



Messages from Mr Rogers

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term- I hope everyone had an enjoyable break over the half term holiday.

We start this half term with a focus on consideration towards others. Whilst we are enormously proud of the behaviour of our pupils, often receiving many positive comments from visitors to our school, we will always do everything we can to ensure that this can be even better. Our children have an excellent understanding of our school rules, 'Ready, Respectful, Safe', and this half term we will be focussing on what being respectful actually means. As part of this work, we have put in place consideration stickers, which will be used in our KS1 and KS2 classes at least once a week, giving pupils and staff the opportunity of nominating others for showing a high level of consideration. This may be due to good manners, e.g. always saying please or thank you or holding doors open for others, respecting school resources, e.g. putting playground equipment away after it has been used at lunchtime so that others can use it, or simply showing general kindness and support for each other during the school day. Teachers have already fed back on the amazingly thoughtful nominations that some pupils have been making and I look forward to hearing about many more.



Tuition Club I must highly commend a great many of our Year 6 pupils who have carried out lunchtime tuition sessions for pupils in Years 1, 2 and 3. This was their own idea, and after approaching me for permission, have gone on to organise, plan and lead informal sessions on a Thursday lunchtime for pupils who have shown an interest. So far, these have been maths based with a range of games and activities, though they are planning to incorporate other subjects as the year progresses. Having supervised these sessions I have been enormously impressed at the commitment that our Year 6 pupils have shown, and how much the pupils who have participated have enjoyed them.

Recently, I had the great pleasure of accompanying a group of Year 4 pupils to take part in a Public Speaking Event with other schools in our Collaborative Challenge Cluster (which is made up of ourselves, Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy, Debden C of E Primary Academy, R.A. Butler Primary School, Katherine Semar Schools, St. Thomas More Catholic School, St. Marys C of E Primary School in Saffron Walden



and St. Marys C of E Foundation Primary School in Stansted). The theme of the afternoon was environmental issues, and our Year 4 group decided to create their presentation about the Amazon's Giant Otter, an endangered species. The team was made up of four pupils: Norah

confidently introduced everyone, including their names and interests, Harriet brilliantly talked to the audience (after learning the speech without prompts), Flynn expertly answered the questions posed by the other teams after the presentation, and Felix carried out the role of asking challenging questions to the teams from other schools. They were a credit to our school and I was enormously impressed with their maturity and wonderful public speaking skills. Well done!



Finally, I have to finish on an important reminder about school uniform as, recently, I feel that standards have been dropping, and I am seeing more pupils not adhering to our expectations in this area. In particular, please make sure that pupils have the correct footwear which should be black, sensible shoes or trainers (please be aware that these should be fully black, and white soles, coloured logos or laces are not acceptable). Further guidance on school uniform, including jewellery and haircuts, can be found on our school website: <https://www.bentfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>



THINK BEFORE... YOU PARK!



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

Please remember that there is no visitor parking or waiting on school premises unless previously arranged

Sports News

We are sure that you have noticed that at Bentfield we take part in a wide variety of sporting events. This ranges from whole class events such as the teddy-bear run, cricket lessons and dance festivals to tournaments where selected children take part in sports ranging from archery to athletics. All of these events are organised by our School Games Co-ordinator as part of the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership. Without this provision, the children would not be able to take part in such a range of activities and events, which help to build healthy habits, grow confidence and find interests they may take forward in future life. Currently, the funding that provides this is potentially under threat and we would like to show how much we value the School Games Co-ordinator. As a parent, you could like the Sports Partnership Instagram account: [uttlesford_school_sports](#). We hope that the funding continues for many years and we can continue to provide the children with such a rich range of physical activity.



Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala

On Friday 17th January, as part of the school sports partnership (USSP), some of our pupils from Key Stage 2 took part in a swimming gala, competing against Great Easton, Little Hallingbury, Henham and Great Bardfield. The pupils all enjoyed themselves despite it being very noisy! Congratulations our Year 3 and 4 team who came 1st place and are through to the final in March, and our Year 5 and 6 team who finished in 3rd place. We had lots of team and individual winners too; well done to you all!

