



Message from Mrs Drew

I cannot believe that October half term is coming up already, this term has flown by! The Open Day was a great success. Thank you to our current parents/carers in Reception and Key Stage 1 for welcoming any potential new parents and families to Benthal. It was clear that whilst parents/carers love Benthal's creative approach to learning creating irresistible lessons for their children, they know that Benthal has an academic side where all children are expected to achieve their full potential in the core subjects of Reading, Writing and Maths.

Also, we had a great response from parents/carers interested in becoming class reps for Benthal Parent Voice—a new way to share your views. I'm really pleased that the response has been positive. It reinforces the community spirit that defines Benthal.

Have a great weekend and enjoy all the signs of Autumn.



School Library

Thank you to Friends Of Benthal who helped us to raise money towards our fantastic new library. £9,000 was donated. Thank you all for your continued support.



We are all very excited and will let you know about the launch date.



Enabling Enterprise Challenge Day 'level up'

Last Thursday Year groups 1—6 designed characters and different levels for their own video game. It was exciting and educational.



Black History Month

October is Black History Month—this is an opportunity for all children to learn about key Black historical figures that have impacted positively to our way of life now. Ms Drew launched Black History Month last week by giving an assembly about the bravery of Harriet Tubman and the 'underground railroad' in America during the time of slavery. Ms Williams gave an assembly about the 'Windrush'. Each class will be learning about an individual of



either Historical importance or Black people of the present time who are equally making a positive difference to us all. We will end the month with all classes sharing what they have found out. Look out for the pictures in a few weeks time.

Trips and Assemblies

Friday 18th Oct at 9.15am

Beech class assembly

Tuesday 29th October

Yr 2 trip to Horniman Museum

Tuesday 4th November at 11am

Yr 3 trip to Barbican

Tuesday 11th November at 11am

Yr 1 trip to Barbican

Friday 15th Nov 9.15am

Hazel class assembly

Mon 25th November

Yr 4 to British Museum

Wednesday 11th Dec at 2.30pm

Juniors Carol Concert

Friday 13th Dec at 9.30am

EYFS and KS1 Christmas Show

Tues 16th Dec

EYFS and KS1 Pantomime in the small hall

Weds 17th Dec

Yrs 4 & 6 to 'Dick Whittington and His Cat' panto

Thurs 18th Dec

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Dates to remember

Monday 14th October

Anti Bullying Workshop (for children) Yr6

Thurs 17th October

Anti bullying workshop (for children) Yrs 3& 4

Weds 30th Oct 9.05am

KS1 Maths open morning (in your child's classroom)

Tuesday 5th Nov 3.30pm

Parent workshop—Talk through Games

Tuesday 5th Nov

Flouride Varnish (Reception, Yrs 1 & 2)

Monday 11th November

Nasal Flu vaccination (Rec to Year 6)

Tuesday 12th November

Anti bullying workshop (for children) - Yr 6

Friday 14th November

Individual photographs

Thursday 5th December

Parents Evening & Book Fair

Friday 6th December 3.45pm

Big Benthal Switch on— Christmas lights

Thursday 12th Dec

Christmas lunch



Medication & School Nurse

Please be reminded that only prescribed medication is allowed in school. Asthma pumps should be in date. Please inform us of any new allergies your child has developed since last year. If you would like to speak to the school nurse, she is at school on the following Fridays: 18th Oct, 8th Nov, 22nd Nov, 6th Dec, 20th Dec.



Friends of Benthal Christmas Cards

Each year at Benthal, the children design their own Christmas Cards, and the parents have an opportunity to buy these cards if they would like to. It's a fantastic chance to showcase your child's creative skills. The cut off date to order will be Monday 28th October, and you will be able to order online here:

<https://www.cauliflowercards.co.uk/online-christmas-project>



Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ELDER— Kirsty and Beth HORNBEAM— Jasmine and Hafeez SERRULA— George and Dildi WILLOW - Ruben and William

ASH— Inaaya ARBUTUS—Shyla and Scarlett

Secondary School Transfers

A reminder that the deadline for secondary school transfers is looming. It is important that applications are submitted promptly. Ideally, applications should be made by October 18th, any applications submitted after October 31st will be treated as late applications and this could affect your child's chances of being offered a secondary school place in Hackney. If you require any support with your online application, please contact the school office. Thank you.



October Half Term Playscheme

Your child should have brought home a flyer for October Half Term Playscheme, taking place at Benthall from October 21st-25th over the forthcoming half term. If you are interested in securing a place for your child on any or all of the days, please fill out a form in the office and pay online via scopay. The cost is £25 per day (9.30-4.30pm) or £30 per day for the extended day (8am-6pm). Children will have opportunities to take part in a range of activities including basketball, table tennis, art and crafts, dancing, lego and board games.



Parental Engagement Opportunities

We have been running a number of activities for parents in school. Open days are a chance for parents to engage with their child in their classroom environments, and workshops are a chance for parents to come and gain further understanding of the curriculum. Please keep an eye out for further dates, we hope to see you all there!

Nursery

This week we have used mirrors to see our eye and hair colour before painting self-portraits. Please take a look at the board next week!



Reception

This week we have been looking at problems and solutions in stories.



Year 1

In Year 1 we are setting homework via Tapestry. Check your child's tapestry account to find out more about their learning at school and about how to complete their homework at home. Our first two tasks are due very soon! If you have any problems with your Tapestry account please talk to your child's teacher.



Year 2

In science this week, we have been learning about food chains.



Year 3

We conducted an experiment to investigate which kind of rocks are waterproof



Year 4

We have been learning about democracy for our Benthall Creative Curriculum topic 'Ancient Greece'



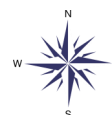
Year 5

In science this week, we have been learning about reproduction in plants.



Year 6

We had a wonderful time on our orienteering trip at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. We learnt to be resilient and to work as part of a team positively.



Attendance

Last weeks winners were Magnolia and Hornbeam with 100% attendance—Well done!