



Bentfield Primary School

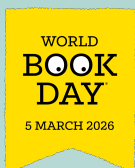
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**Spring
Issue**

**Friday 13th
March**

Messages from Mr Rogers

It was wonderful to see so many amazing book character outfits on display during World Book Day last week and witness the enthusiastic way in which our pupils engaged with the reading activities undertaken during their lessons. We also received lots of fantastic photos of pupils 'extreme reading' in a range of different locations which were shared in assembly. The pupils even had a showcase from our very own version of MC Grammar (DJ Winners aka Mr Winstanley) who not only performed the World Book Day rap live, but also shared a video of staff rapping Room on the Broom! Congratulations to our photograph winners: Felicity from Apple Class, Henry from Cherry Class, Olivia from Pine Class, Jesse from Birch Class, Jacob from Chestnut Class, Gabriella from Willow Class, Annabelle from Maple Class, and Josh from Oak Class, as well as our costume winners: Laura from Apple Class, Rocco from Cherry Class, Alisia from Pine Class, Luis from Birch Class, Joey from Chestnut Class, Jackson from Willow Class, Harper from Maple Class, and Isaac from Oak Class.



High praise goes to our Year 4 pupils; Ben, Breckon, Elyse and Harrison, who represented our school at a recent local schools public speaking event. Based on the theme of endangered animals, the four of them produced a very informative presentation on the Koala, which they shared with the audience (which included the New Mayor of Saffron Walden). This was then followed up by answering any questions the other teams had and asking questions to other teams once they too had presented. They approached the event in an extremely mature way and should be very proud of how amazingly they represented our school.

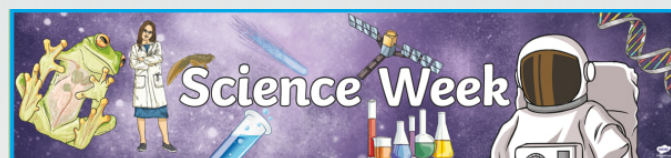
On Monday 23rd February, our school choir travelled by coach to the O2 Arena to take part in the Young Voices Concert. They spent the afternoon rehearsing, before finally reaching the point of the final performance. The concert was nothing short of spectacular and our children excelled. After months of preparation, they were finally able to showcase their abilities in both singing and sign language. Their hard work and effort had really paid off, and I have no doubt that the memories they created on that stage will remain with them for many years to come. I'd like to congratulate them all and say a huge thank you to Mr Winstanley and Steph, who have led the choir during this academic year, as well as the other adults, Nicola B, Nicola R and Emma who accompanied them on the day.



Although it has been an incredibly short term, there have been many more events and activities across the school. Reception, Year 1, and Year 4 have visited Mountfitchet House Care Home where they read to the residents, Year 5 had a fabulous Ancient Greek Day, dressing in Greek clothing, playing Ancient Greek games and exploring aspects of the Greek army, and Year 3 were visited by the 'Rock Man' where they learnt about different rocks and fossils. Year 5 also had a wonderful evening forest school session where they cooked hot dogs, s'mores and cookies by campfire, played games and explored the forest with their headlight torches, and Year 4 have just had an amazing chocolate workshop afternoon which they obviously thoroughly enjoyed! In addition to this we have had a whole school internet safety day, Essex road safety visiting our Reception and Year 5 classes, and performances from Woodwind of Stortford.



Despite nearly reaching the end of term, there is still much to look forward to. At the time of writing, we are currently holding our fortnight of Mother's Day lunches, and at the end of the week we have our whole school enterprise event where pupils can purchase products which have been lovingly made by all our classes. Year 2 are performing their Great Fire of London dance at the upcoming Key Stage 1 Dance Festival hosted by our school, before taking part in a Freshwater Theatre drama workshop on the same theme. Finally, we have science week next week where classes will be carrying out a range of different scientific activities and experiments, hear from some scientific visitors (thank you to those of you who have offered to help with this), and, of course, class visits to the 'Wonderdome' which has kindly been funded by our very generous PTA.



Governor News

I am delighted to share that we now have a new Chair of Governors, Maeve Duffy, who has taken over from our previous chair, John Black. John was previously in this role for over 6 years and has shown tremendous dedication and commitment during this time. We'd like to thank John for everything he has done and are very pleased that he will continue on the governing body as chair of the FPP Committee. We also say a huge thank you to Maeve for taking on this new role, and to Cat Astley who has been appointed as Vice Chair.

