



Message from Ms Drew

We certainly have had a very busy two weeks back after half term. Year 3 visited the Barbican for a music concert, they thoroughly enjoyed it, Year 1 visited Hackney Museum and Year 4 had Apollo Music visit for the second time as part of their yearlong music programme from Hackney Music Service.

This week the junior children also had drama workshops about Windrush and the experience of a family leaving their home for a new life in the UK. The workshop leader was very impressed with the level of engagement from the children and their outstanding behaviour, I was very proud of the children.

Of course we had Parents Evening last week and IEP meetings this week. Thank you for coming, it was lovely to see you and for you to have the opportunity to look at your child's 'irresistible learning'. The teachers have told me that it was good to be able to talk about the children's attitude to their learning and behaviour as well as answering your questions about the curriculum early in the term. If you were not able to meet with your child's class teacher, please make an appointment as soon as you can, it is vital that this meeting takes place in the next week or so to show your support for your child.

Also, it was Armistice Day at the start of the week. The children learnt about the meaning of 'Poppy Day'; and to wear their poppy with pride, 'At the 11th hour, on the 11th day, of the 11th month we will remember.'

Have a good weekend.
Ms Drew



DINNER WITH SANTA

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
6:15PM - 8:00PM

Book now!
Enjoy a fabulous festive dinner with Santa!

TICKETS
Adult £10 / Child £7
Family (2x adult, 2x child) £30
Family (1x adult, 3x child) £27
Meat/vegetarian menus available

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The Hackney 10x10 Programme

The Hackney 10x10 Programme is a new initiative to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 amazing activities by the time they are 10 years old.

The ambition is to help children develop new skills, find new opportunities, discover new places and interests which will support them to develop a strong sense of identity and to feel a valued part of Hackney.

Pupils from Reception to Year 6 will be receiving a dedicated booklet to take home to record every milestone on their 10x10 journey.

Resources for parents and carers are available from <https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/10x10-programme>

Curriculum News

Nursery Mulberry Class have been continuing our bear theme and have learned 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We can now all join in when we read the story and have been acting out parts of the story too. Our favourite part is the thick oozy mud! We made mud using corn flour, cocoa powder and water.



Year 1 Juniper and Magnolia Classes visited Hackney Museum this week to attend the 'Making Carnival' exhibition. The children danced, played the steel pans and designed their own carnival outfit. We had a fantastic morning!



Year 3 visited Barbican Centre this week for a Key Stage 2 schools concert by the London Symphony Orchestra, which was much enjoyed by children, staff and parent helpers.

Year 6 created a beautiful and meaningful poppy display as a heartfelt tribute to the soldiers who fought in war, evoking remembrance and respect.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Year 6 Height & Weight Screening

Mon 18th November

Travelling Book Fair

Mon 25th November - Fri 6th December

Beech Class Assembly

Thursday 28th November at 9.15am - large hall

Year 3 & 4 Pantomime at Hackney Empire

Tuesday 3rd December

Nursery - Year 2 Christmas Show in School

Tuesday 3rd December at 1.30pm

Year 4 Trip to Apollo Music Concert

Thursday 5th December

Xmas Lights Switch On & Winter Fair

Friday 6th December at 3.30pm

Dinner with Santa

Friday 6th December at 6.15pm

Year 2 Trip to Barbican

Monday 9th December at 9.30am

KS2 (Years 3-6) Carol Concert

Wednesday 11th December at 2pm

Christmas School Lunch & Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December

Willow Class Assembly - New Date!

Thursday 12th December at 9.15am

Year 5 & 6 Pantomime at Hackney Empire

Friday 13th December

Class Parties

Thursday 19th December at 2pm

Last Day of School

Friday 20th December - School finishes at 1.30pm

Dental Team Visit for Rec and Yr1

Wednesday 22nd January 2025

Year 4 Residential Trip to Kench Hill

Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th May 2025

TERM DATES

Christmas Break

Friday 20th December - Friday 3rd January 2025

Monday 6th January 2025 - All pupils back to school



TRAVELLING BOOKS

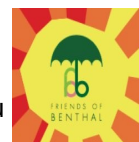
Travelling Books will be returning to Benthall with another great selection of books and stationery for sale! Books will be available to purchase between Monday 25th November until Friday 6th December.

