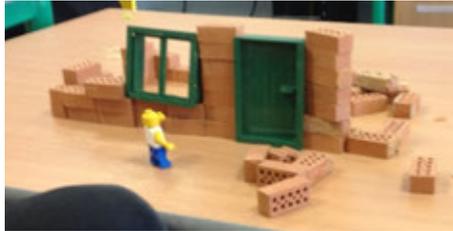
In Ireland class our term 2 topic has been 'colour'. We have enjoyed listening to our topic book, 'Brown bear, brown bear', exploring the different colours from the story.



Italy

We have had a very busy few months in Italy Class!

Term 1 we enjoyed exploring our new school, and all of the new facilities available to us. We have especially enjoyed the adventure playground! Our topic story was The Three Little Pigs. We had great fun acting out the story, and even attempted to build our own houses out of straw, sticks and bricks. We also looked at houses old and new: we all decided we liked modern houses better as they had toilets inside!



Term 2 we have been learning about Our Local Area. We have explored our town of Folkestone and its surroundings. Trips to the local park has made us all appreciate the green countryside so close to us, and pit stops on the bus to watch the fisherman have made us appreciate our closeness to the sea.



There have been many events happening in Zone 1 since September and we have all been amazing at celebrating them. Our first Harvest Performance in the Beacon was a huge success and we managed to donate lots of food to charity. We then had Remembrance Day when we all wore our poppies and even made some poppy biscuits. All of us went spotty for a day for Children in Need and we raised lots of money. Then it was on to Christmas preparations with our performance to practise for, products to make for the fayre and partying to be done!



France



We are so proud of all the children. They have settled so well at The Beacon since our opening in September. All the children have been working hard with their learning across the curriculum.

*In October we hosted our **Harvest Festival** and shared our performance with parents, carers and family.*



Another great success shared by all was the Zone 1 Christingle service.

*Wishing you a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year** from Mrs Patience and the teaching team.*

Austria



Austria class have settled really well into their new school. In term 1, we explored and became familiar with our new school environment. It looked and smelt differently from our old classroom and school. Our topic was learning about ourselves so we investigated different parts of our bodies using lots of different sensory stimuli. In term 2, we explored colour using food and the natural environment. In sensory cooking we conducted a sensory exploration of different flavours and colours of jelly. We visited various garden centres to smell and touch different colours of flowers and plants. Now we are preparing for our Christmas market and Christmas show and enjoying all the sounds, visual displays and smells which help us understand Christmas a little better.



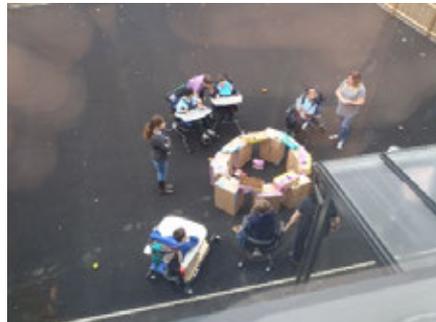
Canada Class News for Terms 1 and 2 of 2016-7

Pupils in Canada Class have settled in to their new school remarkably well, with Jamie and Joey joining previous pupils from Orchard Class at Foxwood, and the addition of two new Teaching Assistants, Karen and Kirsty. With new uniforms, a new classroom environment, a new timetable and new learning opportunities, it's been an exciting time for all concerned, but we're well underway now and getting our new routines established.

Our very own Luke had the honour of being the first pupil to use The Beacon's hydrotherapy pool, an excellent facility that we enjoy sharing with various other classes throughout the week. Another benefit of our new surroundings is being able to share some lessons with friends of similar needs and abilities from other classes, thus maximising the personalisation of each pupil's learning opportunities. We're also enjoying being able to do some of our lessons in alternative places, such as our own outside playground, our nearest heart space, the halls, sensory and soft play rooms, etc.



