



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back to Benthal and a Happy New Year to you all!

I hope you and your families have kept safe and well over the festive period.

It was truly lovely to see all the children at the gate on Wednesday morning. There were lots of smiling faces from children, parents/carers & staff. Everyone was very pleased to see each other and to be back at Benthal. It was definitely a lovely way to start 2022.

The children look very grown-up and smart in their school uniforms. They have been very settled and enthusiastic about the new term's 'irresistible learning', especially starting the new term with a Design & Technology day. Lots of designing, making and evaluating skills going on right across the school. Take a look at the photographs underneath.

Year 1 finally managed to visit the farm in Leyton last Friday, after we had to postpone it last term. Even though it was a cold wintery day outside, it was enjoyed by all. And, Year 5 children have begun their sailing lessons at Stoke Newington Reservoir today too. There are always lots of fantastic opportunities for our children at Benthal.

I sent out the updated Risk Assessment for Parents/Carers on Tuesday last week, thank you to all those parents/carers adhering to the updates. This keeps the staff safe and ensures that Benthal can stay open for our children. I would also like to encourage everyone in the community to take up the COVID19 vaccination programme and get their jabs and the booster once you are able to do so.

Have a lovely weekend, take care and keep safe,

Ms Drew

Dates to Remember

A reminder will be sent out to parents prior to the event.

Year 6 to Hackney Junior Citizenship Scheme—
Tuesday 8th February

Drama Workshop (in-school) for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2— Friday 11th February

Half-term— Monday 14th February to Friday 18th February

Birch Class begin Sailing- Friday 25th February

Apollo Music Concert for Y4- Tuesday 22nd March

Parent's Evening - Thursday 24th March (4-8pm)

Friday 1st April—Last Day of Term (1.30pm finish)

Frylands for Year 6— Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May

Kench Hill for Year 4- Tuesday 17th May to Friday 20th May

Half-term—Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June

INSET Day -Monday 6th June



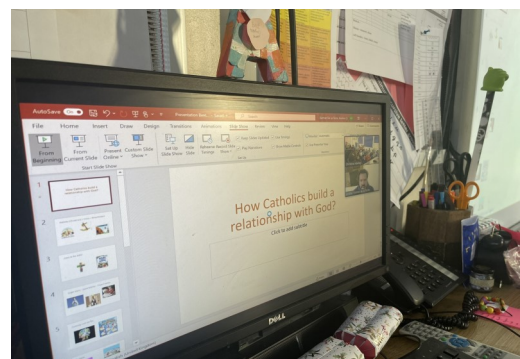
Design and Technology Day

We had a Design and Technology Day for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Each year group made a different project from puppets to rainforest models.



RE Parent Leader

We would like to thank Andres, our RE Parent Leader for Christianity, for delivering a session to Year 4 pupils, last term. He spoke to the children about how Catholics build a relationship with God. It was a very informative and we can't wait for him to come back! If you are interested in becoming a RE Parent leader, please contact Ms Adedeji on beech@benthal.hackney.sch.uk



Nursery

Nursery made some decorations out of salt dough. They painted over them and added glitter.



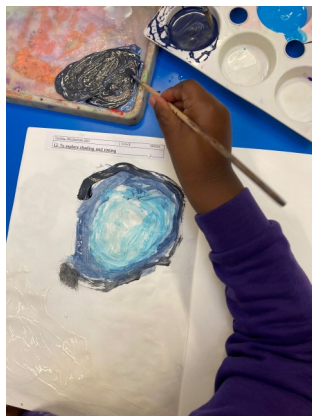
Reception

Reception have been looking at artwork from Kandinsky. They drew circles using oil pastels.



Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring shading and tinting.



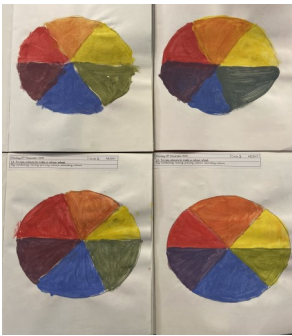
Year 2

Year 2 have been looking at the artist **Piet Mondrian**. We used sponges to print the primary colours in his style.



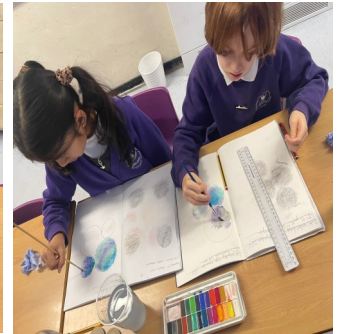
Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at **Andy Warhol** and created a Pop Art in the style of him and mixed colours to make a colour wheel (primary colours to make secondary colours).



Year 4

Year 4 have been looking at art work by **Peter Thorpe**, who specialises in 'space' art.



Year 5

Year 5 have been looking at **William Turner** and replicated his works using watercolours.



Year 6

Year 6 explored work from **Gustav Klimt**.

