



Message from Ms Drew

I cannot believe we are at half term already; it has certainly flown by. All the staff at Benthal have been tireless in their delivery of 'irresistible learning' for the children and I have been very impressed with the high quality work that the children have produced in their books. It will be lovely for you to see it all at Parents Evening in December.

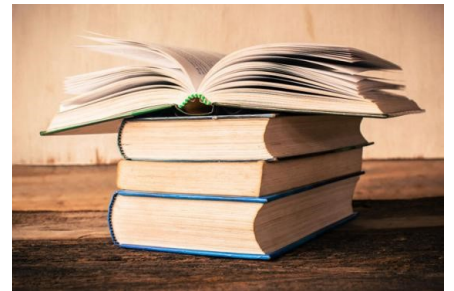
We have continued to block the curriculum in the afternoons for Science, BCC Humanities (History & Geography) and Art/DT. This method of blocking is really supporting the children having a deeper understanding of the topic area they are learning about and remembering more. We trialed this last year and it was effective, hence why we are doing it again for this academic year.

Of course, all the children receive a daily reading or phonic lesson, literacy, spelling, arithmetic and maths lesson and weekly PE, Music, Spanish, Computing, RE and PSHE lessons

Our curriculum offer at Benthal focuses on creativity and academic achievement and giving the best for our children.

Have a great half term week and see you all on Monday 31st October 2022- there is no INSET day!

Ms Drew



Punctuality

Well done - the majority of the children have been in school on time every day. I think the adjustment to the times for Year 2 and the juniors has helped quite a bit.

A big thank you and well done to those parents/carers that ensure their child is in school on time. These children have a good start to the morning and have their entire reading or Phonic lesson un-interrupted. When a child is late, they feel embarrassed and it can be difficult to settle in and catch up with the missed learning for that lesson. The school will be having a big focus on improving punctuality next half term.



Scooters and Bicycles

Please can I remind all parents and carers that once the children come through the main entrance on Benthall Road or the back gate on Rendlesham Road, children are not allowed to scoot or bike. Both entrances are very busy with other children and their families and buggies/prams; we also have a very steep slope at the front of the school. Please tell your child to get off their scooter or bike and walk it in. Thanks.

Reminders

- Free school meals **support in the form of supermarket vouchers was provided to cover October half term holidays for all children who are registered for free school meals in Hackney.** If you think that your child might be entitled, please apply as soon as possible so that you don't miss out and e-mail the school office so we can update our records.
- We offer regular school tours with our Headteacher Ms Drew for all prospective parents and pupils, please spread the word if you know somebody who would like to see Benthall before applying for a nursery or reception space.
- Pupils who started our weekly music session are already making good progress. We still have a few spaces for ukulele for Year 3, woodwind instruments for Year 4, 5 and 6 and violin for Year 5, please e-mail the school office to apply for a place if you are interested.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 31 October

All pupils back to school

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Deadline for Secondary Transfer applications via eadmissions.org.uk

Tuesday 1 November

Deadline to return Cauliflowers Cards artwork forms

Friday 4 November

Year 2 trip to the Barbican Centre

Friday 4 November

Fundraising FoB Cake Sale

Sunday 15 January 2023

Deadline for Reception place applications



Afterschool Clubs

Please be reminded that we offer a range of after-school clubs for all year groups this term and if your child would like to start any new clubs after the half term holidays, the price is £18 and all clubs run until Friday 9th of December. Please email school office for a club registration form.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

We celebrated the end of Black History Month today with special assemblies. The children all learnt about a significant black person and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. In the juniors different year groups researched and presented information about Sir Steve McQueen, the film director, and Idris Elba, the actor who grew up in Dalston. The infants learnt about Alesha Dixon and the bard The Real Thing. The infants performed songs too. A wonderful way to end the celebrations.





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