In the hydro pool



Building 'Stonehenge' in the playground

Christmas is always a special time of year for our pupils, with so many sensory and fun experiences, and we're really looking forward to sharing our learning, art and craft with our families and friends.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ALL IN CANADA CLASS.

Cape Verde



Cape Verde class has enjoyed settling into our new school. Here we are enjoying our weekly drumming session.

We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mexico

It has been a busy start to the new school year. All the pupils have settled well into the new school and for some, a new class. The students have really enjoyed cooking. With a focus on Mexican food in Term 1 and Christmas food this term. The students have also progressed with their swimming, some improving their strokes and others gaining so much more confidence in the water. We have all learnt some interesting facts about Mexico with the students especially enjoying learning about Mexican art.



We wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Trinidad



This term the children have settled really well into class. They have really enjoyed swimming regularly and participating in some class outings to Sainsbury's to buy ingredients for cooking, to the park in Hythe where we took Bunny to play on the slide and swings(!), and a trip to Kearsney Abbey where we collected sticks to make stickmen.

In English we have been reading Julia Donaldson books and watching the animated versions. We particularly liked 'Room on the Broom' and 'Stickman'. We have been thinking of lots of good words to describe the characters.

In maths we have been working hard on our learning box tasks. We have made 2D shape snowmen picture, practising our cutting and sticking skills.

We have used the food tech room to cook fudge and other goodies to sell at the Christmas fair. It was great fun!

We have really enjoyed rehearsing with Bahamas class for the Christmas performance and hope you all enjoy watching us.

Have a lovely Christmas - Trinidad class.



Seychelles



Nicaragua



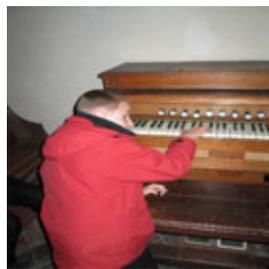
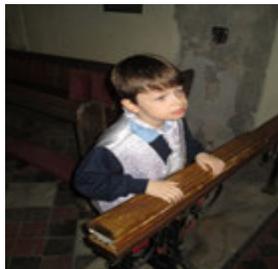
It has been an exciting time in Seychelles and Nicaragua. Not only have we had the introduction to our new surroundings but we have had a range of new faces to meet. Both staff and pupils have integrated well into the new school environment. We have also been enjoying our swimming, cooking and art activities. As we near the festive season, the pupils have been enjoying making Christmas gifts for the Christmas fair and practising their part in the Christmas performance.



Antigua

Welcome to Antigua.

We have settled well within the new class and have participated in lots of different activities, including visiting a church and understanding what may happen within a church environment.



Dominican Republic

Dominican Republic students have been very busy this term learning about different types of poems. They have learnt how to write kennings, acrostic, shape and free verse poems. Here is our class kenning towards which everyone contributed.



Leaf blower
Cold sniffer
Nose changer
Tree trapper
Warm sleeper
Cloud blower

Summer chaser
Leaf cruncher
Yellow bringer
Littlestone changer
Sun snatcher

Dominican Republic class has been learning new techniques in Art including marbling and printing. The pupils have also been busy making items for the Christmas market during Design and Technology lessons.



Panama 🇵🇦



Panama. By Rebecca Stoker

In Panama class we have been learning about the rainforest in Panama, and some of the colourful animals and birds that can be found there.

In art we have been learning about printing and we have used our new printing skills to create a variety of pictures and even make our own

Christmas star decorations which we sold at the Christmas fair.



In Term 1 we also had visit from Josh Kennedy, a local boxer, who came in to teach us some boxing skills. It was great fun!

Jamaica 🇯🇲

Handbags made in 'Jamaica'

By Jeanne Lombart



The pupils of **Jamaica** class have been designing a handbag in term 1. They drew a picture first. Some of the bags had pirates, dinosaurs or cartoon characters on them. The same design was painted on two pieces of material. They learned to sew the back and front together and finally make a colourful handle.

