



Message from Ms Drew

What very strange types of weather we have had this week! One minute it's raining, then hail stones; the next all sunshine.

Well done to all the children and staff that dressed up for World Book Day last week- you all looked fantastic! We had a good variety of book characters with lots of children choosing to wear pyjamas for story times throughout the day. The children enjoyed their book activities with different teachers and working with different year groups too. On Friday we had drama workshops for each year group which was a great success. Thank you Ms Oz for organising these events. Have a look at all the photographs on this newsletter, and on our X (Twitter) page.

Thank you to all the parents/carers that attended Parents Evening or their child's IEP meeting this week. We had a fantastic turnout, it was lovely to see you and for the teachers to share all the 'irresistible learning' happening at Benthal and for all the children to feel proud of their achievements.

The children will be starting their final topic block of the term, next week with Art and DT. They will be learning about an artist and their particular paintings and then creating their own versions.

Finally, thank you to the parents/carers that attended the Annual General Meeting for Friends of Benthal. The financial report was shared and a new Committee was elected for 2025-26. It was agreed that big changes will be happening over the Summer Term to revamp and relaunch a brand new Parent, Teacher Association (PTA) - Friends of Benthal. Part of this will be a competition, for the children to design a new logo for the PTA Friends of Benthal. And, the main aim for the new committee this year is to ensure that the new look PTA- Friends of Benthal is inclusive to reflect the ethos of Benthal and the diversity of our school community. Look out for more information soon.

Also on Friday 28th March we will be having a Spring Cake & Savoury Sale after school with fun activities in the large playground after school. Look out for the posters. This is a fundraising event and all the proceeds will be used for our Benthal children.

Have a great weekend,
Ms Drew

World Book Day

Benthal's World Book Day celebrations was one to remember - the atmosphere was filled with creativity and excitement as the children immersed themselves in a variety of fun, interactive activities and workshops inspired by some of the most popular and engaging book titles.

Year 6 also presented a brilliant assembly for pupils and parents. They showcased the magic of storytelling and paid tribute to the origins and importance of World Book Day. Year 6's enthusiasm and heartfelt insights inspired everyone to appreciate the joy and power of reading.



Curriculum News

Nursery Cherry Class have been learning about the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent Moon, and how it is celebrated.



Year 2 visited the Tower of London last week as part of our BCC topic "Where did we build our castles?" We conducted an investigative tour to spot different castle features and learn about the history of the castle.



Year 5 have been reading and exploring the story of Shakespeare's Macbeth, which links to our BCC topic on the Tudors. We studied Shakespearean language, acted out scenes from Macbeth and wrote a playscript.



Year 6 have been reading and performing Macbeth during Literacy lessons. Year 5 and 6 also enjoyed taking part in drama workshops on Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream as part of our World Book Day celebrations.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 4 Apollo Music Pre-Concert Visit

Monday 17th March 11:30am

KS2 Science Fair

Tuesday 18th March 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Small Hall - all welcome

Year 1 Juniper & Magnolia Class Assembly

Thursday 27th March 9:15am Small Hall

Spring Cake & Savoury Sale + Activities

Friday 28th March 3:30pm

KS2 Playground

Year 4 Trip to Natural History Museum

Thursday 3rd April

Year 4 Residential Trip to Kench Hill

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th May 2025

Year 2 to Florence Nightingale Museum

Friday 6th June 2025

TERM DATES

Spring Term ends

Friday 4th April at 1:30pm **No Playcentre**

Easter Break

Monday 7th - Monday 21st April

Summer Term begins

Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday

Monday 5th May

Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th May

INSET Day

Monday 2nd June **No pupils attend**

Summer Term ends

Friday 18th July at 1:30pm **No Playcentre**



Curriculum News, continued...

Year 3 visited the Science Museum to learn all about forces. We enjoyed exploring machines in the main galleries, but the highlight was the interactive show demonstrating how different forces work, with flying rockets, eggs and table clothes being whisked around! Special shoutout to Petros, Maryam and Hamza (as well as Calvin's dad!) who went on stage to join in the action. We had a great time!

Family Support Drop-In

Do you need help or advice about:
Finding childcare?
Parenting? Fussy eating?
Housing?
Citizen's advice?

Come and meet Dionne for a chat!
Every fortnight on Tuesdays
First session Tuesday 25 March
3:20 - 4:20pm in the Library



Dionne Collins
Family Support Worker

**Age
4-16 years**



Free
for pupils on
Free School Meals
(Hackney and
out of borough)

EASTER PLAYSCHEME

MON 7 APRIL - THURS 10 APRIL

OPEN 10:00AM - 2:00PM

**ART & CRAFTS
DANCE, COOKING CLUB
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