



Message from Ms Drew

What a busy few weeks we have had during the start of the new school year. Classes have had trips out of school already as part of their entry point to the Benthal Creative Curriculum topic.

Also a big thank you to those parents/carers that came to our first KS2 Destination Reader Open Sessions. The feedback was very positive with lots of lovely things said about how reading is taught now and very complimentary on the behaviour of the children. I would like this to be the first of many opportunities for parents/carers to come along to open sessions to see the fantastic learning that your children experience at Benthal. Finally, Ms Nkaka and I met with the Friends of Benthal Committee last week to discuss new ways to help raise funds for very exciting projects this year. Look out for the first Friends of Benthal newsletter this half term with details of the school projects and the target to be raised. Remember the Quiz Night for Grown Ups on Friday 5th October 2018. I hope to see you there!

Have a great weekend.

Dates to Remember

Friday 5th October

FoB Event for Grown Ups at 7pm

Friday 12th October

FoB Cake Sale

Tuesday 16th October

Individual and siblings photos will be taken

Thursday 18th October

Phonics Open Session for Reception Parents

Monday 22nd-Friday 26th

October

Half term

Thursday 6th December

Parents Evening 4pm-8pm

Friday 7th December

Big Benthal Christmas Lights Switch On at 4pm

Saturday 8th December

Big Benthal Bazaar at 12pm

Assemblies

Friday 5th Oct

Willow Class at 9.15am

Friday 12th Oct

Birch Class at 9.15am

Friday 19th Oct

Serrula Class at 9.15am

Friday 9th Nov

Hornbeam Class at 9.15am

Trips

Wednesday 3rd Oct

YR 4 to British Museum

Thursday 11th Oct

YR 2 to Horniman Museum

Thursday 18th Oct

YR 5 to Lee Valley (Cheshunt)

Curriculum

A big thank you to all those families that donated food for our special Harvest Celebration. We had such a lot and is very generous of you all. As part of the celebration the children learned it is important to be thankful for the food we eat. We will be passing the food on to the Hackney Food Bank and Homeless Shelter, which I am sure they will be happy to receive our donation. It will help feed the families and individuals in our local community.



Office Notices

The School Office is going to be cashless from 1st October. Please ask the office staff assistance if you experience any problems with online payments system.

All Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals. Lunches for pupil in years 3-6 are charged at £2.25 per day, unless your child is entitled to free school meals. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please speak to the office staff to apply.

Early Years Announcement

After half-term, we will be offering full time spaces for the Nursery children. If you are entitled to the 30-hour funding, please let the office know. If you are **not** entitled to the 30-hour funding and would like your child to attend the nursery full time, the cost is £6 an hour for any additional hours.

Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The Secondary School Application deadline is on 19th October 2018. Please apply online before this date. The school office will hold parent support sessions on Tuesday 2nd October at 9.30am and Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 3.45pm.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

MAGNOLIA—Axl & Kitty **JUNIPER**— Raife & Mimi **ROWAN**— Hafeez & Shanayah **ELDER**— Izabela & Dildi **HORNBEAM**—Kirsty & Sophie

SERRULA—Elijah & Isadora **BEECH**—Idalia **HAZEL**—Ayraan & Violet **WILLOW**—Torin & Jessica **ARBUTUS**—Sion **ASH**—Alisha

Benthal Active

Another great success with lots of children participating in Benthal Active yesterday. Thank you to those that come to play games and deliver new skills.



Unwanted Lego

Do you have any unwanted lego at home? We would like more lego for our Lego club, please bring them into the school office, thank you.



Quiz Night for Grown Ups



Come along to Benthal's Quiz Night. Test your general knowledge and win a prize.

Date: Friday 5th October 2018 at 7pm

Cost: £5 per person

Tickets are available at the school office.

Hope to see you there!

Nursery

We have been reading 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear' from Eric Carle. We have enjoyed identifying the different colours.



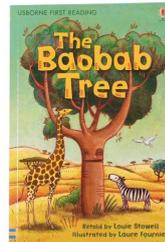
Reception

We have been learning to read and say a new sound every day! Well done for doing all of your lovely letter writing practise at home!



Year 1

We have been reading the story of the Baobab Tree and the children enjoyed it!



Year 2

This week we have been learning about the seven continents of the world. Most of us can now name some and find them on a world map.



Year 3

We have been writing factual reports on the Romans.



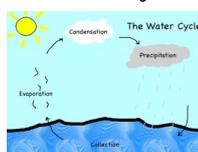
Year 4

This week we have been reading and comparing traditional tales. It has been great fun! Ask your child to retell one of the exciting tales at home.



Year 5

This week we have been learning about the water cycle.



Year 6

On Monday, we did orienteering in the Olympic Park. We thoroughly enjoyed it- it was a challenge but we got through it!



Attendance

Well done Rowan & Ash classes last weeks winners with 99.3% attendance