



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to school. I hope you all had a restful half term and are now ready for the final part of the year. It has flown by. Happy Eid to all the children and staff and their families that celebrated Eid this week. Look out for the Eid celebration cake sale next Friday.

As you can see from the photos below, we had the Grand Opening of the Yr 5 and 6 toilets, school council were delighted to see their ideas of mirrors and sinks in the bathroom. Everyone was equally impressed with the water saving sensor taps! Then of course at 10.15am on Tuesday the new infant playground equipment officially opened. "It looks epic!" and "It's going to be fun!" the children told me. The children are thoroughly enjoying the new equipment.

Remember that we are offering a free home learning support workshop for Parents/Carers on Wednesday 12th June at 2pm. Refreshments will be provided. Hope to see you there!

Finally, we will be having two days of Benthal Family Art Workshops during Art Week with two real artists. Friends of Benthal have kindly funded this fantastic family opportunity. Look out for the flyers and posters soon.

Thank you for your continued support, it is appreciated. Have a great weekend!



Dates to Remember

Monday 10th June
Bike Surgery for BATB (Yr 5 & Yr 6)

Wednesday 12th June
Parents' Workshop 2-3pm

Friday 14th June
Cake Sale 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

Tuesday 18th June
Hackney Junior Singing Festival (Y3&4)

Wednesday 19th June
Hackney Infant Singing Festival (Yr2)

Thursday 20th June
Year 5 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
Year 6 End of year Bowling trip



School improvements: Grand Opening of Yr 5 and Yr 6 Toilets and KS1 Playground Equipment

We are pleased to let you know that school improvements continued over May half term holiday. We have completed the refurbishments of Yr 5 and Yr 6 toilets and installed new play equipment for Key Stage 1 playground on the newly resurfaced playground area. Children are enjoying new facilities and the school is planning the next phase of improvements which will include a new ICT suite and a brand new family library to open in September 2019, so watch this space!



Reminders

- Please be reminded that if your child arrives to school late, s/he needs to be signed in using the registration system in front of the school main office.
- Please label your child's school uniform, PE kits and lunchbags so we can reunite lost property items with their owners.
- Please ensure that the school office has your up-to-date details including address, e-mail and a phone number so we can contact you.
- Please ensure your payments for school services are up-to-date.
- If you haven't yet paid for the end of year trip, please make an online payment as the spaces are limited.



Summer Fair Boards

A local Hackney letting agent - Storeys - have agreed to Sponsor our Summer Fair and other school events. They are offering to donate some money to the school for every parent who agrees to have a board outside their house for around a month. This is an exceptionally helpful and meaningful way to contribute to the continuing improvements of the school and experiences for the children. Please contact the school office if this is something you would be willing to do.

STOREYS

Benthal Values Certificate Winners:

WILLOW—Greta HAZEL—Ines SERRULA—Nji—Ala

HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

With the cost of living increasing every year, we would strongly advise parents to use government schemes to help pay less for childcare. The main three schemes for working families are:

- Tax- Free childcare—Available for working families, you can get up to £2,000 per child annually
- Universal Credit—Claim back up to 85% of childcare costs
- Tax credits - Claim back up to 70% of costs

All of the above schemes can be used with free hours of childcare:

- 15 hours free childcare for all families who have 3- or 4 year old child
- 30 hours free childcare for working families who have 3- and 4 year olds.

Benthal Primary school offers childcare which include breakfast club (open 8-9am), playcentre (open 3.30-6pm), a range of afterschool clubs (3.30-4.30pm) and part-time and full-time nursery places. You can use any of the schemes above to pay for Benthal childcare provision. Please check if you are entitled to get help with childcare costs, feel free to ask office staff for more information about any of the schemes. We also accept childcare vouchers if your employer offers them, it will help you to pay less tax each year if you pay for childcare.



In Nursery we have been learning about size by role playing Goldilocks and the three bears



In Reception have been talking about sharing and halving in maths. We halved some ingredients to make delicious fruit kebabs!



In Year 1 we tested different types of paper to find out which is the best paper to mop up water, to paint on and to write on



Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful day at Waterworks



In Year 3 we have made a video of reasons why we love Benthal. Look out for it on the school website soon!



This term in Year 4 we are going to look more in depth about the Rainforest and why it's so warm and damp there



In Year 5 literacy we have been learning about stories from the Sci-Fi Genre



In Year 6 we have been allocating parts and are starting to rehearse for our End of Year Show



Attendance - Winners are Elder with 98.8% and Rowan with 97%, well done!