Year 3/4 and 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

In both these events, the children competed brilliantly, jumping, throwing and running their best. Once all the scores were added up, both teams finished in 1st place out of the four schools there, qualifying for the Uttlesford finals, where both teams finished second place overall in the small schools' category. Well done to everyone for representing the school so brilliantly!



Uttlesford Cross-Country Finals

We were fortunate enough to have a lovely, sunny day for this year's cross-country finals. It was fantastic that all teams qualified for the finals from the previous round. At the finals, the level of competition really steps up, and everyone did brilliantly to compete fantastically against lots of excellent runners from schools across the whole of Uttlesford, doing themselves and the school proud. A particular well done to two of the children who managed to reach the top ten - Otis, who came 4th in the Year 4 race and Mia, who came 6th in the Year 3 race!



Arbor Tip!

On the day absence can now be reported using the app.

Staff news

We'd like to give a warm welcome to Belinda Clay and Sara Nastri who have joined our wrap around childcare team, commencing their roles in our breakfast club. We also welcome back Roni Wilkinson who has rejoined our school in a learning support assistant role.

Spring has sprung at the allotment and Debbie and Nicola have put their gardening gloves back on. If you would like to get involved please fill out [THIS](#) short online form or email allotment@bentfield.essex.sch.uk

The [Amazon Wish List](#) has also been updated. You won't find it on the list, but they always need topsoil and compost.



Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Tournament

We headed to Manuden to take part in the rearranged Year 3/4 tag rugby tournament being the only school there to take two teams. After each team played each other, we were delighted that the Bentfield 'red' team finished first and the Bentfield 'blue' team finished second. A fantastic achievement by everyone.

Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Uttlesford Finals

It was a very quick turn around of less than a week from the Stansted tournament until the Uttlesford finals for us.

We arrived at Carver Barracks on a foggy morning, but that didn't stop a fantastic morning of rugby. In our initial round, we played 3 games, winning 2 and drawing 1, meaning that we were competing for the top 8 places. We played all other 7 teams in the top group in the second round, losing 1, drawing 2 and winning 4. Overall, that left the team finishing in second place overall! An absolutely brilliant achievement to finish 2nd in Uttlesford competing against many much larger schools. It also means that at the end of March, we will compete in the Essex finals! A massive well done to the whole team and a huge thank you to the parents for their lifts and support during the morning.



Please remember that we are a

NUT FREE SCHOOL

Please do not send products that contain nuts in to school, this includes many chocolate spreads.



**THINK BEFORE...
YOU PARK!**

Please remember that there is no parking for visitors or private taxi's on school premises unless previously arranged.

Please park considerably by not blocking the local bus routes or our neighbours driveways.

Bentfield Primary School and Nursery Website

Try to find a moment to have a look at the website, you can see what's coming up on the calendar. Local events and local external clubs can be found on the community page. Take a look at the class pages and the sports pages for the latest news and pictures. You can find out about the Big Bentfield Bargain hunt on the PTA page. You can find the term dates, the lunch menu and even the newsletters!



Dates For your Diary	
MARCH	
W/C 16th	Science week & the last week of Spring Clubs
	Mothers' Day Lunches - Monday to Thursday
Tuesday 17th	Wonderdome visiting
Wednesday 18th	Year 2 Birch - Cross Country Event
Friday 20th	Red Nose Day - Non Uniform
Wednesday 25th	Dare to be Different day - PTA Event
Thursday 26th	Year 3 and 4 - Essex Tag Rugby Finals (Selected pupils)
Friday 27th	Last day of the Spring term 1.30pm finish
APRIL	
Monday 13th	First day of the Summer term

Class Emails for Bentfield			
Apple Class - Nursery	apple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Chestnut Class - Year 3	chestnut@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Cherry Class - Reception	cherry@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Willow Class - Year 4	willow@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Pine Class - Year 1	pine@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Maple Class - Year 5	maple@bentfield.essex.sch.uk
Birch Class - Year 2	birch@bentfield.essex.sch.uk	Oak Class - Year 6	oak@bentfield.essex.sch.uk

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Extreme Reading Challenge Winners

