



Message from Ms Drew

The weather has changed and there are clear signs of Autumn everywhere- the colours are beautiful.



I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers that gave food for our Harvest assembly last week. We had lots donated with a good range of store cupboard items that can be created into filling meals. It will all go to support Hackney families in our local community. We will have another similar food collection in December.

We also want to help families with keeping warm when out-and-about this winter by setting up a 'pre-loved' winter coat drive, for both children and adults. Please look out for the flyer next week how you can donate a clean and usable 'pre-loved' warm winter coat.



October is Black History Month. We launched the celebrations with a variety of assemblies this week. All the children will be learning about a significant black person and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. We will share this 'irresistible' learning with you towards the end of the month.

Have a great week and take care,

Ms Drew



Attendance and Punctuality Winners

Parents are reminded about the importance of starting a school day on time, if your child arrives late, they miss out on essential learning and distract the teaching process. Well done to our attendance winners with the lowest number of lates in September.

Class	Attendance	Rank	Number of Late	Rank
Pine Reception	88.9	7th	14	4th
Aspen Reception	52.8	12th	14	4th
Magnolia Year 1	87.3	9th	15	5th
Elder Year 2	89.2	6th	27	6th
Rowan Year 2	92.7	3rd	32	8th
Serrula Year 3	87.5	8th	49	9th
Hornbeam Year 3	91.4	5th	30	7th
Beech Year 4	82.8	11th	32	8th
Birch Year 5	92.1	4th	12	3rd
Willow Year 5	83.3	10th	30	7th
Arbutus Year 6	93.2	2nd	4	1st
Ash Year 6	94.8	1st	8	2nd

Benthal New School Food Vision

We are extremely pleased to see an increased uptake in school lunches since Benthal begun a partnership with a charity called Chefs in Schools this term.

Research shows that when school food improves, child obesity rates fall, wellbeing increases and attainment improves. We want to ensure our pupils have the fuel they need to learn and achieve their full potential.

Our new Chef Educator, Alex, has been working hard to engage the children with new recipes and ingredients. He also runs our weekly afterschool Cooking Club. Alex is currently developing our Benthal Food Vision, which will be shared with parents.

We are hoping to offer taster sessions to all parents very soon to try our new delicious and nutritious dishes.

PE LESSONS

Nursery - Wednesdays

Reception - Fridays

Year 1 - Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 2 - Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 3 - Mondays and every other Thursday

Year 4 - Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 5 - Thursdays and every other Friday

Year 6 - Wednesdays and Friday

Friends of Benthal PTA

Friends of Benthal PTA have been fundraising for our school for a number of years. They would love for new members to bring new ideas and take on some responsibilities to run classic PTA events such as our Winter and Summer Fairs, which we all love—see photos below!

Volunteers are invited to step forward, please email friendsofbenthal@benthal.hackney.sch.uk for more information.



Benthal Prefects

Congratulations to our 12 newly-appointed Year 6 Prefects. Applications were open to all Year 6, who had to write a detailed proposal on why they should be selected. Each application was then considered and shortlisted for an official interview with both Ms Drew and Ms Williams.

So a big well done to all of our successful Prefects, who can wear their badges with pride:

Ash: Anant, Thea, Carey, George, Tara, Dildi, Vinton and Yasin

Arbutus: Hafeez, Martina, Jasmine and Winner.

National Poetry Day

Benthal celebrated National Poetry Day on 6th of October and Years 1 and 2 created an acrostic poem to be read in assembly:

Busy working at Benthal

Excited when doing PE

New yummy lunches!

Teachers are lovely and great

Helpful workers in the office

A happy place

Lucky us!

Reminders

- Secondary school applications are open. The deadline to apply is 31 October via eadmissions.org.uk. Please contact the school office if you need help with the application process.
- Please be reminded that payments for all school services (school lunch, Playcentre, Breakfast Club, music lessons and afterschool clubs) are required in advance and should be made via your child's Scopay account. We accept childcare vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare payments, allowing you to save up to 20% on childcare costs.



Benthal will once again be taking part in the Cauliflower Christmas Project for 2022 to raise funds for the school.

We will be sending each child home with an Artwork Form where they can draw their designs on. This will include all order information.

Children are free to design whatever they choose. The design can go on greetings cards, mugs, books and even wrapping paper.

If you would like your child to submit a design, please complete the Artwork form and make payment using the link provided, before returning the Artwork Form to school.

Designs must be returned to School by Tuesday 1st November.