



Message from Ms Drew

Welcome back. It was lovely to see the children and staff returning refreshed and ready for this half term. I have a feeling it is going to be a busy one!

We have lots of exciting events coming up which will continue to strengthen Benthal's school community, which brings me to a request. If you have a couple of hours spare to help Mr Jones (our school caretaker) to put up outdoor Christmas lights and check they are safe, please let me know via the school office. This will be a new event for Benthal community that I know will continue each year. Lookout for details next week.

Also we are supporting a local children's charity organised by StokeyParents.com to raise money to buy children in poverty toys and games using the money raised. Our school council will be involved in buying the toys for the toy appeal and passing them to the charity. Please turn over to see what Benthal will be doing to raise money for this very local charity.

Happy Friday and thank you for your continued support.

Dates to Remember

Friends of Benthal

Quiz Night for Grown Ups

Fri 17th Nov

Scholastic Book Fair

Thurs 23rd Nov

IEP Reviews

28th Nov - 8th Dec

Nursery Parents

Meeting

Wed 29th Nov

Parents Evening

Tues 5th Dec

Last Day of Term

Thurs 21st Dec

Assemblies

Birch Class

Fri 17th Nov

School Trips

Wed 22nd Nov

Year 1

LSO at The Barbican

Fri 1st Dec

Serrula Class

Museum of London



Safeguarding



Please can we remind parents/carers to ensure that their child comes to school wearing a coat.

The weather is changing and the temperature dropping. It is important that children go out to play on dry days to get fresh air and socialise with their friends, but stay warm. In the next few weeks we are sure that gloves, hats and scarves will be needed too!



Curriculum

In assembly this week the children have been learning about the significance of wearing a poppy. They learnt about why it is a sad time and why we remember all those that lost their lives during WWI, WWII and other conflicts since. The juniors also held a minutes silence today at 11am. If you would like to donate to the poppy appeal the box will stay in the office until Monday 13th November.

Also well done to Willow Class for a lovely 'space' assembly today.

Office Notices

Christmas Cards and Photo Proofs

need to be returned to the school office by **17th November** with correct payment attached.

For Christmas cards please make cheques payable to FRIENDS OF BENTHAL

Parents are reminded that all school services must be paid a week in advance.

Please use the **red box** at the front of the office to make payments if the office is closed.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ASH - Mollie & Laila **ARBUTUS** - Ameera & Molly **WILLOW** - George **BIRCH** - Anas & Yatushana **BEECH** - HAZEL - Stacy **HORNBEAM** - Logan & Albert **SERRULA** - Hiroshan & Uma **ELDER** - Aleena & Deisy **ROWAN** - Steven & Misty **JUNIPER** - Kaiya & Rosy **MAGNOLIA** - Vinton & Taivon

Reminder to contact office regarding change of contact details

Winter Toy Appeal

Dress up as a Toy on **Friday 24th November** and **donate £1** for not wearing your school uniform for the day. You could dress up as a Teddy bear, Lego, a car or anything that makes you look like a toy!

Remember you are raising this money for children who do not have the same as you. Thank You



Friends of Benthall Fundraising Quiz For Grown Ups

Come along to Benthall's first quiz night. Test your general knowledge and win a prize.

Date: Friday 17th November Time: 7 pm

Cost : £5.00 per person

Tickets are available from the School Office

Hope to see you there!

Nursery

Nursery have been learning about their new topic 'Bears'. We have been painting our own bears.



Reception

This week we have started our new topic 'People who help us'. Children have painted portraits of the people who help them at home. We have also talked about the things they do to help them.



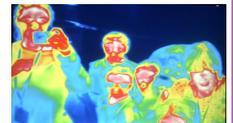
Year 1

Year 1 learned about the Maasai people in Africa. We made necklaces in the style of their jewellery .



Year 2

Year 2 went to the Wonderlab in the Statoil Gallery at the Science Museum yesterday where we had a great fun working out which is the fastest slide, how to make electricity travel, how you can listen to music with your teeth and lots more.



Year 3

This week in Science we continued to learn more about friction on different surface. Also we made a great science experiment with toy cars. Did you know most of our cars stuck on a woolly surface?

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Year 4

Year 4 had an amazing trip to the British Museum this week! It linked with our BCC topic on Ancient Egypt, we saw real life sarcophagi, mummies and loads of beautiful artefacts. We even saw the famed Rosetta Stone!



Year 5

In year 5 we have now created our rockets and gone on to decorate them with our planned designs. We have been following the process of planning and using our plans and designs very carefully.



Year 6

Year 6 have designed some really eye catching WWII propaganda posters.

See them on display in both classrooms.



Attendance

Well done Juniper class last weeks winners with 100%
Well done Arbutus class this weeks winners with 99.3%