



Message from Ms Drew

What a great few weeks. Year 3 children had their class photograph taken as part of the Steve McQueen photograph project, with the Tate Gallery. Our Year 3 children will appear as part of that project next summer. Also a group of Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to learn how to be safe on their bikes and successfully passed the Bikeability Course.

We have had two visits from important people at Hackney borough who had never been to Benthal before. They thoroughly enjoyed their visit and were totally impressed with the learning and the behaviour of the children. It was really lovely to show off the school in a truly positive manner.

Even bigger news, we were successful in winning a bid from Hackney Mayor's Music Award 2018 for the Instrument Fund for Ensemble Development. This will enable us to bring together all the musical talent that we have in the school to develop an orchestra over this coming year. A big thank you to Ms Williams and Mr Biswell that managed to get it for us. It is really exciting news.

Have a great weekend.



Dates to Remember

Monday 19th Nov

Magic Breakfast @ Benthal Launch

REC-YR5 Flu Vaccination

Wednesday 21st Nov

School Tour for Prospective Parents at 1.30pm

Tuesday 27th Nov

Reception & YR 1 Fluoride Varnish Application

Wednesday 5th December

Parents Evening for Rowan Class

Thursday 6th December

Parents Evening 4pm-8pm

Scholastic Book Fair

Friday 7th December

Big Benthal Christmas Lights Switch On at 4pm

Saturday 8th December

Benthal Winter Fair from 12pm

Tuesday 11th Dec

KS2 Carol Concert @ 2pm

Thursday 13th Dec

Christmas lunch & wear a Christmas Jumper too!

Friday 14th Dec

KS1 Christmas Show

Friday 21st Dec

Last day of Autumn Term

Trips

Monday 17th Dec

Nursery, Rec & YR1 panto in the small hall

Tuesday 18th Dec

YR4, YR5 & YR6 Panto @ Hackney Empire

Wednesday 19th Dec

YR2 & YR3 Panto @ Hackney Empire

Monday 11th Feb—Friday

15th Feb 2018

YR 5 Spain, Madrid

Magic Breakfast @ Benthal Launch Day Monday 19th November

Come along to the large playground to try our new breakfast provision— toasted bagels and lots more 8.45-9.05am.

This will begin our new look breakfast at Benthal. A new breakfast menu of cereals, toasted bagels, fruit and smoothies and new activities. Magic Breakfast @ Benthal will be open from 8.00am with breakfast being served until 8.50am.



We will be sending a letter to invite you to be part of the new look breakfast club as we have been given funding from the government to increase our breakfast provision. Also, once you sign up to Magic Breakfast @ Benthal you will automatically be able to come to Family Breakfast Friday. Sit down together as a family, including any younger siblings that don't attend Benthal yet, to have breakfast together. We look forward to seeing you there.

Volunteers Needed

Art/Yoga/Mindfulness/Zumba/Dance.



Do you have a skill you can share with the children at our new look breakfast club?

If you do and you can spare 30 minutes once a week then please let me know. Email pa@benthal.hackney.sch.uk or catch up with me in the playground. I'd love to hear what you are able to offer so we can get going with it quickly.

Reminder

Parents are reminded that the office hours are from 8.00am- 5.00pm. Please ask playcentre staff to help with the collection of bikes and scooters left in the courtyard or playground after 5.00pm.

Benthal Values Certificate Winners

ARBUTUS— Philomena & Joel **ASH**— Pharrell & Eray **WILLOW**—Nursen & Greta **ELDER**—Roisin & Kamil **MAGNOLIA**—Keera

HAZEL— Mohammed **HORNBEAM**— Romaine **SERRULA**— Eliza & Moyo **ROWAN**— Lyra & Abdul Rahman **JUNIPER**— Betty

Playcentre

We are pleased to let you know that we have increased our playcentre and breakfast club capacity so can accommodate our working parents' needs. Our playcentre and breakfast club now take children from 3 year old and you can also use Tax Free Childcare account for pay for these services. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider via the online account and you can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year). Please apply online at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare> or feel free to speak to office staff for more information.

Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for "free school meals" and you register them for this, we will receive extra funding called "pupil premium". We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

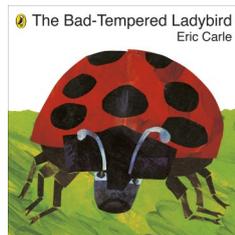
Your child might be eligible if you access a number of benefits, e.g. income support, income-based jobseeker allowance or employment and support allowance, Universal credit, Child Tax Credit (with annual gross income of £16,190) or Working Tax credit run-on. Please apply online on <https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/apply-free-school-meals> or ring Hackney Learning Trust direct on 02088207000.

ESOL Classes

We offer free English Conversation Classes, run by one of Benthall parents, every Monday, 9-10am in the school library. These are drop-in sessions and everybody is welcome. You can also bring your younger children.

Nursery

This week we read the book The Bad Tempered Ladybird and we learnt about shapes



Reception



This week we were authors! We made our very own animal book.

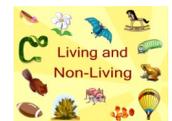
Year 1

We have been using our imagination to find as many uses as possible for a stick.



Year 2

This week we had a fun science lesson working in teams investigating how to group living, non-living and dead things.



Year 3

We had a school trip to the British Museum and we had a wonderful time learning about the Romans.

Year 4



This week we looked at the fantastic Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Greece!

Year 5

This week we worked as a team to design and make spectacular models of rivers. We used our imagination, modelling, cutting and painting skills.



Year 6

This week we took part in a safety workshop by the Immediate Theatre.



Attendance

Well done Rowan & Hazel classes last weeks winners with 100% attendance