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Autumn half term 2025 Newsletter

This half term has gone by so quickly with lots of amazing things happening at Old Bexley. All the children have been learning new topics, literacy texts and have all now settled into their new year groups with their new teacher. Our new reception children are enjoying being part of Old Bexley and we have a new Head Boy and Girl for both KS2 and KS1. Year 6 have had a brilliant week at Bowles and lots of other trips and visits have taken place in order to enhance the children's learning. I am very much looking forward to next half term with further topics and learning opportunities for all the children (and of course Christmas!).

What have we been up to?

Each year group have got stuck into their new topics and have been up to all sorts of exciting learning activities.

Reception

The new reception children have settled beautifully into Old Bexley. They have been learning, 'All about me' and enjoying being in school full time. They join the rest of years 1 and 2 for Collective worship and play with them at lunch times. We are proud of them and how they have started their journey at Old Bexley.



Year 1

Year 1 have been making windmill structures in their DT lessons. They have learned how to make a stable base and ensure the sails would blow in the wind. There was lots of trial and error but much joy at the end result!





Year 2

Year 2 visited Bexley Woods this half term to explore habitats as part of their Geography learning about the local area. We used maps to get to the woods and then saw lots of different animals and plants. At school we used this information to create tally and bar charts.

Years 3 and 4

As part of our Geography topic, we interviewed Kay the KS2 cook to ask her about where our food comes from. How it gets here and if any of it is locally produced. It was very interesting to find out where our school lunch is from.



Year 5

As part of Art week, Year 5 have been studying artwork that has been created with the use of digital photography. They began the unit by manipulating photographs and using them to create photomontages. They have also had the opportunity to take photos, while considering key elements such as background and lighting before editing them in order to change brightness, contrast and vibrancy in order to fit a design brief or theme.



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Year 6

Year 6 went on their residential trip to Bowles this half term. They enjoyed taking part in lots of different activities including climbing, skiing, archery, kayaking and team ropes. A great time was had by all.

Thank You



PTA!

Thank you to our PTA

The PTA had their AGM on Tuesday 14th October. They have lots of exciting events planned throughout the year with some ones added. The disco was also a success last Friday with lots of money raised for the school. This is what the PTA raised in the last school year:

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

£ 6,290	School Trips donation
£ 9,863	School Trips donation for 2025
£ 8,240	Funding for new computer suite ICT
£ 7,909	Donation for music department
£ 5,000	CUSP Books
£ 2,306	Panto give back
£ 1,486	Leavers Books
£ 1,232	Leavers Hoodies/T Shirts
£ 1,500	EYFS/Reception playground equipment
£ 865	Remove panto lighting
£ 500	Skip for shed clear out
£ 238	Zactiv give back
£ 150	Church hire for Christmas concert
£ 239	Other sundry expenses including PTA purchases gifts and hall hire.



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They will once again this year be supporting the school with various projects.

Their continued support is very much valued. They always need more volunteers and help especially at the Christmas and summer fairs. If you would like to join, please contact the PTA at oldbexleypta1@gmail.com



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:
SATURDAY 29th November
PTA CHRISTMAS FAIR
12 - 3PM
Hope to see you there!



Voluntary contributions

Thank you so much to all of the parents who have donated voluntary contributions. Please can I reassure you that any money donated will be spent on the children at Old Bexley. This is also going to be on the agenda at the next parent forum meeting on the 18th November so please send any questions you have to your rep. A letter will be sent out after half term as a reminder.



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Rainbow day!



Today we had our Rainbow Day where we all dressed up in our brightest colours. We spent the day celebrating how different and unique we are and how wonderful that is. The children made their own Pupil passports and took part in many activities that was all about how brilliant they are!



(Winnie even joined in!)

Harvest



Our Harvest services took place on Thursday 25th September. Thank you to the Rev Mel and our new Mountain Climbers who led both services. The Junior Choir sang beautifully in the KS2 service and in the KS1 service the children danced along to the 'Harvest Samba' song. The school's library was filled with your kind donations to Bexley Foodbank who were touched by your generosity.



