

Thursday 28 March 2024



End of Spring Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Once again we find ourselves at the end of another extremely busy term. The weeks have flown by since we returned in January and I cannot believe we are over half way through this school year. Our News Crew have been working hard on their Spring Broadcast and I hope you enjoy watching the News crew telling you what each year group has been up to. The link is below.

<https://vimeo.com/927598182?share=copy>

Fundraising for charity



Your generosity this term with the many fundraising activities in school has been very much appreciated. With your help, we have been able to support many charities including Comic Relief. Thank you for donating so many Easter Eggs to be distributed to the local care homes and vulnerable people. Ella, who organised this was overwhelmed by the school's generosity.



We have also heard from the Napache School in Malawi who have received many much needed mosquito nets that were bought with the money the school raised in our Malawi day in October 2023.

The PTA have also had a busy term and we would like to thank them for volunteering their time to help raise funds for the school. Your support of their events, especially the raffle have helped to raise well needed funds for the school. All the raffle prize winners have completed their activity and had a lot of fun!

Easter Services and Activities



Over the past 2 weeks, we have been celebrating Easter in school. Rev Mell Jemmett led the KS2 services at St Mary's Church last Friday and she also came into school and led an Easter Service for EYFS and KS1. All the children have had the opportunity to watch a special Easter play performed by CRiBS (Christian Resources in Bexley Schools).



Year 4 invited their Grandparents in for an Easter Coffee morning. Year 4 provided the entertainment by singing the story of 'The 3 Trees' followed by a raffle and a sing song. Thank you to the PTA who provided the refreshments.



Mrs Kibby sprinkled her musical magic dust again for the Spring concert on Wednesday evening. All the children performed beautifully and it was a pleasure to watch. The theme was 'The Spirit of Springtime'.



It was wonderful to see all the amazing Easter hats and bonnets worn by the children today. Thank you for all your support and hard work in making these with the children.

Through Their Eyes Heritage Project



The school was lucky enough to be a part of the Through Their Eyes heritage project. The exhibition was at Hall Place for the past 4 weeks and involved many of our pupils past and present. Thank you to all our pupils who took part in such an amazing event. I have attached a link for you to see a little of what it was about. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/uk-england-london-68413079>

Sporting achievements



Years 3 and 4 took part in a virtual multi-sports event against the other Year 3 and 4 classes across the Trust. With a big focus on children understanding the importance of having confidence in their own ability and to try their best, they took part in four different events (target throw, bean bag run, throw clap catch and skipping). Well done to all those who took part in the event. The results were very close but 3/4 EA came out as the winners at Old Bexley with a whopping 2850 points



The girl's football team played in the semi-finals on Tuesday this week against Belvedere Junior School. It was a tense (and very wet) match but in the end the girls won on penalties. They are now through to the final which will be played in April. Well done to the team!



Attendance winners

The government expects every child to attend school at least 95% of the time and this is something that we monitor closely at Old Bexley. This term's attendance winners are **5JC (97.73%)** in KS2 and **2RW (97.73%)**. Both classes will receive a special treat at the beginning of next term. Well done to both classes.

Reminders

Lost Property: Unfortunately the amount of lost property and un-named items within the school remains very high. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing are named so that owners can be re-united with their mis-placed items. After each play time, year groups will carry out a sweep of the playground for any discarded items and all named items will be returned to their owners. Any items which are not named will be placed in the lost property boxes in the KS2 playground or outside Nursery.

Appointments: There seems to have been a rise in the number of children being taken out of school during the day for routine medical appointments. We appreciate that some appointments cannot be changed or chosen but please can we ask that more routine appointments e.g. Opticians, dental checks up are not booked in the school day.

Pick up: This is a gentle reminder that children need to be picked up **on time** at the end of the day.

Nursery 3.30pm

Reception 3.15pm

Years 1 & 2 3.25pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 3.30pm

Uniform: Please can all pupils wear the correct school uniform. I have attached the link to our website for a reminder. The children should be wearing black shoes unless it is their PE day.

<https://www.oldbexley.apat.org.uk/parents/uniform>

Dates for your diary

Monday 15 April	Start of Summer Term
Tuesday 23 April	St George's day – wear red and white
Friday 26 April	Class photo day
Thursday 2 May	Polling Day (school closed)
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
w/c 13 May	Year 6 SATS week
Thursday 23 May	PTA Break the Rules Day
Friday 24 May	Staff Training Day (school closed)



It was reported this week by Queen Camilla that 5 minutes reading is as good for your wellbeing as walking 10,000 steps! Think of this over the Easter break as 5 minutes is not long but it has a big impact!

On behalf of the staff at Old Bexley, I hope you all have a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 15 April**.

Happy Easter!

Mrs Jill Ivil
Head Teacher

Happy Easter To You All.

May this joyful season of Easter
fill your heart with renewed hope,
love, and peace.



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