Bahamas

The children have had a busy term. They have become Vikings and sailed on a Longboat during drama lessons and learnt about Hiccup the Viking in English. The classroom is beautifully decorated with creative art displays including Viking shields, penguins, woven Christmas trees and much more. We have some budding artists in the Bahamas. We have been adding, subtracting and problem solving in Maths as well as measuring our hands and feet for a class challenge. The children enjoyed a Christmas party with a visit from Father Christmas. We have been busy preparing for our school play with lots of wonderful singing. What a talented class!

Bahamas would like to wish you all a peaceful, relaxing holiday. Happy Christmas.



Barbados

Whoa we're going to Barbados!

Firstly, a warm welcome to Tegan Taylor who has become part of our team. We have had an exciting term. Science has been a real hit with melting, dissolving, investigating which kitchen roll is the most absorbent, and we even made our own ice-cream!

We have role played the signing of the Magna Carta and learnt about what life was like during Queen Victoria's reign. We visited Dover Museum, took part in a Victorian role play and made some clay fish tiles.

We are even having a Santa link up where the children will speak to the big man himself.

Happy Christmas from Barbados.



Granada

This term has been extremely busy for us as we have been practising for our Christmas performance, and sporting events such as Boccia for which our team of The Beacon Boys have got through to The Final. We have enjoyed preparing, designing and making items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. The marshmallow lollypops were yet again very popular and flew off the stall. Well done if you managed to taste one - we thought they were extremely yummy.



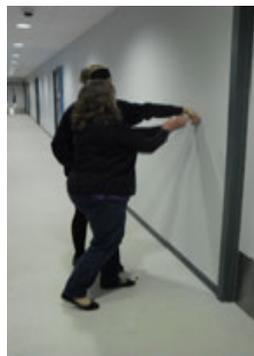
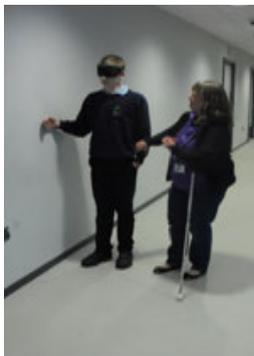
Merry Christmas to all from Grenada Class.

Costa Rica

We were given the opportunity to experience what it is like to get around The beacon through using only a cane or our hands when blindfolded, with the support and guidance of two very helpful visually impaired students from Ivory Coast and their TA.

We performed a class anti-bullying rap to the classes of Belize and Haiti for Anti-bullying Week to show the effects that different types of bullying can have on a person.

We acted out some of the main parts in the production of "We are lost - where is our beacon?" which was watched by the whole school and parents in two performances.



Saint Lucia

After our exciting move to The Beacon over the summer, St Lucia class has now settled in our new building and become familiar with a secondary style timetable.

This term we have particularly enjoyed our English focus books, which were 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe' and 'A Christmas Carol'. We talked about what the characters are like and the pupils have especially enjoyed role playing the stories with puppets!

We have covered a range of topics in maths including: addition and subtraction, measuring using length, money, time, fractions and collecting and presenting data. The pupils enjoyed using a range of resources to support their learning.

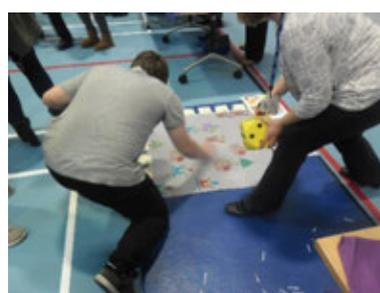
In history we have learned about the Shang Empire in ancient China, and Roman Britain. The pupils have been enthusiastic about the topic and were especially interested in learning about bronzes and Hadrian's Wall.

The pupils have continued to develop their social and emotional skills with the support of staff, other professionals and their peers.

We supported Children in Need again this year, with pupils coming to school in fantastic spotty outfits and staff dressing up in onesies and pyjamas.

