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Friday 25th October 2024

NEWS

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. What signs of Autumn have you seen on your way to school or back home again?

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 7th November. The children's books show strong knowledge and skills, they look lovely.

We are also at the end of celebrating Black History Month, this week. The children have been learning about significant Black Icons & Pioneers and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. The children shared their learning in a special assembly today. We have taken lots of photographs and will upload them to our X (Twitter) page.

Have a lovely half term, enjoy the Autumn sunshine and see you all on Monday 4th November.

Ms Drew

Black History Month Celebration Assembly 2024

Our Black History Month Celebration assembly took place this morning. All the classes shared their learning about a significant Black Icon or Pioneer from a celebrated author, Olympic gold medal winning athletes, rappers and dancers- year 1 surprised us with their amazing Salsa dancing! And Cherry Class, our 2 year olds in the school shared their hand print art with us. We all had a wonderful time. Take a look at the pictures!



SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers, please be reminded that the secondary school application deadline is Thursday 31st October 2024. Applications must be made via www.eadmissions.org.uk. If you need any help with applying, please contact the school office next week.

Best Class Attendance for this half

Well done and congratulations to Birch Class they had the best attendance since coming back in September – 93.4%. As a reward Chef Alex and the Kitchen Team made a special lunch and decorated tables for the winning class to sit at. All Birch class children and Ms Hay had a lovely time. We will be repeating this again next half term for the winning class that has the best attendance from Monday 4th November to the end of term. I wonder which class it will be! Thank you Chef Alex and the Kitchen Team.







Curriculum News

Reception - In Pine Class we have been learning about the story behind the Festival of Light, Diwali, the story of Rama and Sita. We have been making and decorating our very own salt dough Diwali lamps.



Year 1—In Year 1, we have read the story 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, what do you see?', we had a go at writing our own sentences!



Year 5—In Willow class, we have been learning about Slam Poetry. We explored different writing techniques to inspire our writing. Today, we performed it to our year group. Each poem was unique and compelling!



Year 6—As part of our World War II topic in BCC, Year 6 took part in a simulated evacuation. They studied the outbreak of the war, including the key events that led to its declaration.



Disability Living Allowance (DLA)

If your child is between 2 and 4 years old and is in receipt of the Disability Living Allowance, could you please let the school office know as the school will be entitled to apply for additional funding from the Disability Access Fund. This additional funding will enable us to provide further support to children with disabilities or SEN (Special Educational Needs) in our early years setting.

As a token of our appreciation, we will give you a supermarket voucher for ± 20 once we received the evidence of your entitlement.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Flu Vaccinations (for Rec - Year 6)

Tuesday 5th November Parents Evening—Please book your slot in advance Thursday 7th November 4pm-7pm Year 3 Trip to Barbican LSO Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am **Travelling Book Fair** 25th November — 9th December **Beech Class Assembly** Thursday 28th November at 9.15am - large hall Year 3 & 4 Pantomime at Hackney Empire **Tuesday 3rd December** Nursery—Year 2 Christmas Show in School Tuesday 3rd December at 1.30pm Xmas Lights Switch on & Winter Fair Friday 6th December at 3.30pm Dinner with Santa Friday 6th December at 6.15pm Year 2 Trip to Barbican LSO Monday 9th December at 9.30am KS2 Carol Concert Wednesday 11th December at 2pm **Christmas School Lunch & Jumper Day** Thursday 12th December Willow Class Assembly—New Date Thursday 12th December at 9.15am-9.30am

Year 5 & 6 Pantomime at Hackney Empire

Friday 13th December

<u>Class Parties</u> Thursday 19th December at 2pm <u>Last Day of School</u> Friday 20th December - school finishes at 1.30pm

TERM DATES

Autumn Half Term Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November Christmas Break Friday 20th December—Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - All pupils back to school







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23rd OCTOBER 2024 10AM - 12pm HELPING YOUR CHILD (Maths Schoolwork)

24th OCTOBER 2024 12PM - 2PM BECOME CONFIDENT IN MATHS (For Yourself)

> 30th OCTOBER 2024 5PM - 7PM

TIPS ON MANAGING YOUR MONEY (During a recession)

31st OCTOBER 2024 11AM - 1PM APPLICATION WORKSHOP (Universal Credit, Free School Meals, Benefits & Admissions)

1st NOVEMBER 2024 10AM - 12PM

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Venue: Wally Foster Community Centre, Homerton Rd, London E9 5QB

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