Year 3 freestyle-

Willow 3rd place and George 4th place

Year 4 freestyle-

Maggie 1st place and Albert 1st place

Year 5 freestyle-

Jess 3rd place and Michael 5th place

Year 6 freestyle-

Zoey 2nd place and Elliot 3rd place

Year 3/4 butterfly-

Harriet 1st place and Felix 2nd place

Year 5/6 butterfly-

Matilda 3rd place and Elliot 4th place

Year 3 breaststroke-

Olivia 2nd place and Harrison 1st place

Year 4 breaststroke-

Erin 1st place and Matty 2nd place

Year 5 breaststroke-

Grace 4th place and Noah 4th place

Year 6 breaststroke-

Matilda 3rd place and James 3rd place

Year 3 backstroke-

Elyse 2nd place and Harrison 1st place

Year 4 backstroke-

Wren 1st place and Taye 1st place

Year 5 backstroke-

Ryver 1st place and Isaac 3rd place

Year 6 backstroke-

Isla 2nd place and Hugo 3rd place

Year 3/4 champion race-

Maggie 2nd place and Albert 3rd place

Year 5/6 champion race-

Matilda 2nd place and Elliot 5th place

Year 3/4 medley relay girls-

Wren, Erin, Harriet and Maggie 1st place

Year 3/4 medley relay boys-

Harrison, Milo, Felix and Albert 1st place

Year 5/6 medley relay girls-

Esther, Zoey, Isla and Tuana 4th place

Year 5/6 medley relay boys-

Harrison, James, Joshua and Hugo 4th place

Year 3 freestyle relay girls-

Willow, Olivia, Molly and Elyse 2nd place

Year 3 freestyle relay boys-

George, Ben, Matty and Harrison 2nd place

Year 4 freestyle relay girls-

Annabelle, Wren, Harriet and Erin 1st place

Year 4 freestyle relay boys-

Albert, Felix, Milo and Taye 2nd place

Year 5 freestyle relay girls-

Esther, Grace, Jess and Ryver 3rd place

Year 5 freestyle relay boys-

Josh, Michael, Noah, Isaac 4th place

Year 6 freestyle relay girls-

Isla, Zoey, Matilda and Jess 2nd place

Year 6 freestyle relay boys-

Hugo, Elliot, James and Noah 3rd place



Year 3/4 Tag Rugby

On 6th February we took two teams to the Stansted tag rugby tournament organised by the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership. Each team played 5 games across the afternoon and we saw massive improvements in individual and team play as the tournament went on. After all of the games, the Bentfield 'blue' team finished 6th and the 'red' team finished 2nd, qualifying for the finals in March. Well done to everyone who took part for playing so well and representing our school brilliantly!



Key Stage 2 USSP Sports Hall Athletics Finals

Just before half term, our year 3/4 and year 5/6 sports hall athletics teams took part in the Uttlesford finals.

After the running, throwing and jumping events, the year 3/4 team were bronze medalists overall.

The year 5/6 team were fourth overall and silver medallists in the small schools competition. Well done to everyone for their excellent effort in representing the school so well!

USSP Key Stage 2 Cross Country Finals

Seven out of our eight teams that took part in the Stansted competition earlier in the year qualified for the Uttlesford School Sports Partnership finals. On a soggy and muddy day, the children all ran their best, competing against children from a range of schools throughout Uttlesford. Our best place team finish was 8th place for the year 3 boys. All of the children tried their best and ran very well in tricky conditions on a tricky course- well done for the excellent effort!

In particular, we must say a huge congratulations to Josh in year 5, who finished 4th in his race, meaning that he has now qualified to take part in the Essex Cross-Country Competition in April. Good luck Josh!



Although we promote the use of water bottles in school, please may we request that the bottles brought in by pupils are of a sensible size. The use of larger water bottles, including 'Stanley Cups', is becoming problematic, as they take up too much room on pupil desks, or in areas where water bottles are stored.



As a school, we are always exploring ways to become more energy efficient. Over the past 18 months we have carried out works across the school to replace older lights with energy saving LED bulbs, and installed sensors in places where lights do not need to be kept on. We're delighted to say that, after our recent survey, our new Energy efficiency certificate shows we now an operational rating of C (61 out of 100), which is down from an operational rating of D (81 out of 100) in December 2023. Work will obviously continue to make this even better.



Arbor School Shop Tip!

The school shop doesn't send purchase confirmations. To view your purchased items in the app, click the menu item in the bottom left, scroll down to **School Shop** and select **Invoices**.

Here you can see the purchases. It'll either show 'Status: Paid', or 'Status: Issued' or 'Status: Cancelled', all in black text.

To help your email get to the right people, please email any queries to the class email addresses and/or the admin address.

Please also add the school email address to your safe senders, as recently we have found that some Arbor emails are being sent to junk.



Dates For your Diary

MARCH

Tuesday 4th	Chocolate workshops for years 4 & 6
Thursday 6th	World Book Day - Non Uniform/Dress Up Day
	Tag Rugby Finals - selected pupils from years 3 & 4
Friday 7th	PTA Uniform Stall
W/C 10th	Parent Teacher Consultations years N-5
	No Teacher led clubs
Thursday 20th	KS1 Dance Festival
Friday 21st	Swimming Gala Final - selected pupils
W/C 24th	Last week of Spring Clubs
	Mothers' Day Lunches - Monday to Thursday
Wednesday 26th	Year 6 trip to Hatfield Forest
W/C 31st	Mothers' Day Lunches - Monday to Thursday

APRIL

Wednesday 2nd	Cross Country for year 2
Thursday 3rd	PTA Spring Disco
Friday 4th	Last day of Spring term 1.30pm finish
	1.30pm PTA Cake sale
Tuesday 22nd April	First day of 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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