Our class took part in a TASC day to plan and design a stall for the Christmas Fayre. The pupils chose to create 'Hook the Pudding' and 'Advent Challenge' games, as well as selling Christmas cards and place mats they had designed and made. The day was a huge success and we had many happy customers. Thank you all for your support!

Mr Rankin, Mrs Devereux, Mrs Harley and Mrs Turnbull would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in the New Year.



United States

USA get into the festive spirit

In Year 8 USA students used their computer skills to produce a variety of colourful calendars, which they sold at the Christmas Fair and made over £20. In DT they made some fantastic tree decorations.

They have also been quite sporty this term with the regular trips to the Sports Centre. They have been learning to play Handball. With Natty's great goal keeping and Alfie's prolific goal scoring they are developing into a solid team.



Haiti

Haiti has had an extremely busy term; however, as usual, they generally show a positive attitude in all their learning and strive to do their best at all times.

In Maths we have been revising addition, subtraction and multiplication and we have also spent some time working on our knowledge of 2D shapes. All of the children are keen mathematicians and have approached this learning with excitement and dedication.

The first half of the term in English we focused on Roald Dahl's 'Matilda'. Everyone enjoyed this book and we have had some terrific role plays concerning parts of the story. Many of the children were highly skilled in portraying the evil Mrs Trunchbull! We have now begun a new text 'The Quest': this is a great adventure story and encourages the children to be creative in finding solutions to problems the characters meet along the way. We look forward to working more on this next term.

The children have worked really hard in RE learning all about Islam, and in History they have completed many detailed research pieces of work regarding the Magna Carta and the Crusades.

Many children have shown an increasing level of skill in their collaborative efforts in PE and are working really well together to create some good gymnastics routines focusing on balancing and travelling both in 'unison' and 'cannon'. We have been impressed by their creativity. This creativity has shown in our Art lessons where individual pieces of art have been created using the artist Kandinsky as inspiration.

It is really hard to sum up all of the children's achievements in a few sentences. Despite a very busy term the children of Haiti always seem to rise to a challenge and are really settling in to Beacon life.

Cuba

Cuba class has had fun making a film for Anti Bullying Week. We thought about how to use our 'Power for Good'. Here are some snapshots from our film:



We have also been working as 'solution Detectives'. This means that with any problems we have been experiencing we have talked about as a class to come up with solutions. Here is our board.



Belize

What an exciting two terms it has been! All of Belize Class was impressed by the brand new building and facilities at The Beacon. Despite a couple of occasions where we got lost trying to find our way around, it did not take long to settle in.

Pupils in Belize have enjoyed the last two terms and have participated in lots of interesting activities. In English, the group have particularly enjoyed studying Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. They have also written some brilliant, imaginative stories.

PE lessons have been a favourite for students and have included the weekly trip to the Sports Centre where the class has taken part in swimming this term.

Pupils participated in a very successful TASC afternoon when they created a range of Christmas themed crafts to sell at the Christmas Fete. These proved very popular at the fete and the class raised money for charity, selling their creations.

Currently, pupils in Belize are busy practising for 'The Beacon's Got Talent', which they will take part in on the last day of term. **Merry Christmas from all the staff and pupils in Belize Class.**

Egypt

All students in Egypt have had a very busy 2nd term.

We have been learning about Egypt and the history of the pyramids. We even tried dressing up like a mummy! Pupils also did a great job creating our colourful display all about Egypt.



We have cooked lots of delicious food this term, including pizza, cakes, chocolate truffles and banana pancakes. We even had very positive responses from home about how tasty the food was!



We have also been researching lots of different Christmas decorations by going to the shops to see what is on sale. We got lots of ideas about bright, eye catching designs. We took our ideas back to school and planned what to make for the Christmas fair.

