

Friday 4th April 2025



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

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.

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 discos have helped to raise well needed funds for the school.

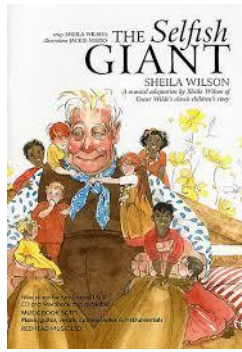


A date for your diary – Saturday 28th June – The PTA Summer festival

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 on Wednesday 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). The children will also receive a palm cross to take home.



Year 4 invited their Grandparents in for an Easter Coffee morning and afternoon. The children provided the entertainment by singing the story of 'The Selfish Giant' 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 'All at Sea'.



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.

myHappyMind



The school has started the **myHappyMind** mental health programme and it has been a great success. This half term has been focused on how their brains work and why we behave in the ways that we do. This is taught once a week in all years groups from nursery to Year 6. If you have not got the parent app yet (it has some great resources) then here it is. The code is 142228



What have we been up to?

EYFS



EYFS have enjoyed a half term full of storytelling. Reception have been on a bear hunt, looked for a shark in the park and tasted pancakes with Mr Wolf. Nursery have tasted porridge with the three bears, built a house for the three little pigs and rescued Rapunzel from the tower. Both year groups took part in an under the sea drama session and also enjoyed exploring the science week activities, especially investigating with magnets.

Year 1



Year 1 have been designing and making puppets for their DT project this half term. They started by joining materials using safety pins, PVA glue, normal glue and staples. The children decided the best way to join the fabrics before creating their designs and finally evaluating their creations. All the children in Year 1 had so much fun!

Year 2



Year 2 visited Leeds Castle where children took part in the 'Monarchy and More' workshop. They had the opportunity to dress up as significant people who had lived or visited the castle.

Years 3 and 4



This half term, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a school trip to Lesnes Abbey as part of their History and Science learning. The children made Stone Age dens and went fossil digging. Some lucky children even found a shark's tooth!

Years 5 and 6



This half term, Years 5 and 6 have been studying the Vikings in history. They experienced a Viking Workshop where they were able to demonstrate the knowledge they had learning about them. Year 6 have also had the opportunity to be sports leaders, for the younger years in school, helping to teach football skills.



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 **6NC (97.06%)** in KS2 and **2HN (97.77%)**. 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 ups 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	11.30am
Reception	3.20pm
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.

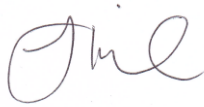
<https://www.oldbexley.apat.org.uk/parents/uniform>

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 22 April	Start of Summer Term
Wednesday 23 April	St George's day – wear red and white
Monday 5 May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 6 May	9.00am APAT/SEND parent coffee morning
Friday 9 May	VE day celebrations – Red, white and blue
w/c 12 May	Year 6 SATS week
Wednesday 21 May	9.00am Trauma Informed approach workshop for parents
Friday 23 May	Staff Training Day (school closed)

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 **Tuesday 22nd April at 8.50am.**

Happy Easter!



Mrs Jill Ivil
Head Teacher

