



Message from Ms Drew

Here we are the final week of term next week and my final message for the newsletter for this academic year. It has been such a busy year it has truly flown by; I cannot believe we are at the summer break already.

We will be saying goodbye to some staff and wishing them well for the future and saying hello to staff returning from maternity leave.

Of course we also say goodbye to our beautiful year 6 children. The children and the Year 6 team have worked incredibly hard all year, which the children have thrived on. Whilst SATs has been at the forefront of their minds it was extremely important that the children enjoyed 'irresistible learning' through science, BCC, art and DT, music and PE and all the other subjects. As a consequence of this hard work the children have produced some fantastic results, where the school finds itself above the national average figures, which is fabulous news. I know I saw some very happy year 6 faces at open evening yesterday.

If you were able to attend parents open evening yesterday I hope you were impressed with the high quality and quantity of work in books produced by the children. We have completed a full year cycle of blocking the curriculum for science, BCC and art & DT. I know our children are learning more and remembering more using this method of teaching the children. As a school we have seen how effective this is for our children and we will be continuing with this next year. When the inspecting team was at Benthal a few weeks ago they also commented on how lovely the books looked.

I believe that the schools OFSTED inspection came at the right time. The school has received the first draft for us to check for accuracy and then the actual report will be made public probably late August early September. I will keep you updated and email everyone copies when it is eventually published. We will also put a copy on the schools website so our year 6 leavers and families can still see it as everyone contributed to the inspection.

NURSERY SPORTS DAY

Nursery Sports Day took place this year for the first time since the pandemic. It was an amazing sunny day and children enjoyed all sport activities. The weather held out and we did not get any rain. There was a great turnout from parents and carers who came to support the children. All participants had great time and had their first experience of team sport.



Year 6 Show

This year Year 6 performed "Treachery at Traitors' Quay", directed by Miss Ebru Oz and Miss Abby Attard. The storyline for the show was a traitor, deep within an old manor and 5 evacuee children, trying to catch the spy during world war 2. A deadly secret is about to be revealed. The quay is in danger. The story begins.....

One of our Year 6 pupils George commented that "the show was full of singing, dancing and great acting. It had parents laughing their heads off at every single scene". Well done to Year 6 for an amazing performance, which was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by parents and carers.



Dear parents/carers, please be reminded that we will be holding a Q & A session on Monday 17th of July for Year 1, 2 and 5 parents who have any further questions regarding the curriculum and class arrangements for the next academic year.

Year 2 pupils going into Year 3 –10.00am
Reception & Year 1 pupils going into the mixed Year 1 & Year 2 class—10.30am
Year 5 pupils going into Year 6 —11.00am

Benthal Summer Fair

Our Benthal Fundraising Summer Fair this year was a big success. There were lots of stalls serving food and refreshments. The bubble man show, raffle prizes and tasty food were the highlights of the day.

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended the Benthal Summer fair and helped on the day. We were able to raise an impressive amount of £1194.31. We would like to say a big "Thank You" to Friends of Benthal for their continued support.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday 18th July - 2pm

Year 6 Graduation

Wednesday 19th July

Benthal End of Year Fun Day for all classes

Non-uniform day with picnic lunch

Thursday 20th July

End of year class party for all pupils

Friday 21st July

Last Day of Term—School finishes at 1.30pm

Autumn Term 2023/2024

4th September—21st December

Children return on Wednesday 6th September

Half Term 23rd-27th October

Spring Term 2023/2024

8th January-28th March

Half term—12th February-16th February

Inset Days—8th January 2024

Summer Term 2023/2024

15th April—24th July

Half Term—27th May—31st May

Inset Days 2023/24

4 & 5th September 2023

8th of January 2023

3rd of June 2023

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY SCHEME AT BENTHAL

Once again, Benthal will run a summer Playscheme for children entitled to Free School Meals. It will take place from Monday 24th July to Friday 11th August (Mondays-Thursdays 10am-2pm, Fridays 10am –3.20pm to allow extra time for trips).

The scheme is run by experienced Benthal staff, who usually work with children in class. If you are interested for your child to attend, please return the completed form to the school office by Monday 17th July.

If your child is not entitled to Free School Meals, but would like to attend the playscheme, the fee is £18 per day.

A hot lunch, cooked on site, will be provided, as well as healthy snacks and fruit. Please click on the link below to find out more about the holiday activity scheme.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/holiday-activities-and-food-programme>