



Message from Ms Drew

It certainly has been very cold these last few days. Thankfully there has been some sunshine too making the frost sparkle and these wintery mornings a bit more bearable. The snowdrops at the front of the school are not fully out yet; I think I need to wait a bit longer before seeing these early signs of spring.



The children have completed their second week of block teaching for science. Walking around the school I have seen the children busy learning scientific knowledge, setting out and conducting experiments. The children have been able to evaluate and make conclusions with their findings. Well done to all the teachers for truly 'creating irresistible learning' for our children.

Benthal had a visit from both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Hackney on Wednesday last week. They had a tour of the school, met with Benthal Prefects, stayed for lunch and sampled Chef Alex's menu. They were both very impressed by the behaviour of the children and the calm atmosphere in the school. They both loved eating the high quality lunch on offer and chatted with Chef Alex about his vision for the food offer at Benthal. They then met with Benthal Prefects, where they were able to share what they love about being a pupil at Benthal, and then asked some very challenging questions to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The meeting went very well indeed, I was very proud of them all. Have a look on our Twitter page at all the photographs.



Have a great weekend,

Ms Drew

BREAKFAST CLUB

*Please note that breakfast is served until **8:45am** each morning. Latest drop-off time is **8:50am**.*

Doors will be closed after this as we will be getting the children ready to go to their classes.

FREE Breakfast Club provision is available for pupils entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the office.

CHAMPION READERS

The Champion Reader winners of the Autumn term were:

Year 6 Rosy (Arbutus) and Cormac (Ash)

Year 5 Kirsty (Birch) and Naomi (Willow)

Year 4 Amelia (Beech)

Year 3 Dixie-Rae (Serrula)

Congratulations and keep up the great reading!

Year 1 to St Paul's Cathedral

Year 1 visited St Paul's Cathedral as part of our BCC topic "Fire Fire" last half term. We learnt about how the Great Fire of London started, its spread across London and how it was put out. We learnt that St Paul's Cathedral was rebuilt by an architect called Sir Christopher Wren using materials that would prevent another fire spreading like the one in 1666. We dressed up as significant contemporary Londoners and also role-played putting out the fire with leather buckets that were used at the time. It was a great day!



REMINDERS

- We still have a few spaces for after-school clubs, please contact the school office for more information.
- Please ensure all pupils bring the correct PE kit for their lessons: white t-shirt, black shorts/bottoms and trainers (plimsolls for KS1 and Early Years).
- The first teachers' strike was announced to take place on 1st of February, we will contact all parents on Monday 23rd of January with further information regarding this.

Reception Literacy

We have been reading 'Look Up' by Nathan Bryon, our focus author for the Spring term. We have made paper mache planets as props to help us retell the story.



DATES TO REMEMBER



Tuesday 31 January

Year 2 Trip to Dalston CLR Library

Friday 3 February

Serrula's Class Assembly 9:15-9:30am

Monday 13 - Friday 17 February

Half Term Holiday

Friday 24 February

Willow Class start Sailing Sessions

Thursday 2 March

World Book Day - Dress up as your favourite book character!

Thursday 23 March

Parent's Evening from 4pm

Wednesday 29 - Thursday 30 March

Visit from Raimondo Lulio School

Friday 31 March

Last Day of Spring Term: School finishes at 1:30pm **(NO PLAYCENTRE or CLUBS)**

Tuesday 2 May - Friday 5 May

Year 4 to Kench Hill

Year 6 Science

Year 6 have been investigating how light travels. They created their very own periscopes to see how light rays can be reflected and change direction.

