



Messages from Mr Rogers

Welcome back to the new term! I'd like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year and hope that you all had an enjoyable Christmas break. You will have noticed that, since returning, we have been busy with the installation of two new trim trails. One to replace the old trim trail next to the main playground, as well as an additional trim trail in our reception playground. I know the children are very excited about these and I would like to give enormous thanks to the PTA, as well as the generosity of school community during fund raising events, for making this happen.



Of course, this does give me the opportunity of reminding everyone that no playground equipment should be used unless a member of staff is supervising. This means that before and after school, parents have a responsibility to keep their child off the play equipment even if they are present themselves.

It gives me enormous pleasure to report that, last Friday, our school choir had the wonderful experience of attending the Young Voices experience at the O2 arena in London. Young Voices is the world's largest children's choir concert, attended by pupils from schools all around the country, and this year alone approximately 9000 pupils took part! For months, the choir have been rehearsing a wide variety of songs and dance moves in preparation for this event and have worked exceptionally hard to represent our school so brilliantly. I'll leave it up to Fran, our school choir leader, to share her full report of the day, however I'd like to say huge congratulations to the choir, and a massive thank you to Fran, as well as Milla (who helps Fran in running the choir), and Mr Winstanley, Nicola R and Nicola B for supporting at the event on Friday.

Young Voices report from Fran Alvey (School Choir Lead)

We left school in the morning, travelling by coach to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices Concert that evening. Many of the children had not been before, so that first glimpse of the Millennium Dome as we came out of the Blackwell Tunnel, was met with a lot of excitement!



We walked to the O2 from the coach park and were treated to a glorious view of the cable cars in the sunshine. The staff at the venue were very welcoming, all wishing our choir well with shouts of "have a great show", "sing loud and proud", "you look concert ready!"

We then had a pit stop for a packed lunch - we needed to refuel! Then we took our seats for the afternoon's rehearsal led by conductor David Lawrence. We got our first opportunity to hear what a 9000 strong choir sounds like - it hits you right to the core! Simply amazing! The children were in awe watching the Urban Strides dance troop practice their dance moves; the back flips were met with much appreciation from Bentfield - WOW! The Young Voices Choir rehearsed parts of the featured artists songs - MC Grammar 'Readers Are Leaders' and the World Book Day song. Then a particular highlight, getting to perform "Extraordinary" with Natalie Williams and Urban Strides. Bentfield students learnt these songs on the day, picking them up quickly and singing and signing beautifully. A big surprise for us was that Nandi Bushell was going to be part of our concert! Nandi is a 13-year-old drummer who has performed with the Foo Fighters and across many iconic stages in music. The children were inspired watching her and couldn't believe she was only a few years older than them!

Then it was time for food - a packed tea and a rest to re-charge for the show. We had great fun spotting our grown-ups and carers as they took to their seats - we were easily viewable as we were flying the huge Bentfield banner and parents mimicked our waves and dance moves across the arena - great fun!

Showtime. The concert was simply amazing. An extraordinary evening filled with energy, enthusiasm and commitment from the Bentfield Choir. They gave it their all, after months of learning, they were ready to showcase their talents in song and sign language - and what talent they have. I felt huge pride for each and every one of them. What they were achieving in that moment will hopefully stay with them for a lifetime.

All that's left to say is thanks - to Milla (Choir Leader), Mr Winstanley, Nicola R and Nicola B for assisting on the day. Thanks to the parents for all your support. Lastly to the children - what a credit you were to Bentfield School.

You are AMAZING!

Sports News

For all sports news at our school, including team photos, please see the [sports news](#) section on our school website.

Uttlesford Challenge- Whole School

Our whole school took part in the challenges again this year which involved working on co-ordination, balance, skipping and throwing skills. The children practised these in class and then took part in the challenge. Well done to all of the pupils involved, they had lots of fun. We also had some medalists across the school:

Reception- Dot to dot challenge: Year 1- Dot to dot challenge:

Isabella- Gold medal Eloise - Bronze medal
Albie - Gold medal Oscar - Bronze medal

Year 2- Skipping challenge:

Elyse - Gold medal
Otis - Gold medal
Albie - Silver medal
Nisha - Bronze medal

Year 3- Figure of 8 challenge:

Erin-Elizabeth - Gold medal
Neave - Silver medal
Taye - Silver medal

Year 4- Figure of 8 challenge:

Zac - Gold medal
Jessica - Silver medal
Ryver - Silver medal
Isaac - Silver medal

Year 5- Tennis ball throw challenge

Matilda - Bronze medal

Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics

On Monday 15th January some of our Year 3 and 4 pupils took part in a sports hall athletics competition. They came 1st place overall and lots of individual winners and the team are through to the finals in February. Well done to all of the children involved.

5 Bounding stride- Ryver 1st place and Neave 2nd place
Myles 1st place, Zac 2nd place and Lorcan 3rd place

Speed bounce- Ruby 1st place, Myles 1st place and Isaac G 2nd place

Chest push- Taye 1st place

Javelin- Daisy 1st place and Zac 1st place

Standing long jump- Ryver 2nd place, Lorcan 1st place and Isaac G 3rd place

Vertical jump- Neave 2nd place and Michael 1st place



Swimming Gala

Some of our pupils from Year 3 to 6 took part in a swimming gala on Friday 12th January, competing against other local primary schools. The pupils all enjoyed the gala despite it being very noisy! Congratulations to both of our teams, our Year 3 and 4 team came 6th place and our Year 5 and 6 team came 3rd place. We had some individual and team winners too:

Year 6 freestyle- Helena
Year 5 backstroke- Matilda
Year 3 backstroke- Erin-Elizabeth
Year 5/6 butterfly- Matthew
Year 3 freestyle relay team- Erin, Annabelle, Wren and Maggie
Year 5 freestyle relay team- Zoey, Alice, Jessica and Matilda



Year 5/6 Sports Hall Athletics

On Monday 15th January some of our Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a sports hall athletics competition. They came 3rd place overall and lots of individual winners. Well done to all of the children involved.

Javelin- Max 3rd place and Leo E 2nd place

Chest push- Poppy 3rd place, Anabelle 2nd place and Archie 3rd place

Standing long jump- Helena 3rd place and Sullivan 1st place

Standing triple jump- Helena 1st place, Lola 3rd place and Hugo 3rd place

School Uniform

You may have heard that Fosters have gone into liquidation. Fosters have been in touch with us and although there are going to be changes within the company they will be continuing as a uniform supplier.

We will update the website when we have further information.



Dates For your Diary

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 13th

Nursery Open Day

WC 19th

Half Term Holiday - Normal 3:20pm finish time on Friday 16th

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