



Bentfield Primary School

Issue 2

Friday 15th
December

Messages from Mr Rogers

I can't believe it's almost the end of the term! We are now fully in the throes of Christmas and this week has seen a plethora of festive events that have been enjoyed by all. On Tuesday, I had the pleasure of attending the Year 1 and 2 productions of 'A Miracle in Town.' Both performances were absolutely fantastic and all the pupils involved should be highly praised for their wonderful singing and confident acting and narrating. They were thoroughly professional throughout and credit must go to all the staff members involved for making this happen. At the time of writing, I am also looking forward to seeing the reception and nursery Christmas production on Friday, which I'm sure will be just as good.

On Wednesday our brilliant PTA organised 'Elfridges' for the pupils throughout the day, and then after school held a Christmas fair (which was expertly moved inside due to the weather). It was great to see so many people join us and my thanks to everyone who stayed to support our school choir and sing some Christmas carols by candlelight. I am particularly thankful to the many new PTA members and helpers who have joined since our plea for help earlier in the term, as without you all this wouldn't have been possible. For anyone still interested in supporting future events, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

As it has been a while since my last newsletter, it has been an opportunity for me to reflect on the multitude of things that have happened across the last couple of months. We started this half term by raising £156 for the British Legion by selling poppies, and I was joined by two Year 6 pupils, Poppy and Sophie, who represented our school by laying a wreath at the Remembrance service at St. John's Church.

There have been a variety of trips and visits, including Year 5 attending a World War II experience at Lincolnsfield, Year 2 having a day at Mountfitchet Castle, and Apple and Cherry classes visiting Audley End Christmas train. We were also joined by Stortford Woodwind who held showcase assemblies for Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Year 5 have successfully completed their week long bikeability training and our Year 6 Sports Ambassadors Gia, Josh, Lola and Max have carried out their roles with great maturity since being allocated them at the start of the year.

After such an action packed term, I hope that everyone is looking forward to an enjoyable holiday period. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

E-Safety News

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas?
Or do you have friends or family who are?



Visit www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.
#StaySafe

Don't forget that for lots of advice for staying safe online, we have a very informative [e-safety area](#) of our school website. This is regularly updated by Mr Winstanley and highlights lots of current guidance.

**You raised £164 for
Children in Need**



SAVE THE CHILDREN'S
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
YOU RAISED £217 THANK YOU

School Uniform

We are finding that we are increasingly having to issue reminders for appropriate school uniform. In particular, please remember that no make-up should be worn (including nail varnish) and that any earrings should be a small stud only. In addition to this, please make sure that either fully black shoes or trainers are worn to school. Black trainers with white soles or coloured logos are not acceptable.

For the full guidance on school uniform expectations please see the relevant section on our school website: <https://www.bentfieldprimaryschool.co.uk/school-uniform/>



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

This Half Term's Sports News

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

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Archery

On Tuesday 28th November, a selection of children from Years 3-6 took part in an archery competition at Forest Hall School, competing against other local primary schools. The children played really well and scored some very high numbers! One of our Year 5/6 teams came 1st place and the other Year 5/6 team came 3rd place, so both teams were medallists. One of our Year 3/4 teams came 3rd place and the other team came 4th place, again with one team winning bronze medals. We also had a few individual winners within the teams:

Joshua- 2nd place, silver medallist
Lola- 1st place, gold medallist
Elliot- 1st place, gold medallist
Ryver- 2nd place, silver medallist
Codie- 3rd place, bronze medallist



Key Stage 2 Cross Country

On Thursday 9th November, we took a selection of children from Years 3-6 to a cross country event at Howe Green. All of the children ran really well and supported each other around the track. We had some individual medallists and some team winners who are all through to the finals in March.

Year 6 girls silver medallist- Helena
Year 4 girls bronze medallist- Ryver
Year 6 boys team- Tyler, Max, Joshua and Matthew
Year 4 girls team- Ryver, Lexi, Jessica and Grace



Year 6 Dodgeball

On Tuesday 21st November a small group of Year 6 pupils took part in a dodgeball event competing against other local schools. After nearly winning all of their matches, they were gold medallists and went through to the Uttlesford finals. This took place on Wednesday 6th December, where they competed against the highest performing teams from other areas. They did amazingly well and ended up securing the bronze medals for a third place finish. Well done!

Year 3/4 Dodgeball Tournament

On 15th November, a group of year 3 and 4 pupils went to the Romeera Mountfitchet Leisure Centre to take part in the Stansted dodgeball tournament. They played in 2 teams; the red team played 6 other teams, eventually finishing in 5th position; the blue team played in a round-robin group, finishing second and then winning the 3rd/4th place play-off to end up 3rd in their tournament! Everyone played in a fair and sportsmanlike spirit and represent the school brilliantly



Year 5/6 Tag Rugby

We were delighted to enter three teams into this year's Stansted tag rugby tournament. A massive thank you to all the parents who drove to make that possible! At the end of five very competitive games for each team, the blue team finished 5th, the yellow team finished 8th and the red team defended the title that the school won last year, finishing as the overall winners! Everybody played with a good spirit and kept on working hard and trying through all of the games.

Well done to everyone involved!



Dates For your Diary

DECEMBER

Wednesday 20th

Last day of Autumn Term - All pupils finish at 1:30pm

JANUARY

Thursday 4th

Non-Pupil Day

Friday 5th

Non-Pupil Day

Monday 8th

First Day of Spring Term

Monday 8th

Pantomime of Peter Pan for Pupils

Friday 12th

Swimming Gala

Monday 15th

Closing Date for Reception Pupil applications for Sept 2024

Friday 19th

School Choir performance at the O2 for Young Voices

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 13th

Nursery Open Day

WC 19th

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

Class Emails for Bentfield

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