

Thursday 23 May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to another end of term newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about the various activities that have been going on around the school this half term.

This term has seen class photos taken at the end of April along with continued class visits to Bexley library. Year 6 children sat their SATS tests last week which they approached in a calm and sensible manner.

Louie French visit



On Friday 10th May, Louie French, our local MP, came to visit the School Council. They had the opportunity to ask him questions about his role as an MP and also about issues in the local area. Thank you Louie for taking the time to come and visit Old Bexley again.

Thank You!

Thank you for your ongoing support of all the activities that we arrange for the children. Your support in making any payments on time for school trips is very much appreciated and ensures we can continue to offer the children a wide range of experiences throughout the year.

What have each year been up to?

EYFS



EYFS have been learning all about animals. We have especially enjoyed finding out about minibeasts, and this included going on a bug hunt around school. We are now looking forward to nurturing some caterpillars into butterflies after half term and our trip to Godstone Farm.

Year 1



Year 1 have been looking at Pattan's Pumpkin by Chitra Soundar. The story is set in India and the children have been learning about the country and its culture. To deepen their understanding, we took part in an Indian Dance Workshop. The workshop taught the children a range of Indian dance styles, from elegant classical dances to the more exuberant Bollywood.

Year 2



Year 2 explored healthy eating and how to get our 5-a-day into our breakfast. Children tasted different fruits and designed their own delicious parfaits.

Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about money during a trip to the shops in Bexley village. They had to calculate how much they could afford and the change they would receive.



Year 4

Year 4 have had another very busy half term. In art, we have been experimenting with watercolours creating an ombre effect background. They then mixed paints to create their own individual skin tone.



This silhouette (a single colour) was then placed over their watercolour ombre background.

Year 5



Year 5 spent an afternoon earlier this month discussing water safety. With the warm weather approaching, they learnt how to stay safe around water, what dangers they might face and what to

do if such situations arise. This was made fun and interactive so all facts will hopefully be remembered and shared!

Year 6



To celebrate the end of SATS week, Year 6 went on a well deserved trip to Chessington. After working hard throughout the year in preparation for the tests, it was lovely to see the children let their hair down for the day.

Science Week poster competition

Thank you if you were able to vote for Poppy's entry in the Science Week poster competition. I know your support was much appreciated.

I am delighted to announce that Poppy's poster was chosen as the runner-up in the KS1 section. She has done amazingly well and we are all very proud of what she has achieved.



PTA News



A big thank you to the PTA who have once again helped to fund a school trip per year group this academic year. Most year groups will be going on their trips next half term and I'm sure they will enjoy a day of learning outside of the classroom environment.

Today we had the annual PTA 'Break the Rules' day where children have had a great time paying to break some rules. I am sure lots of money will be raised and the children will have fun doing it!

The PTA held a disco after school last Friday for KS2, whilst the KS1 disco will take place on 7 June. Both events sold out in record time!

The PTA will be holding their fabulous summer fair next half term on Saturday 6 July so please do keep the date free. If you are able to help them on the day, either to set up or volunteer on a stall, I know that your support will be very much appreciated.

Wake and Shake



Pupils in Years 1-4 took part in a fun and energetic “wake and shake” session on the school field last week. There were smiles and laughter all round and our thanks go to Ms Vanner who organised the sessions for us.

Summer Reading Challenge

Bexley Council’s annual Summer Reading Challenge will take place this year from 6 July until 7 September. The theme is Marvellous Makers which will be a celebration of the creative arts. Further information on how your child can get involved will be sent out next half term.

GDPR Forms

When we return after half term, we will be sending your child home with a revised GDPR consent form. Please ensure you complete both sides of the form, sign it and return to the school office once complete. It is important that the form is returned to ensure any photos or videos taken of your child whilst at school are used correctly and according to your wishes.

ADHD Foundation - Free Parent Workshops

The ADHD Foundation are offering a range of free parent workshops over the next couple of months. Topics cover Understanding & Supporting ADHD, Understanding Neurodiversity, Neurodiversity & Lifestyle, Emotional Regulation and Understanding & Supporting Autism. Further details of all the workshops available can be found on the [school’s website](#).

School closure due to Polling Day

We have just received confirmation that the school will be used as a Polling Station for the General Election on Thursday 4 July. The school will therefore be closed to pupils on this day and work will be set on Google Classroom.

Dates for your diary

(Dates of all the Year 6 events have already been communicated separately and are not included in the table below)

6 June	9.30am Years 1 and 2 sports day
11 June	1.30pm Years 5 and 6 sports day
13 June	9.30am Year 3 and 4 sports day
14 June	PTA Father's Day sale during school day
18 June	9.30am EYFS sports day
25 June	5pm Secondary Transfer parent meeting (for parents with children in Year 5)
26 June	9.30am SEND parent transition workshop 2pm Parent Forum
1 July	2.30-4.30pm Celebration of Learning for Reception and Year 1
2 July	2.30-4.30pm Celebration of Learning for Years 2 and 3
3 July	2.30-4.30pm Celebration of Learning for Years 4 and 5 5pm Year 5 Parent Bowles Information Meeting
4 July	School closed to pupils due to Polling Day
5 July	Non-uniform day for PTA fair: bring a bottle in exchange for wearing non-school uniform
6 July	PTA Summer Fair
12 July	Reports issued via Google Classroom
15 July	9.00am Parent Transition meeting for the current Year 2 and 3 parents 2.30pm Parent Transition meeting for the current Year 1 parents
16 July	9am Parent Transition meeting for the current Year 4 and 5 parents 2.30pm Parent Transition meeting for the current Reception parents
17 July	6pm Summer Music Concert (school choir and orchestra)
23 July	1.30pm End of term

Term dates for the academic year 2025-26 have just been released and are now available on our [website](#).

Please remember that school will be closed tomorrow (Friday 24 May) for staff training. We wish you all a happy and relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3 June**.

Mrs J Ivil
Head Teacher