

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## End of term newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

We have come to the end of another fantastic year. It has been great to see the school get back to some kind of normal within the last half term. We hope this will continue in the new school year.



### Thank you

The past year has certainly been a testing time for all of us and a real rollercoaster. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding with coping with the many changes that have happened throughout the year. Your lovely messages that myself and the staff have received throughout the year have helped to keep us all going. Your kind and thoughtful gestures have been much appreciated.

Goodbye & good luck



### Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to a few members of staff this July. Miss Edwards is leaving Old Bexley after being here for 30 years. She is going to be the Assistant Principal at Holy Trinity which is another APAT school. Mrs Moran will be taking her well-deserved retirement, Mrs Henderson and Miss Major and Miss Farrer are moving on to other schools, Mrs Pearce is taking a break from teaching and Mr Natusch is going to study at medical school. We wish them all the best for the future and thank them for all their hard work and dedication to Old Bexley.



*Remi and Freya in  
Year 6 were the  
winners of the  
Gordon cup!*

### Sports Days

It has been fantastic to welcome all the parents back into school for Sports Day. The weather behaved itself and all Sports Days went ahead as planned. The new organisation proved to be a success with many of you commenting on how much more you enjoyed the event. All of the children did

fantastically well and enjoyed themselves too. Thank you to Mr Pask who organised all of the Sports Days.



### **Goodbye to our Year 6**

Today we said goodbye to our lovely Year 6 children. They have enjoyed lots of different activities over the past few weeks. They visited Rochester Cathedral, Chessington, Hall Place and St Mary's church for a leaver's service. We have also had their class leaver assemblies and a shared leaver service with 3 other APAT schools. There were lots of tears (especially from the parents!) and we wish them all the best as they move on to their secondary schools. We will miss them and they are always welcome back to let us know what they have been up to.



### **A Musical Adventure**

On Wednesday evening we had our termly music concert lead by Mrs Kibby. It was a feast of beautiful singing from the choir, wonderful musical pieces from the orchestra along with solo performances from some of our year 6 musicians. The drumming children provided us with some toe tapping beats and some children delighted us with readings from famous children's novels. I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Kibby as again she spread her musical magic throughout and the evening was a big success.





### **Thank you to our PTA**

Thank you to all of you who have supported the many PTA events over the past year. I would like to say a big thank you to all of the PTA members for their commitment, hard work and perseverance to raising money for the children of Old Bexley, it is much appreciated.

### **School Council**

The School Council received a visit from the MP for Bexley, Louie French. They were able to ask him lots of questions about his role and how he is going to support the local area. My School Council have worked really hard this year and shown commitment to improving the school. I would like to say thank you to them for all the great ideas. I am very proud of them.



### **What have we been up to?**

#### **EYFS**

EYFS have been going on lots of exciting journeys this term. We have flown to Australia and France, took the tube to London, went back in time to learn about dinosaurs, we travelled under the sea to learn all about different ocean creatures and had fun becoming Old Bexley pirates.



We competed in our very first sports day and very much enjoyed seeing all our grown-ups supporting us. We also enjoyed a visit to the circus big top and were able to learn a few tricks.



## Year 1

This half term in Year 1 we had the fire engine visit us, the children could explore and have a go with the hose. We also had a visitor from Waitrose who taught us all about the different jobs in a food shop. Finally we had the ambulance visit us and the children loved climbing onto the ambulance and practising CPR.



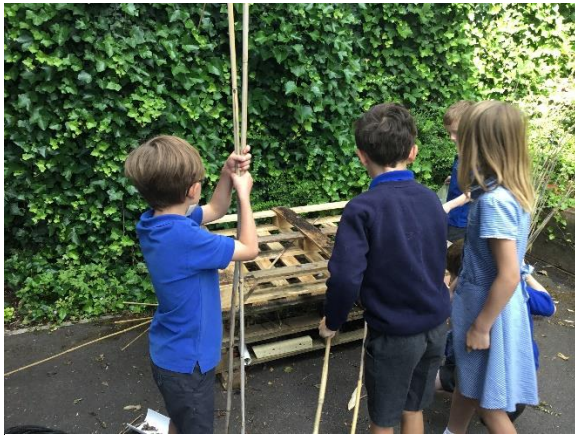
## Year 2

We had a visit from St. John's Ambulance. The children all had an opportunity to look inside an ambulance. They received some basic training in CPR and did some compressions on a dummy to the tune of 'baby shark'. They were also shown how to use a defibrillator.





Our science unit was Habitats. Year 2 looked closely at microhabitats around the school. After a thoroughly enjoyable 'bug hunt', the children made their own bug hotel. Hopefully we will have some guests very soon!



In our DT unit "Fruit and Vegetables", the children designed, made and evaluated some fruit salads, fruit kebabs and fruit smoothies. Pictured above is one of the fruit salads in the shape of a palm tree. Looks scrumptious!

### Year 3

We all visited the Brixton Chocolate museum where we had a great time learning about the history of chocolate and then making some to take home with us. It was the most yummy trip we have ever been on!



### Year 4

We have been learning about food chains including producers, consumers, prey and predators. We even dissected owl pellets to find out what they eat! We also had a visit from Fizz Pop to do a workshop learning all about the digestive system - including the yucky bits!



We have learned about architecture and sketch maps, recreating landmarks and the Thames. We also designed new buildings.

We have loved learning about Hindu celebrations including Diwali, Holi and weddings. We compared these to celebrations in our own lives and brought in artefacts to share our experiences with others.

### **Year 5**



Year 5 had the opportunity to visit the Royal Observatory in Greenwich to learn more about the Meridian line and how it relates to time zones around the world. They were also able to make Cornish scones in DT; they made sure that the jam was spread first, as they do in Cornwall!

### **Cricket Success**

Congratulations to the school Cricket Team who won the Bexley Primary Schools Mixed Cricket competition in June.

As a result, the Team went on to represent Bexley at the Kent Cricket Championships in Sittingbourne in July. They played amazingly well and made it through to the semi-finals where they finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Kent. The team were great ambassadors for the school and their hard work and enthusiasm really paid off.





Just a reminder that the school office will be shut throughout the school holidays so please do not expect a reply to any emails you may send in until the start of the new term.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**

Take care

Mrs Jill Ivil

