



*Message from Ms Drew*

The weather remains quite cold, winter is still with us. I'm trying to find the early signs of spring, the snowdrops at the front of the school are not fully out yet, I think I need to wait a bit longer.



We are coming to the end of our second week of block teaching for science, with one more week to go. Walking around the school I have seen the children busy learning scientific knowledge, setting out and conducting experiments. I even heard Year 4, from my office, outside in the playground conducting a sound experiment! 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. Have a look at the pictures over leaf to see the children in action.

Whilst the government have made changes to the COVID 19 restrictions in the last few days, I would like to remind parents/carers that our Risk Assessment remains in place as directed by Hackney Education back in November. Our Risk Assessment will then be reviewed at February half term and I will email you the updated version. Therefore there are no changes for Benthal.

Keep safe and take care

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 **POSTPONED**

**V&A Puppet Making Workshop** for Year 3 &  
Year 4—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 from 4-8pm**- Thursday 24th March

**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



**Benthal Reminders**

- Welcome to Benthal Primary School Story Time for January which is now on the website. Click on the link below to find out this month's mystery storyteller- [https://benthalprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/benthal\\_story\\_time/566764](https://benthalprimary.eschools.co.uk/web/benthal_story_time/566764)
- We still have some spaces for our afterschool clubs, if your child is interested, please let the school office know.
- We continue to offer free playcentre taster sessions, if your child would like to attend one, please e-mail the office your preferred date.
- Please be reminded to let the school know if your child has developed any new allergies or medical conditions.
- We have a lot of lost property items, waiting to reunite with their owners; those includes coats, hats, scarves, water bottles, school cardigans and jumpers. Please contact the school office if your child has lost something at school.
- Benthal Halls and Playground are available for hire for events out of school hours, including weekends. The prices start from £25/hour and the application form and schedule of charges are available from the school office.
- If your circumstances have changed and you think your child can be entitled to free school meals, the application can be made online—<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals>.
- School office is cashless and therefore we request that all payments are made online. Our office staff can help you to set up an account if you have never used it. Please note that no refunds are given for trips and events if your child did not attend as we pay the providers before the trips take place and are not able to get refunds from them.

### Nursery

We have been reading Jez Alborough's *Duck in the Truck*, and had a go at making 3D cars and boats. The children were able to practice their fine motor skills by using scissors and paper.



### Reception

In Reception we are reading Clean up! We are learning how to respect wild animals and how we can help keep our oceans free of plastic. We want a sea as blue and clean as the one we painted!



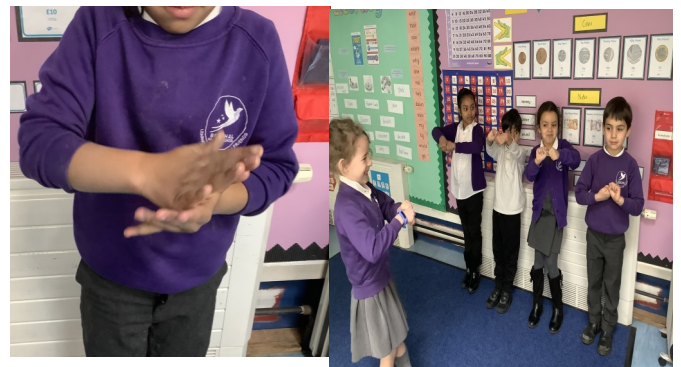
### Year 1

Year 1 have been sorting materials and testing different types of paper.



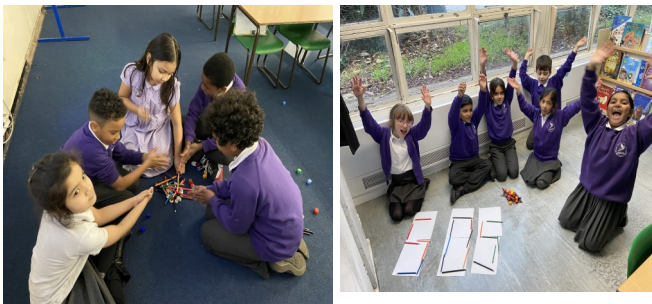
### Year 2

Year 2 have been finding out the properties of some materials. We used clay to bend, squash and twist.



### Year 3

Year 3 have been looking at what humans need in order to stay alive. We imagined that we were stranded on an island and acted out how we will keep warm and dry and attract attention to be rescued.



### Year 4

Year 4 have been learning all about sound. They created their own ear gongs to investigate how sound travels.



### Year 5

Year 5 have been testing air resistance and exploring theories by Aristotle and Galileo.



### Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about how living things are adapted to suit their different environments.

