



## Message from Mrs Drew



Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely time over the festive break. The children and staff have all returned with renewed vigour and enthusiasm for learning.

As you already know, Benthal is all about academic achievement and success for our children. Our creative curriculum is a key part in supporting this academic journey. The infants are making strong progress in their reading and phonics lessons, while the juniors have been focusing on writing in different genres linked to their book. The writing will be displayed on corridors around the school. I have also seen some fantastic and challenging science lessons taking place this week.

Have a look overleaf at this term's topics for each year group. Your child will have brought home a curriculum newsletter for further details.

Finally, a huge thank you to Ms Jassim, our School Business Manager, for all her efforts in getting Benthal the Outdoor Gym Equipment. Ms Jassim was key in persuading Hackney Learning Trust to fund this as part of our school refurbishments and repairs this year. Well done Ms Jassim! Have a great weekend.

### Attendance Champions

We would like to congratulate children with 100% attendance and no lates. They are rewarded with a trip to the cinema, and the names will be announced in Assembly on Monday morning. Please be reminded that no holidays taken in term time will be authorised.



### Outdoor Gym

The children have been enjoying use of our new outdoor Gym! We are proud to be the first primary school in Hackney to have an outdoor gym installed. The gym promotes fitness, health and general wellbeing amongst the children. Please continue to ensure the children do not use the gym at pick up and drop off times, and encourage them to remember the five golden rules:

1. No children allowed on the outdoor gym equipment before or after school.
2. Wait for an adult to be on duty in the outdoor gym zone before using it.
3. Only the correct amount of children to use each item of outdoor gym equipment.
4. Use each item of outdoor gym equipment in the correct way, look for the labels to tell you what to do and how to keep safe.
5. Be patient and wait for your turn.



### Trips

#### Wednesday 22nd Jan

EE Trip for some Yr 6

#### Thursday 23rd Jan

Yr 1 to the local Mosque

#### Wednesday 29th January

Yr 2 to Tower of London

#### Monday 10th Feb

Yr 1 trip to St Paul's Cathedral

#### Thursday 13th February

Yr 4 Apollo Music trip to Dream Centre

#### 10th February—14th February

Year 5 Madrid Residential Trip

#### 12th May—15th May

Year 4 to Kench Hill

#### 18th May—22nd May

Year 6 to Frylands



### Dates to remember



#### Tuesday 21st January

KS2 Workshop on Air Quality

#### Friday 24th January 9.05am

SATS meeting for Yr 2 parents in small hall

#### Friday 31st January at 9.05am

SATS meeting for Yr 6 parents in small hall

#### Friday 7th February

FOB Cake Sale

#### Friday 14th February

Around The World Workshop Yr 1 & Yr 2

#### Friday 14th February

Knife Crime Workshop Yr 6

### Term Dates 2019-2020

- Half Term - Monday 17 - Friday 21 February 2020

End - Friday 3 April 2020 Finish at 1.30pm

#### Summer Term 2020

- Start - Monday 20 April 2020
- Half Term - Monday 25 - Friday 29 May 2020
- Inset Day—Mon 1st June 2020
- Last day for Children—Friday 17 July 2020

### Afterschool Clubs



We still have some spaces in the following clubs

- \* Art Through Nature on Monday (Reception to Year) 2
- \* Football on Tuesday (Year 1 and Year 2)
- \* Eco Warriors on Tuesdays (Years 3-Year 6)
- \* African Drumming on Wednesday (Years 3—Year 6)
- \* Debating on Thursday (Years 3 to Year 6)
- \* Sewing on Thursday (Years 2—Year 5)
- \* Drawing Club on Thursday (Reception to Year 2)
- \* Gymnastics on Friday (Year 1 to Year 3)
- \* Football on Friday (Year 3 to Year 4)

We also have our new **Family Zumba** session on a Monday 5-6pm for parents and children. Please enquire in the school office if you're interested. The fee is £5 per parent/child and, the first taster session is free.

### Benthal Values Certificate Winners

MAGNOLIA— Amani ELDER— Riyadh SERRULA—Halima HORNBEAM— Zidan and Haydar HAZEL— Maya and Eliza

BEECH—Romaine and Rueben WILLOW— Michael and Mal BIRCH—Jasmine ARBUTUS— Faiza and Rico ASH— Sher'nya and Amilah

### February Half Term Playscheme

Half term is between February 17th to February 21st and we look forward to running our Holiday Playscheme again. The children always enjoy the vast range of activities we have on offer, including basketball, dancing, board games, arts and crafts and the usual playcentre activities. There are two different options available, either from 9.30am-4.30pm for £25 per day, or from 8am-6pm for £30 per day. If you would like your child to come to playscheme, please make a payment online. If your child has not been to playscheme before, you will need to fill out a form in the office. Please register your interest for holiday playscheme as soon as possible.



### Chess Tournament

Some of our lunchtime chess club pupils attended The London Chess Classic Tournament at the Kensington Olympia. It was an inspiring and rewarding experience for the children. Our lunchtime Chess club resumed again today and continues until the end of the term. Please encourage your child to try it, our drop in sessions take place in Oak Class on Fridays between 12.30 and 1.30pm.



# Benthal Creative Curriculum

**Our topic in Nursery this term is Under The Sea**



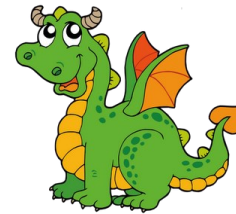
**In Reception our topic this term is Go, Go, Go!**



**Our topic in Year 1 this term is Fire! Fire!**



**Our Year 2 topic this term is Castles and Dragons**



**Our Year 3 topic this term is the Roman Empire**



**Our Year 4 topic this term is Vikings**



**Our Year 5 topic this term is Off With Your Head!**



**Our Year 6 topic this term is Aztecs**



### Attendance

Last weeks winners were Serrula class with 97.9% attendance last week, well done!