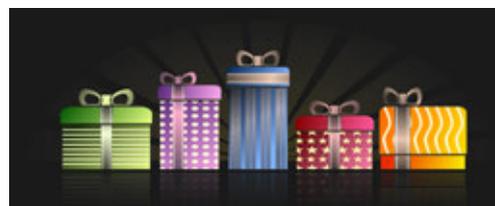


A very Happy Christmas and a wonderful 2017 from us all in Egypt class.

Ivory Coast

This term in Ivory Coast as part of our community learning the pupils have been busy budgeting, planning, purchasing and wrapping presents for their family. The pupils have considered who they are buying for and what presents would be appropriate. The pupils have demonstrated that they are very mature when out and about in the community buying their gifts. They have also designed and created our own gift tags for the gifts that they have brought. The team are all really proud of our students this term, but especially for this project and we really hope that you like the presents.

Merry Christmas from Ivory Coast!



Botswana



We have settled in well at The Beacon and are enjoying Year 10. We have made book ends in DT which took weeks but it was worth all of the hard work. In Art, we have been drawing and painting self-portraits. Blayne and Owen have been training hard in basketball and football, and developing their sports leadership skills, whilst the rest of the form have been enjoying Compass and practising their map reading skills in the local area.

Cookery is one of our favourites and we have become far more independent and skilful in following more challenging recipes.

We enjoy spending time together as a form and are very excited about taking part in the Christmas Fair.



Zimbabwe



It's been a busy start to the school year for Zimbabwe. Connor and Bryn have been out this week with the singing club performing carols in Sainsbury's and the local care home. As a class, we have been enjoying our PE lessons at the Sports Centre and did very well in a local Boccia tournament. We have all settled in well at The Beacon and are looking forward to a productive and fun 2017.



Kenya



This term in Kenya we said our goodbyes to Erik.

He has moved to another school in Peterborough where he has family living there.

We wish him all the best for the future and he will be missed by his class mates.



We have settled in well to our new surroundings at The Beacon.

Merry Christmas from Kenya Class.



Tanzania

Over the last two terms, the year 11 boys in Tanzania have made many new friends and faced new challenges together. In the final year working towards their Entry Level qualifications, team building exercises during life skills have been a focus. They particularly enjoyed building towers using only a few resources such as newspaper, A4 paper, spaghetti and marshmallows. The winner was the team with the tallest structure. They also had to drop an egg from a certain height without it breaking: to protect it they could use materials, bubble wrap, tin foil and shredded paper. These tasks helped them to work as a team and use listening and other communication skills.



Towards Entry Level Food Technology, the class went to two supermarkets in Hythe to research food from other countries such as India, Spain, Italy, China and France. Pupils also found foods from Ireland and America. The outing enabled them to investigate ingredients they needed to use when cooking international cuisine including dishes like Tiramisu, Moussaka and Risotto.



Madagascar

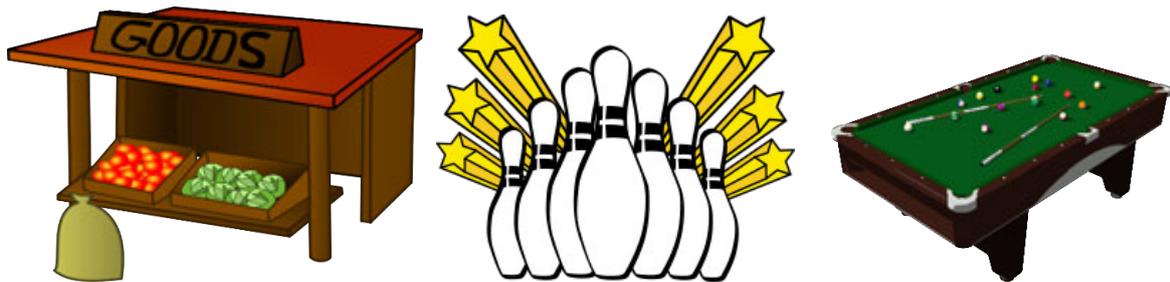
It's been a good term in the sixth form and we have all settled in nicely to our lessons and outside provisions.

