



Bentfield Primary School

**Summer
Issue**

Friday 18th July

Messages from Mr Rogers

Once again, we reach the end of another positive and successful academic year. As I look back across the last few terms I feel there is much to be proud of, not only with the daily learning which takes place in classrooms and outdoor areas, but also the opportunities provided to our pupils through school trips and visits, enterprise events, special themed days, the wonderful PTA and community events that have taken place throughout the year and, of course the many sporting events in which we have had enormous success. I would like to end the year by saying a huge thank you to all the staff at our school who work tirelessly to make these things happen, and the ongoing support of our wider school community.

Something else to be exceptionally proud of is our extremely pleasing end of Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes. 75% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading (with 46% achieving greater depth), 79% of pupils achieved the expected standard in writing (with 21% achieving greater depth), and 79% of pupils achieved the expected standard in reading (with 33% achieving greater depth). These figures are above the national averages in all areas and, considering we have some pupils who did not sit the tests due to working within their own bespoke curriculums (though are still included in these figures), it is a tremendous achievement. It is at this point that I'd like to congratulate our Year 6 pupils and wish them every success at secondary school and beyond.



As I review the year, it wouldn't be complete without, once again, highlighting our school allotment. As I mentioned in the recent Stansted Link and Flyer articles, the transformation in these last few months has been nothing short of remarkable. Led by two of our Learning Support Assistants, Debbie Capp and Nicola Brown, they have worked tirelessly in their own time alongside family members, friends, parents, carers and staff to develop the site with raised beds (including those of extra height to cater for our SEND pupils with wheelchairs), paths, a grass area, a shed, and fencing.



Of course, this wouldn't have been possible without the support of the wider school community, and we have received an incredible amount of donations, resources and offers of support. It was always our intention for this to be a project that the whole school community could engage with, and this has certainly been the case. Classes have already been visiting the site and have helped with growing and tending to a wide range of fruit and vegetables, such as beetroot, lettuce, cabbage, sweetcorn, tomatoes, courgettes, strawberries and gooseberries. Some of this produce has already been brought back into school for the pupils to sample. In addition to this our allotment was requested by the Parish Council to be entered into the Stansted in Bloom competition; what an honour!

Our fantastic PTA have worked tirelessly this year to raise much needed funds for the school and this year's Music in the Park was no exception, raising an amazing £12,500

A big thank you to all the wonderful people who made it a success; the bands, DJ Fran, the parents, staff, governors and friends who volunteered before, during and after the event. PTA events are always fantastically supported by our school community, which in turn allows the school community to thrive. Huge thanks to both the PTA and the MITP Committee who make these lovely events happen.

A note for your diary – MITP26 will be on 27th of June next year!



Finally, despite the happy memories of the year, we are also sadly saying goodbye to three fantastic staff members. Ana Etheridge (who completes her second session at our school after re-joining in 2014) has been an amazing one to one LSA for a range of children as well as supporting our pupils at breakfast club in the morning. Laura Wood, who joined us in 2019, has been a brilliant LSA, covering Year 6 classes, carrying out a learning mentor role, and, of course, throwing herself into every Year 6 activity on residential and days out! Finally, Fran Alvey leaves after eight years in the role, also being a fabulous LSA, cover supervisor, music subject lead, previous PTA co-chair, choir lead, and resident DJ! On behalf of everyone I'd like to say a huge thank you for everything you have all done. Our pupils have been exceptionally lucky to have you supporting them and you will all be sorely missed. We wish you every success for the future.

**Thank
you!**

On Tuesday, we held our 'Happiness Day' in memory of Haaniyah, who sadly passed earlier this year. Children took part in many activities related to happiness, ranging from playground games, to parties and sharing books together. It was brilliant to see everyone in their bright colours and the bake sale organised by Maple Class at the end of the day was very successful. We would like to say a massive thank you for all of the donations; altogether, we have raised £700 for the memorial tree and bench and this will give us a good donation towards Grove Cottage as well.

Dates For your Diary

JULY

Friday 18th	Last day of Summer Term 1.30pm Finish
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SEPTEMBER

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd	Non Pupil Days
Wednesday 3rd	First Day of the Autumn Term
WC 8th	Cherry Class stay for lunch
WC 15th	Cherry Class stay all day
14th to the 17th	Oak Class Residential
Tuesday 23rd	Willow Class visit to Young Mariners

OCTOBER

1st to the 3rd	Maple Class Residential
WC 27th	Half Term Break

NOVEMBER

Monday 3rd	Non Pupil Day
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Class Emails for Bentfield

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