You can pay online by scanning the QR code or visit travellingbooks.co.uk/pay



Benthall Xmas Fair

We all are looking forward to our annual fundraising Xmas fair, but will not be able to make it successful without your help. We need parent/carer volunteers to help with the craft and food stalls, festive activities like Santa grotto and cinema and managing the bookings. If you would like to volunteer, please let the school office or FoB know. Thank you



It's Panto Season..!

As part of the run-up to Christmas, we are pleased to offer pupils in Years 3 to 6 the opportunity to attend a performance of Dick Whittington and His Cat at the Hackney Empire this December.

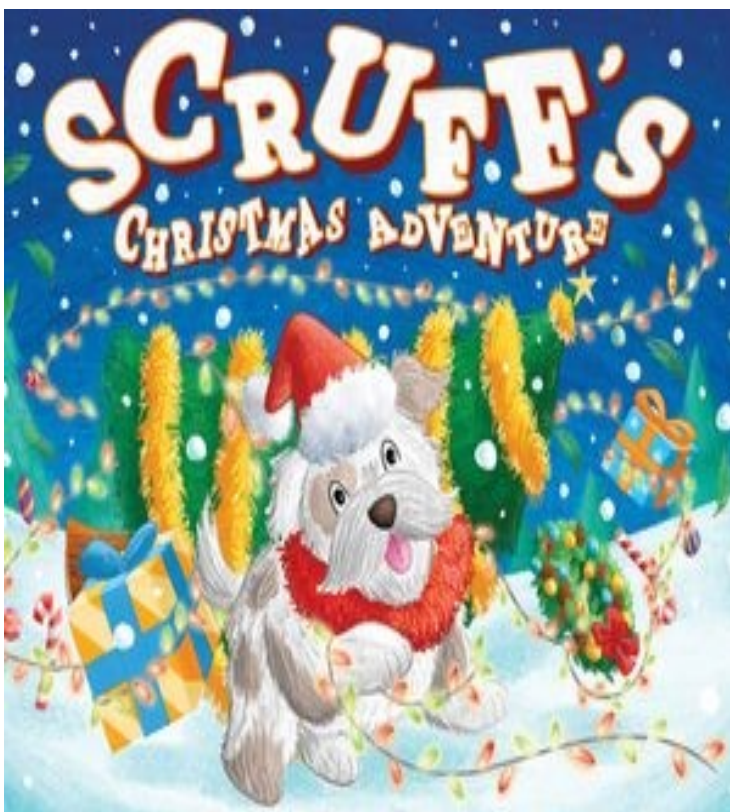
Join Dick on his search for fortune, fame and new beginnings! Along the way, he'll experience the adventure of a lifetime, battling rats, falling in love, and finding himself on the path to becoming the Mayor of London.

Get ready for a joyful reimagining of this classic rags to riches tale, featuring all your favourite pantomime ingredients. From an unbelievable cast to extravagant costumes; from audience participation to sensational song and dance numbers - what more could you ask for?!

If you would like your child to attend, please ensure you purchase a ticket via Scopay. Places are limited!

Years 3 and 4 will be going on Tuesday 3 December.

Years 5 and 6 will be going on Friday 13 December.



We are excited to announce that the highly acclaimed Little Angel Theatre will be coming to Benthall to perform a brand-new, interactive and heart-warming show for the festive season.

It's Christmas Eve, and Scruff the puppy can't sleep – how can a little dog like him find a totally *paw-some* gift for his owner?

Join Scruff on a tail-wagging journey filled with magical puppetry, hilarious characters, and plenty of audience interaction. Maybe you can help Scruff find the best possible gift just in time for Christmas!

Tickets are available via Scopay for all pupils in Mulberry Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2.