



### Message from Miss Drew

This is my last newsletter for the Spring Term. I cannot believe how quickly the time has passed since returning from the Christmas break. Spring is here now, with very mixed weather, I'm hoping that the sun will shine throughout the Easter break.

It has been a very busy term for the children and the staff. We have just completed the Art & DT block these past two weeks. The children have been busy producing wonderful and creative pieces of art work using a range of media and have been learning about the process for DT.

Throughout the Spring term, Ms Williams and I have been busy looking at the children's work in their books. I must say I have been impressed with the amount of 'irresistible learning' that children have been immersed in and what they have produced. The children have demonstrated knowledge, skills and understanding of their topics very well. I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff at Benthal. They have worked incredibly hard this term, which is reflected in the excellent progress and attainment of the children this term.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that attended Parents Evening or IEP meetings during the past few weeks. The class teachers have told me they had good turnouts for their classes. I hope you all enjoyed looking at the high quality work that the children have produced.

We had an eggcellent turnout for the Egg Decorating Competition this week. We had unicorns, minions, footballers, Beano characters, chicks, owls, Mr Men, King Henry 8th and his 6 wives, hospitals, gardens, birds, a roller coaster, Marvel Universe, the galaxy and much more. Have a look at the pictures below. Well done to everyone that entered the competition, you all did amazingly well. We had 1st prizes and runner up prizes for each year group. Thank you to FoB for providing the prizes this year.

Finally, I would like to say thank you, to you, our Benthal families, thank you for your continued support and kind words, it has been much appreciated.

If I do not see you please have a good and restful Easter break and see you all on Monday 17th April 2023- there is no INSET day at Benthal.

Ms Drew



### BENTHAL EASTER EGG COMPETITION 2023



### Homework Club

Dear Parents/Carers,  
Ms Oz will be delivering a homework club for Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesdays during lunch time. If your child requires support with homework, please encourage them to attend this session.

### Parent/Carer Volunteers at Benthall

Are you interested in volunteering at Benthall and giving back to your community? We would love to have some parent/carers volunteers to play Maths games for one hour with some of our Year 3 children on a Friday morning 10.15-11.15am. If you are interested then please contact the school office and leave a message for Ms Laux and she will get back to you with further details. Thank you!

### ZSL London Zoo tickets

We have a small number of London Zoo tickets available for children, entitled to Free School Meals, and their families. Anybody aged 3 and over requires a ticket, which costs £3. Please email the school office with your child's name and a number of tickets needed

### Afterschool Clubs

We are very proud of Benthall extracurricular activities—a range of afterschool clubs cater for everybody's interests: sport, art, lego, cooking and coding sessions help Benthall children to grow up well-rounded individuals and develop new skills. Of course, it would not be possible without the dedication and expertise of our school staff, who run the clubs, and we would like to say a big "Thank You" to our club leaders. We are pleased to let you know that due to parents' requests we will start a few new clubs in the summer term (gymnastics, cricket and street dance), so watch this space!

#### • Cooking Club

Children attending cooking club had their graduation ceremony last week, they received their personalised certificates and cook's hats and enjoyed a delicious celebration cake, prepared by Chef Alex.



#### • Lego Club

Our Lego club was very popular this Term. Children were very creative and their Lego designs were truly amazing!



#### • Sewing Club

Sewing Club is another club we are very proud of, it teaches useful life skills as well as helps to develop creativity. The cushions designed by our pupils last week will look great in their rooms!



### DATES TO REMEMBER



#### 3-6 April

Benthall Easter Playscheme for children, entitled to free school meals

#### 3-14 April

Hackney Playcheme at Benthall (paid service)

#### Friday 21st of April, 9-10am

Friends of Benthall meeting in the library  
*All parents are welcome to join*

#### Friday 28th April – Magnolia Class assembly

#### Tuesday 2 May - Friday 5 May

Year 4 residential trip to Kench Hill

#### Monday 8th of May

Additional Bank Holiday

#### Wednesday 24th —Friday 26th of May

Year 6 residential trip to Cuffley

#### 29 May—2 June

Half Term Holiday

#### June

Visit from Raimondo Lulio School

#### Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th of June

Inset Days—school is closed for pupils

#### Saturday 1st of July

Benthall Fundraising Summer Fair

### Parents' Evening

Parents' evening on the 23rd of March was well attended and all parents had a chance to discuss their children's progress with the class teacher and ask any questions they had.

We would like to say a big "Thank you" to Friends of Benthall who had an information stall with tombola prizes on the day and our Chef Alex for holding a menu tasting session for parents and carers.

