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NEWS

Message from Ms. Drew

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents/carers that gave food for our Harvest assembly last week. We had a good range of store cupboard items donated that can be created into filling meals. It will all go to support Hackney families in our local community.

October is Black History Month. We launched the celebrations with a story about the bravery of Harriet Tubman in our assembly. We are also learning a song about the American 'Underground Railroad', which was used by Harriet Tubman. All the children will be learning about a significant black person and how their achievements have had a positive impact on everyone's lives. We will share this 'irresistible' learning with you towards the end of the month.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all the families and children that joined us for our after school International Day event. We had lots of lovely food to share and eat and the children and staff looked fantastic dressed in traditional clothes. Thank you to the Friends of Benthal and staff volunteers that helped with the event. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our culturally diverse community that positively benefits us all.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Drew

Mobile Phone

I would like to say thank you to all the parents and carers that are remembering to pack their mobile phones away once they come into the playground and the courtyard at drop off and pick up times. This simple act is vital to get grown-ups talking with their child to encourage conversation skills, please keep it up. If you forget to put it away, don't worry all the staff will give you a little reminder!





Apollo Music

We are happy to announce that tuition for those pupils who wish to learn an instrument will be included in our music provision this year. We have just started lessons for trumpet, tenor horn and trombone and we have managed to secure a bursary from Apollo Music for a second year. Keyboard lessons will also begin this term which proved very popular last year. Spaces are limited and will be available only to pupils in Key Stage 2. If you are interested in these lessons, then please contact the school office



Curriculum News

Year 6 — Arbutus has been writing fantastic poems inspired by our whole-school focus text, 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. They performed these poems in assembly on National Poetry Day.

Year 5—'Willow class has been exploring a book by Joseph Coelho 'Our Tower'. During our reading sessions, we discussed about Coelho's style of writing and his constant use of figurative language. Our focus became PERSONIFICATION. So, we went outside to our lovely school grounds to listen and record all the sounds around us. This helped us write our own sentences using personification!'

Year 1 - In BCC, we enjoyed using a map to make faces with PE equipment!

Reception—In Pine Class we have painted self-portraits this week.

Nursery — we have been counting and matching numbers. We read the book Ten Red Apples by Virginia Miller and counted all the red apples on each page.











PE Timetable

Year 1— Monday & Wednesday Year 2—Monday & Thursday Year 3— Monday & Tuesday Year 5 - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 4 - Wednesday & Friday Year 6 - Tuesday & Friday

DATES TO REMEMBER



Individual School Photographs Friday 11th October Flu Vaccinations (for Rec-Year 6) To be confirmed Parents Evening Thursday 7th November 4pm-7pm Year 3 trip to Barbican LSO Wednesday 13th November at 9.30am Willow Class Assembly Thursday 21st November at 9.15am—large hall **Beech Class Assembly** Thursday 28th November at 9.15am— large hall Y3-Y4 Pantomime at Hackney Empire **Tuesday 3rd December Dinner with Santa** Friday 6th December at 6.15pm Xmas Lights Switch on & Winter Fair Friday 6th December at 3.30pm Year 2 Barbican LSO Trip Monday 9th December at 9.30am **KS2 Carol Concert** Wednesday 11th December at 2pm **Christmas School Lunch & Jumper Day** Thursday 12th December Y5-6 Pantomime at Hackney Empire Friday 13th December Year 1 & 2 Christmas Show Friday 13th December at 2.30pm **Class Parties** Thursday 19th December at 2pm

TERM DATES Autumn Half Term Holidays Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November **Christmas Break** Friday 20th December school finishes at 1.30pm Monday 6th January—All pupils back to school (NO INSET)



