

Thursday 22nd May

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.

VE day celebrations



On Friday 9th May the whole school celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day. The children learn all about what happened on the first VE day and why it was such an important event. We listened to stories and memories from people who actually lived through WW2 and the first VE day. In the afternoon the whole school came together on the field to celebrate. It was a great day!



Before our VE day celebrations, Year 4 generated some questions that they wanted to ask Cooper's Nan who had been a girl during VE day. With the help of his dad, Cooper asked his Nan some probing questions about life during WWII. Her answers were recorded and shared with all the children of Old Bexley. It was a fantastic day for us at Old Bexley especially being a part of living history.

What have each year been up to?

EYFS



EYFS have been learning all about animals. As part of their learning they visited Godstone farm and saw lots of different animals.

Year 1



Year 1 have been learning more about sculpture in their art lessons. They started by rolling paper tubes and securing them to a base. They have also explored manipulating paper to make 3D drawings and worked towards a creating a final imaginative sculpture applying the paper shaping skills taught in this unit. Aren't they clever?!

Year 2

SWAC (Schools Based Action Club) visited Year 2; they got green fingered and hands on by creating beautiful and interactive natural spaces made out of waste in a 'Nature Nurturers' workshop!



Years 3 and 4



This half term, Year 3 and 4 had a very exciting workshop using VR to explore and learn about volcanoes. The children were able to fly over multiple volcanoes and feel like they were actually there.

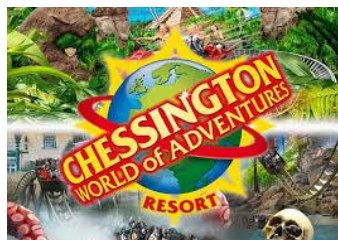
Year 5

This half term, Year 5 have been learning all about VE Day and celebrated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe.



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.



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. They have also funded playground equipment for both playgrounds.

The PTA will be holding the first Bextival next half term on Saturday 28th June 1 – 4pm 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.

Summer Reading Challenge



Bexley Council's annual Summer Reading Challenge will take place this year from 5 July until 6 September. This year's theme is for the Summer Reading Challenge is Story Garden. It is to inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading and to celebrate adventure, fantasy and storytelling through nature and the great outdoors. Further information on how your child can get involved will be sent out next half term.

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.

Dates for your diary

4 June	School council visit to the Houses of Parliament
12 June	PTA Father's day sale during the school day
13 June	Mutli Faith Day (Please see letter sent on 19 th May)
16 June	Years 5 and 6 Sport's day 1.30pm
17 June	Year 6 @ Rochester Cathedral Years 1 and 2 sports day 1.30pm
18 June	Years 3 and 4 sports day @ 9.30am
19 June	EYFS sports day @ 9.30am 5.00pm Year 5 secondary transfer meeting for parents
27 June	Non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer PTA Bexitval
28 June	PTA Bexitval 12 – 4pm
2 July	5.00pm Year 5 parent meeting Bowles
3 July	9.30am New reception parent meeting 2.00pm New nursery parent meeting
7 July	Celebration of learning rec – Year 5 3.00pm – 4.30pm
9 July	Year 6 production 2.00pm and 6.00pm
10 July	Year 6 production 2.00pm and 6.00pm
11 July	School reports out
14 July	9.00am Year 5 and 6 parent transition meeting 10.00am Years 3 and 4 parent transition meeting 1.30pm Years 1 and 2 parent transition meeting
15 July	6.00pm Summer music concert
16 July	9.30am 6NC leaver's for parents 2.00pm 6EA leaver's for parents
17 July	9.30am 17 July 6EC leaver's for parents 2.00pm 6HA leaver's for parents
18 July	End of the summer term finish @ 1.30pm

Term dates for the academic year 2026-27 have just been released and are now available on our website. <https://www.oldbexley.apat.org.uk/term-dates>

Please remember that school will be closed tomorrow (Friday 23 May) for staff training. We wish you all a happy and relaxing half term and look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 2 June.**

Mrs J Ivil
Head Teacher