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Postcard Home Competition Winners



At the start of each new academic year, all children have the chance to design the postcards that are awarded every day for children's good behaviour. This year's theme was 'Celebrating everyone as being unique and special' As always, there were many entries and choosing the winners was very difficult. However, after a lot of deliberation, I am pleased to announce that the winners are:

Noah 4KG	Jessica 5AC
Elodie 5AC	Orlaith 6NC
Annie 5AC	Melania 2OC
Zayd 5/6HA	Autumn 1JH
Freya 5TS	Olivia 3SE
Rosabelle 3/4RW	Natasha 3KM
Shana 3/4RW	Florence 5TS

The winners all received an Amazon voucher and have the pleasure and pride of seeing their designs being used as a postcard home for the school this year.

International school award



We were very pleased to hear that we have been awarded the International School Award from the British Council. The International School Award is an excellent way of promoting the international dimension across the school and throughout our curriculum, highlighting the benefits from learning across the globe. Thank you to Mrs Collett who worked hard to achieve this for the school.



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Starfish Malawi



The children at the Napache school in Malawi were very excited when they received all the donations sent by the school. They were extremely happy with the precious gifts that we sent and the equipment is so important to them. It will make such a difference to their learning and lives. Thank you for your donations and continued support.

myHappyMind Commissioner's visit



On Wednesday this week, we invited in two of the Bexley Commissioner's from myHappyMind. We were chosen to host this due to our success at implementing the programme and also the support from parent's downloading the app. The Commissioner's went into myHappyMind sessions in class, spoke to children and staff. They were very impressed with what they saw!

If you do not have the app then here it is and the code needed is **142228**.





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Fundraising this Half Term

Jeans for Genes Day

On 19th September, we supported Jeans for Genes Day. The school raised just over £450 which will be used to help those who live with a genetic condition. Thank you for your support.



NSPCC Kindness Challenge



All the children took part in the NSPCC Kindness challenge last week. This was to raise money into funding Childline. It was lovely to see many children wearing stickers showing that they had been kind to someone else. Thank you for the donations made to support Childline in continuing to provide their wonderful support for vulnerable children.

Remembrance Poppies



It is coming to that special time of remembrance. When we return to school after half term (3rd November), we will be selling poppies in school in order to raise funds for the Royal British Legion. The suggested donation is 50p. The clergy team will be leading a special worship of remembrance on Thursday 6th November.



Parent Evenings



On Thursday last week and Wednesday of this week we invited all our parents in to meet with their child's class teacher. It was an opportunity to see how they have settled in and to see what work they had produced since returning in September. Thank you for your support and it was lovely to see you all.

Reminders!

Driving Congestion



If you drive your child to school, please continue to give consideration to our neighbours and passing pedestrians. Do not block driveways, park illegally or stop on the "school keep clear" signs to drop your child off. Please also be mindful of pedestrians if you carry out a 3-point turn outside the school as we have received reports of a couple of near misses this term. Please do not encourage your child/ren to cross over the road while you wait in your car. If you want them do this then they need to use the Zebra crossing to keep themselves safe.

Uniform

Please remember to name all of your child's clothing. The lost property has already built up with many items left unclaimed. Children are not allowed to wear any other footwear apart from black shoes on days where they do not have PE. The only bags allowed are book bags or back packs. Tote bags are not allowed.





Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 4 November	School photos (individual) If your child has PE on either of these days, then they need to wear their school uniform to school and not their PE kit.
Wednesday 5 November	School photos (family) If your child has PE on either of these days, then they need to wear their school uniform to school and not their PE kit.
Friday 21 November	Children in Need – PJ day
Thursday 27 November	St Andrew’s Day – wear blue and white
Friday 28 November	Bring a bottle/own clothes day for PTA Christmas Fair
Saturday 29 November	PTA Christmas Fair
Tuesday 9 December	Nursery & Reception Nativity @ 9.30am Year 1 Nativity @ 2.00pm
Wednesday 10 December	Year 2 Nativity @ 9.30am Nursery & Reception @ 2.00pm
Thursday 11 December	Year 1 Nativity @ 9.30am Year 2 Nativity @ 2.00pm
Friday 12 December	Christmas Jumper day
Monday 15 December	Year 3 grandparent event 2.00pm
Tuesday 16 December	Year 3 grandparent event 9.30am
Wednesday 17 December	Christmas dinner
Thursday 18 December	Christmas services at St Mary’s for Years 3 to 6
Friday 19 December @ 1.30pm	End of term
Monday 5 January	New term starts



You will be sent reminders for all dates for the Christmas events and performances will be given out next half term.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back on **Monday 3rd November @ 8.30am**

Take care
Mrs J Ivis
Head Teacher



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