



Message from Ms Drew

We certainly had a very busy first week back after half term, last week. Year 2 visited the Barbican for a music concert, they thoroughly enjoyed it. Ms Niall told me later on that one of the children said to her 'Ms Drew should have come she would have liked it', which was lovely to hear. Year 4 had Apollo Music visit to begin their yearly music programme from Hackney Music Service; Year 6 continued with sailing lessons for PE at Stoke Newington Reservoir & we had the cake sale on Friday after school!

I have been busy this week, talking and looking at the children's BCC topic work and their classroom displays. We have just ended the topic block and the children have produced some phenomenal work and have a fantastic understanding of their topic. It is clear that they are using their writing and maths skills to help them with history and geography key knowledge and skills. We will put photographs of this in the next newsletter. I think you will be very pleased to see such high quality work in the children's books- 'irresistible learning' at its best.

Have a great weekend,

Ms Drew

TAPESTRY ACCOUNTS

Dear Parents/Carers of Nursery and Reception children,

We would like to encourage you to activate and use your Tapestry account.

Tapestry is an online learning journal to record observations on your child's development. It also allows teachers to record and track children's progress which can be shared with you. You can comment on observations and add your own.

Ms Nkaka is offering a drop-in session on **Friday 25th November from 9.15-10.00am** in the small hall, to support parents in activating and using their Tapestry accounts.

Please bring the device you will be using Tapestry on. This could be your mobile phone or a tablet.

We hope to see many of you there.



Benthal Christmas Playscheme

We are running a Christmas Playscheme for children in all year groups from Nursery to Year 6, who are entitled to Free School Meals from **Monday 19th December** until **Wednesday 21st December, from 10:00am - 3:00pm**.

This provision is free of charge and a nutritious lunch will be provided.

Activities will include arts and crafts, a range of sports, indoor and outdoor games. The Playscheme will be run by Benthal's experienced playworkers and nursery nurses, who will ensure the children have lots of Christmas fun activities. There will be a trip to Little Angel theatre on one of the days to see a Christmas puppet show (free of charge).

All children currently eligible will have received an email already. If you think you are eligible, or need help with your Free School Meals application, please contact the School Office

Registration for places need to be received by **Monday 12th December at 9am**.

Drop Off and Collection

Parents and carers are reminded that children need to be dropped off and collected at the correct gates.

Early Years and Year 1 children should arrive by 9:00am, using the Benthall Road gates.

Year 2 - 6 children should arrive and be in the line by 8:55am, using the Rendlesham Road gates.

Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, so that they have a good start to the morning and have an entire Reading or Phonics lesson uninterrupted.

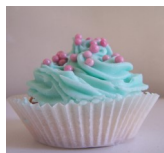


Attendance/punctuality individual meetings

We would like to support parents/carers in improving their child/ren punctuality and attendance. In order to do this, the school will arrange individual meetings with the School Attendance Officer Miss Ward and the Headteacher Ms Drew to see if the school can help in any way. During the meeting we will discuss the reasons for your child's absence/lateness, using your child's attendance grid, and look into the ways how to improve your child's attendance and timekeeping.

Friends of Benthall Cake Sale

We would like to say a big "Thank you" to Friends of Benthall for their continued support and all parents/carers for all their delicious donations and help on the day. We raised a fantastic total of **£101.89** for the school, which we can spend on new books.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 21 November

Year 3 trip to the Barbican Centre

Friday 2nd of December

BIG Benthall Xmas Lights Switch on, 4pm
Benthall Winter Fair 3.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 7 December

Benthall Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service

Thursday 8 December

Christmas Lunch
Parents' Evening 4-8pm
A booking link will be sent to you w/b 14 November

Friday 9 December

Key Stage 1 Christmas Show

Tuesday 13 December

Year 3 and 6 to Hackney Empire Pantomime
Nursery, Year 1 and 2—Pantomime at school

Wednesday 14 December

Year 4 and 5 to Hackney Empire Pantomime

Friday 16 December

Last day of the term, school finishes at 1.30 (no playcentre)

3rd of January 2023

Inset Day

4 January 2023

Pupils return to school

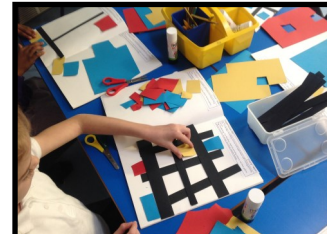
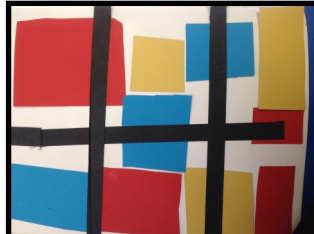
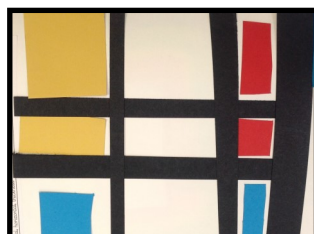
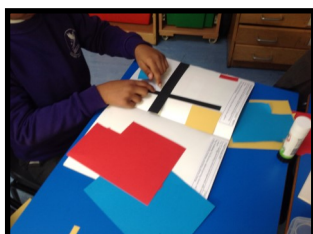
Sunday 15 January 2023

Deadline for Reception
place applications



Year 2 Art Lessons on Piet Mondrian

Year 2 pupils created their own Mondrian inspired collages, using primary colours and strips of black paper. The children played with and planned the compositions of their collages before sticking them down in their sketch-books.



Christmas Pantomime 2022

Years 3 - 6 will be visiting Hackney Empire to see a performance of Mother Goose this December. Please pay online by 28th of November as tickets are limited



What would you do if you found a magical goose who lays golden eggs?! That's exactly what's in store for Mother Goose and she soon discovers that this priceless talent isn't all it's CRACKED up to be!

Packed full of all of your favourite pantomime ingredients, this reimagining of the classic rags-to-riches tale is the perfect festive treat.

Expect larger than life characters, gloriously outrageous costumes, incredible live music, uncontrollable laughter and loads of audience participation... oh yes, there definitely is.