



Message from Ms. Drew

We are at half term holiday already; I'm not sure where the time has gone.

The days are getting shorter and nights longer. I have seen the Benthal squirrels burying things around the school grounds making sure they are ready for the winter and all the other signs of Autumn are certainly upon us now.



Like always Benthal has been very busy. The children have had lots of 'irresistible learning' experiences in lessons this half term and the teachers have ensured that every learning opportunity has been filled.

The children are half way through their BCC Humanities topic block and you will be able to look at this learning and all their other fantastic work at Parents Evening on Thursday 9th November. The children's books show strong knowledge and skills, they look lovely.

We are also nearing the end of celebrating Black History Month. The children have been learning about significant Black Pioneers and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. The children will be sharing their learning in a special assembly after half term. We will take lots of photographs and upload them to our Twitter page and put them in the next newsletter.

Have a great half term holiday, stay safe and take care. See you on Monday 30th October.

Ms Drew

Parent Governor Vacancy

You should have received two letters regarding our Parent Governor vacancy on the board and the process for applying and the election. All the information for the candidate statement and deadline dates are in these letters. If you were unable to attend the information meeting this morning then please try to catch me in the junior playground on Monday 30th October at pick up time, if you have any further questions.



For Black History Month, we have been learning about different Black Icons.

Year 1

Chris Ofilu
Turner Prize winning painter

The children have learned about the contributions each person has made to society.

Year 2

Dena Asher Smith
Athlete

On Tuesday, 31st October, the children will present the work they have done in a celebration assembly.

Year 3

Claudia Jones
Founder of Notting Hill Carnival

On Friday, 3rd November, Chef Alex will be making a special Caribbean lunch for everyone.

Year 4

Letitia Michelle Wright
Actor

Year 1 made created artwork inspired by Chris Ofilu.

Year 5

Malorie Blackman
Author

Year 6

David Olusoga
Historian



Friends of Benthall Fundraising Cake Sale

Massive thanks to the Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents/carers for donating the cakes and for staying to help sell them and Friends of Benthall for coordinating it. We are trialing a different approach to Benthall fundraising cake sales this year, remember it will be the turn of **Year 2,3 and 4 parents/carers on Friday 3rd November** and their cake sale will be held in the junior playground.

Contact Lizzy if you can help in any way: 07944911852.

Friday 24th November: Years 5 and 6 Cake Sale (in the junior playground)

Please bring your cake donations to the school office on the day.



Harvest Festival

Thank for your generous donations during the harvest festival. We were able to make up food parcels and give to families in need.



Secondary School Applications

Dear Year 6 parents, please be reminded that the deadline to apply for secondary school places is 31st October. Please phone the office Monday 30th October or Tuesday 31st October between 11am-12pm if you require help to apply online, and speak to Abby.

Extra Curricular Activities

Music provision at Benthall - We offer your child an opportunity to learn different instruments such as trumpet, trombone, clarinet, saxophone, guitar or ukele. Pupils are taught in pairs or small groups. Our Year 4 pupils were treated this morning to an ensemble by Apollo music to learn about different musical instruments.



Afterschool Clubs - We offer a wide range of afterschool clubs, such as cricket, basketball, ballet, Latin, football, table tennis, Lego, cooking and boxing. Many of the clubs are full, but there are still places available in the cricket club (Y3-Y6 on Thursdays) and the basketball club (Y3-Y6 on Fridays), which we offer free of charge to children entitled to free school meals.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Flu Vaccination (Nasal Spray)

1st November (only for children who have permission)

Barbican Centre trip (LSO)

2nd November—Year 1 and Year 2

Parents Evening

9th November 2023 (pm)

Barbican Centre trip (LSO)

20th November—Year 3

Travelling Book Fair in School

27th November—1st December

Hackney Empire Pantomime

29th November at 1.30pm for Years 5 and 6

Big Benthall Xmas Light Switch on & Winter Fair

1st December 2023

KS1 Christmas Concert

8th December at 2.15pm

KS2 Carol Concert

13th December at 2.15pm

In School Pantomime

15th December—Year 1 to Year 4

Christmas Break

22nd December 2023-5th January 2024

Holiday Activity Scheme

2nd to 5th January (FSM Children)

Outstanding payments for

School Services

Please be reminded that any outstanding balance for lunches, playcentre and breakfast club need to be cleared by the end of this week. School services can be withdrawn from Monday 30th October for children who have outstanding balances.

Playcentre 



Hispanic Day

To celebrate Hispanic day, Chef Alex gave the children a treat with a Hispanic themed lunch of tacos, guacamole, sour cream and mango cheesecake today. The children really enjoyed the food. We will continue tasting cuisines of the world by celebrating Black History Month and having a Caribbean themed lunch on Friday 3rd of November.

