



Message from Ms Drew

The Senior Leadership Team and myself have been busy looking more closely at the results from the Parent/Carer Survey that lots of you completed in December. Here are our findings,

- Majority of parents understand the Benthal Values.
- Lots of you are interested in the Family Library and Fundraising.
- Mondays and Fridays were the most popular days for volunteering and we will consider this when we structure our activities
- Many parents found Marvellous Me and Tapestry a useful tool and we will endeavour to continue using them.
- There was a huge interest in the forming of a parent council.
- Whilst many of you think we communicate key dates & information effectively, some of you brought to our attention that more notice is needed for future events, we will endeavour to continue to improve in this area.

Thank you again to all those parents/carers that completed the survey. It has been a very positive experience. The results will help me develop future projects especially Benthal Family Library and Parent Council.

Finally, congratulations to Ms Oz who has just got married!

Dates to Remember

Year 1 Ocean Maths

Juniper 6th Feb

Magnolia 8th Feb

Spring Half Term

Mon 12th Feb -

Fri 16th Feb

Parent's Evening

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Wed 21st March

KS2 Musical Showcase

Thurs 22nd March

9:15am

Class Photos

Fri 23rd March

Kench Hill Year 4

Mon 26th -

Thur 29th March

Easter Holidays

Thur 29th Mar -

Fri 13 Apr

Assemblies

9:15am

Large Hall

Beech Class

Fri 2nd Feb

Birch Class

Fri 9th Feb

Willow Class

Fri 23rd Feb

Juniper Class

Fri 16th Mar

Magnolia Class

Fri 23rd Mar

Year 3

African Drumming

Assembly

Thurs 28th March



Safeguarding

We have noticed an increase in unaccompanied children entering the outdoor areas of the school grounds before 8:50am. Please can we remind parents/carers that members of staff are not supervising the children during this time and that the children's safety and welfare is the responsibility of the parent/carer and could become a safeguarding issue.

Curriculum

During Art Week, each class was given either a local building to draw and manipulate or an artist to focus on. The children produced a range of artwork using different mediums, and their collaborative efforts will be displayed in the Large Hall, as part of our creative journey.



Office Notices



We have seen an increasing number of appointments being made for dentists, GP's etc within school hours, with parents just arriving to collect their children with no prior warning being given to school. Whilst we appreciate it is sometimes difficult to get an appointment outside of these hours, every effort needs to be made to ensure your child is not missing important learning time. If your child does require an appointment in school hours, an appointment card needs to be brought into the school office for a copy to be taken and approved by the school office.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ARBUTUS Emily/Jacob **BIRCH** T'Shaana/Diren **BEECH** Hazen **HAZEL** Amit

HORNBEAM Mohammad/Ines **SERRULA** Kaan/Frank **ELDER** Helin/Sila **ROWAN** Deniz/Torin

JUNIPER Lyra/Hilton **MAGNOLIA** Maxwell/Kamil

Reminder to contact office regarding change of contact details

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Ocean Maths Workshop For Year 1

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Come and help your child to learn maths, and have lots of fun with them while you're doing it.

9:10 am - 10:10 am

Free tea and cake after the workshop

Tuesday 6th February — Juniper

Thursday 8th February — Magnolia



FRIENDS OF BENTHALL

Look out for details for the next parent/carer social evening this term.

Nursery

We have been learning about Under the Sea and have been focusing on Pirates & Treasure this week.



Reception

We have two new friends; Max and Poli. They are going to live with us and help us learn many things about habitats and endangered species.



Year 1

During Arts Week we made 'Fire!' pictures and collages.



Year 2

We have been making castles for our BCC Topic.



Year 3

This week Year 3 visited the Science museum related to our BBC topic "Amazing Body" and attended a workshop called "It Takes Guts".



Year 4

For art week, we emulated plants painted by Henri Rousseau using shades and tints of green.



Year 5

Our new BCC topic is well under way. We have really enjoyed learning about how the House of York and the House of Lancaster came together to form the Tudor rose. We have also been looking at Tudor portraits for Art Week.



Year 6

During Art week Year 6 looked at the works of David Hockney, creating sketches in his style and Salvador Dali, creating a surreal picture.

Attendance

Well done Beech class this weeks winners with 100 % attendance

Well done Hornbeam class last weeks winners with 99.3% attendance