The heart space in Key Stage 4 and 5 is proving to be a lovely social area for our students. Everyone has made lots of new friends and enjoying playing pool, foosball, listening to music and making refreshments in the kitchen area.

The sixth form social club had a fun evening out on 18th November. They went bowling and the games became very competitive with lots of amazing strikes. There are many more events planned for the new year towards which the students are looking forward.

Over the winter the Land Based Studies Group will be growing broad beans, garlic and onions and they have prepared all the ground ready for planting in the Spring.

The Enterprise Team has been very productive and making lots of new things to sell at the Whitfield Farmers Market. We also have a 'look book' in the Staff Room so staff can purchase items.



Mauritius

BTEC Sport and Active Leisure

Since September the BTEC Sport group has been working on their individual fitness as well as learning about team sports and individual sports. This has involved a taster session of different sports available in the community, trying to avoid all the popular ones and learn about the more obscure.

They have been swimming, orienteering and cross country running, and taking part in team building days which involve working together and communicating.

As well as the activities they are working on their own health, fitness and diet goals to improve week on week.





BTEC Work Skills and Employability

Since September the groups have been discovering about life after school and what they can do to help themselves get a job. We have worked on job applications, where they can go to and who can help them get a job after school. This has made pupils take a look at their own strengths and weaknesses, skills and qualities.

We have been into the local towns where the pupils have spent time learning about what jobs are available both in the volunteer and commercial sectors, and visited some places of historical interest.



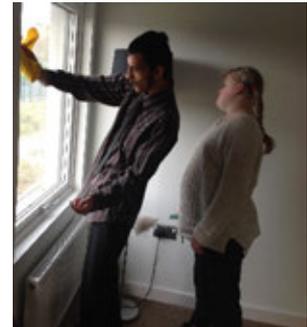
We have had two very busy terms in our new school, and have been spending lots of time out of school, too!

We have been going out on the public bus on Wednesdays to go in to town. We took a trip to the card shop to buy some Christmas cards one week, and everyone enjoyed choosing a card to send home.



Senegal

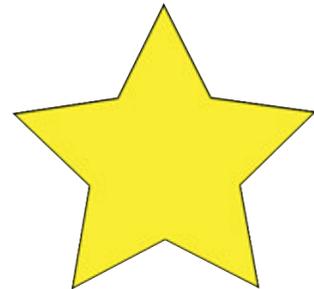
The next week, in Senegal and Gambia, we went to the post office to buy a stamp, and everyone waited patiently in the queue. We have also had to do lots of food shopping for all of the delicious food we have been making this term. We have had cakes, biscuits, breakfasts, sausage rolls, sandwiches and much more! We cooked in the school kitchen and the life skills house and developed our home management skills.



Sports and Physical Education

Nine teams from The Beacon entered the Kent regional Boccia competition. Three of our Beacon teams across two zones and across two different categories progressed to the Kent Finals. Huge congratulations to The Beacon Boys from Grenada Class, The Beacon Trio from Cape Verde Class, and The Beacon Stars from Zimbabwe Class!

The Kent School Games Boccia Finals event will be held on Thursday 2nd March.



Music, Dance and Drama

This term in performing arts we have been working on lots of different events. We have had the Harvest Festival, the official opening day of the school, performing at Sainsbury's, the Christmas production, singing club performed within the community, the performing arts Christmas show and, of course, Beacon's Got Talent! All the students have worked extremely hard and have had great enjoyment from showing their talents. I am grateful for their hard work and can't wait to see what they produce in 2017! (*Mr Ince, Music Teacher*)



Play Therapy

I'm happy to share that the parent drop-in presentation for 'play therapy' went well. Thank you to all who attended and were able to feed back on how helpful it was in increasing their knowledge about play therapy.

