




Message from Ms Drew

The swifts have finally arrived! These tiny birds have flown all the way from South Africa to fly above Benthal School. I spotted them on Thursday 9th May. Have a look in the sky and see them for yourselves. They are tiny birds flying very high with a curve in their wings, making a high pitched squeak. 

Year 6 had their SATS tests this week. The children and staff have worked really hard and I have been pleased with the mature attitude from the children towards the tests. They are certainly ready to move on to Secondary School in September.

The refurbishments of the Year 5 and 6 toilets are coming along really nicely. I'm hoping they will be finishing over the half term then we can have a grand opening! I'm sure the children will be very impressed by everything, especially the new taps with electronic sensors to make them work. A very simple but effective method of saving water and reducing wastage.

Finally, I just wanted to let everyone know that Jaydean Ferris has made the difficult decision to leave Benthal. She has mostly worked as a Midday lunch supervisor and as a Play worker at our Play centre. She will be very much missed by staff and children alike. I wish her well for the future.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and the sun continues to shine.



Dates to Remember

Monday 27th-Friday 31st May

Half Term

Monday 3rd June

Inset Day

Friday 14th June

Eid Celebration

Wednesday 19th June

Spanish lunch

Saturday 22nd June

School Summer Fair

Tuesday 25th June

KS1 Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June

KS2 Sports Day

Monday 1st July—Friday 5th July

Art Week

Wednesday 3rd July

Reception Sports Day

Friday 5th July

International Evening

Wednesday 10th July

Year 6 End of Year Show 6.30pm

Friday 12th July

Peter Pan Drama workshops for Reception-Year 2

Tuesday 16th July

Year 6 Graduation at 6.30pm

Thursday 18th July

Parents' Evening

Friday 19th July

Benthal 70th Anniversary Tea Party and dress up day

Last day of Summer Term

Tuesday 23rd July

Trips

20th-24th May

Frylands Year 6 Residential Trip

Friday 24th May

Year 2 to Waterworks Centre

Tuesday 18th June

Hackney Junior Singing Festival (Y3&4)

Wednesday 19th June

Hackney Infant Singing Festival (Yr2)

Thursday 20th June

Year 3 to Museum of London

Friday 21st June

Hackney Early Years Singing Festival (Reception)

Friday 28th June

Year 6 Enabling Enterprise Trip

Wednesday 10th July

Nursery Trip to Clissold Park

Thursday 11th July

KS1 Trip to Shoeburyness

Thursday 11th July

Reception Trip to Clissold Park

Friday 12th July

Year 3-5 Trip to Shoeburyness



Friday 12th July

Chess Tournament and Free Lunchtime Club for Benthal Pupils

Benthal pupils will have a chance to enter one of the biggest Chess tournaments in the UK. The UK Chess Challenge is the worlds' largest chess competition with over 40,000 children from all corners of the UK competing every year. The competition begins at school and progresses to County Megafinals, Regional Gigafinals and a Grand Terafinal in September with live online streaming. If your child is interested, please register your interest in the school office. To prepare for the tournament, there is also a chess club during lunch time, which is run by a professional chess tutor, Mr Ellis, on Fridays. Please be reminded our lunchtime chess club is open for Years 3-6. Year 3 & 4 club will be 12.30pm-1pm and Year 5 & 6 club will be 1pm-1.30pm and it is free to attend for everyone.



Books for Benthal Library

Our school needs you! Help us win £5,000 of National Book tokens for the school library—and get £100 for yourself! Enter the competition online, it only takes a minute. The closing date is 31st July 2019.

<http://nbt.gift/schools>



Free Cycling Course



Hackney Council with Cycle Confident are providing FREE cycle training courses for children over the May half term on Hackney Downs. Courses are suitable for all ages and there are complete beginner, intermediate and on-road course levels. Bikes are available to borrow or children can bring their own. For more information or to book a place, visit <https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/lb-of-hackney/> or call the Cycle Confident office on [020 3031 6730](tel:02030316730).

Reminders

- As we progress through the Summer term and the weather gets warmer, please remember to apply sunscreen on your child before a school day. Also be reminded that summer dresses and Benthal baseball caps are for sale in the school office.
- The deadline for registering your interest with the office in participating in parent workshops with the educational psychologists is Friday 24th May.
- Please be reminded that any lost reading books will cost £5 each to replace.
- Home learning continues to be sent regularly. Please remember to bring your completed projects back on time.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners:

ROWAN—Abdullah ELDER— Carey HORNBEAM—Ridwaan SERRULA— Dimitrios BEECH—Roshni HAZEL— Kayden

Kench Hill Residential Trip Year 4

Last week some of the Year 4 children went on their residential trip to Kench Hill. They all had an amazing time. Activities included orienteering, bread making, stream walking, shelter building and a day trip to Camber Sands. The children had a fun-filled week. This year the children that didn't stay overnight visited for the day. All the children had a great time. A big thank you to all the staff that went with the children. Please see photos from the trip below.



We have been talking about our feelings in Nursery and have made an 'Ugly Duckling' display



Reception went on a trip to Brooks Farm



This week in Year 1 we have enjoyed learning about everyday materials. Our highlight was finding out cotton grew on a cotton plant!



A Year 2 parent came to perform their acrobatic show 'Lifted'



Year 3 went on a trip to the British Library



Year 4 went on a trip to Kew Gardens



Year 5 have been learning about Earth and Space, and exploring night and day



Year 6 have been sitting their SATS. Congratulations and well done on all of your hard work!



Attendance - Winners are Juniper and Hazel with 100 % attendance. Well done!