Mandy Posnett- **Play Therapist**



After School Clubs

Duke of Edinburgh after school club has been out exploring the countryside around Cheriton, up and down hills for 5 ½ miles, which took them about 3 hours. They hope to achieve a bronze award by the end of the year.



The launch of clubs at The Beacon has been a great success. We have 17 clubs happening throughout the week with pupils enjoying a range of different activities. We have been very fortunate to have such enthusiastic staff to run the various clubs. We have also seen outside agencies come in, bringing professional coaching in boxing, cricket and hockey. Have a great Christmas break and a Happy New Year - Mr Moore, Extended Schools Coordinator

Catering and Hospitality

Everyone has been extremely pleased with the new catering facilities at The Beacon - so much more space! The students have all settled well into their new routine and continue to impress with their enthusiastic attitude, especially when tasting!

We have catered for Children in Need and made a good profit for the charity selling home-made cakes to all the pupils – a long and patient queue.

6th form produced a marvellous afternoon tea to celebrate the arrival of The Beacon locally. Staff, governors and pupils were also happy to be the 'customers' and treated to the buffet served by the sixth formers as practise towards their GCSE qualification. They have also had plenty of larger event catering practice providing refreshments for Achievement Day and the School Leavers Reunion.

Two budding chefs were entered for the regional Junior Chef competition held at East Kent College and they represented the school admirably. There was stiff competition from all the local secondary schools that took part and our wonderful pupils, Sam and Tushane, both gained Certificates of Commendation. Well done to them.

Once again this is the 'sweet and sticky' time of year with Christmas cakes, gingerbread houses and assorted biscuits all made by the pupils to sell at the Christmas Fayre. They have worked so hard to produce all these lovely tasty treats with profits going towards their annual Student Prom in July.

I am delighted that each and every pupil enjoys their cooking and hope their parents appreciate anything that goes home – although I know a lot is eaten on the way!

I look forward to another wonderful term in 2017.



Happy Christmas, Mrs. Kendall



MAST

We would like to welcome a new member of staff who joined MAST in November 2016. Here is some information about her.

My name is Nicola and I am your new School Nurse at The Beacon, Folkestone.

I have a variety of experience in healthcare, including Accident and Emergency, Community Nursing, Neonatal and Forensic Nursing for Kent Police.

I am looking forward to working with you all and the challenges that await me.

My role within The Beacon is:

- To work within the multi-disciplinary team
- Strategic lead for all medical items across the school
- Lead on Health Care Plans
- Lead on pupil medication
- Development of school medical policies
- Provide health education
- Provide staff training and support
- Audit all medical systems within the school
- Signpost to other agencies
- Liaise with other healthcare/social professionals
- Organise vaccination clinics
- Link to other health professionals within other schools



From all of MAST, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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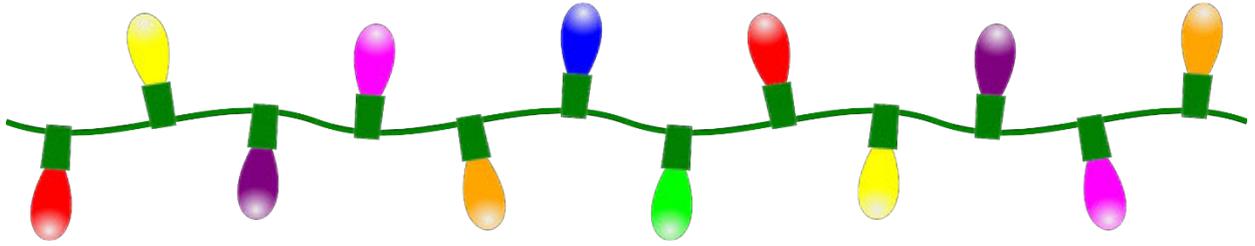
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We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. Have a safe and peaceful holiday.

