

Friday 19th December

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas News



Festive fever has been in the air for the past couple of weeks at Old Bexley!

The PTA Grinchmas Fair launched our Christmas with lots of families enjoying all the different stalls and activities on offer.

The younger children have all performed in 9 different Christmas events and it was a privilege and a joy to be able to watch all of them. As well as the Nativities in EYFS and KS1, we also invited the Grandparents of Year 3 children in, had 4 separate Christmas services at St Mary's led by Rev Ian Smith and had the brilliant Christmas concert at Christ Church Bexleyheath organised by Mrs Kibby.



This week has ended with the CRIBs performance for all the school, the Christmas lunch and the Christmas Sing Off by children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It has been a wonderful way to end 2025 at Old Bexley.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support. It has been lovely to be able to invite parents and family in to school to celebrate many events with us. Also thank you for all the cards and gifts I have received. It is much appreciated.



What have we been up to?

Reception



Reception have been learning all about different celebrations. They enjoyed making diya lamps for Diwali and a poppy wreath for Remembrance Day.

They have also worked hard to learn songs and words for the EYFS nativity show, which was a great success.

Year 1



We have been learning about the advent wreath and the meaning of each candle in our RE lessons. We have learnt the meaning of advent, talked about our calendars and also made a wreath of our own.

Year 2



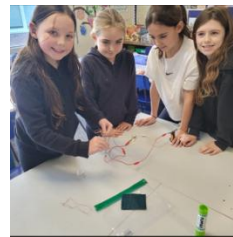
This half term the Year 2 children participated in a Victorian School day workshop. They learnt about what schools were like in the past and pretended that they were children in that time.

Year 3



Years 3 and 4 have been learning everything there is to know about Ancient Egypt. Children took part in a Freshwater Theatre workshop where they learnt how the Ancient Egyptians lived from 3100 BC to 30 BC!

Year 4



For their science topic, Year 4 made a steady hand game using a simple circuit.

Year 5



Year 5 have been working hard on their sewing skills. As part of their DT/Textiles learning, they have been making their own bag. We began the unit by studying bag designers and looking at their designs before deconstructing a tote bag to see its pieces. Once we had done that, we practised our sewing skills by threading a needle, creating a small pocket pouch and tying the thread off. We then designed a bag before using fabric scissors and glue to construct it and add accessories. It was great fun but it was so hard to thread those needles!!

Year 6



This half term, Years 5 and 6 took part in money workshops, teaching them basic money management and essential skills to help them make informed decisions about money in the future. They learnt about topics such as budgeting, saving and spending.

Fundraising this half term



The school has supported the following charities this half term:

- The Royal British Legion over £329.73 was raised for the Poppy Appeal
- Children in Need £782.87 was raised
- Greenwich & Bexley Hospice – the total amount has yet to be confirmed

Thank you as always for your generous donations.



Christmas book mark competition



Our Agents of Change children organised a Christmas book mark competition for the children in Key Stage 2. They then took the book marks to a local care home to give to the residents. They all had a lovely time spending time with the residents, playing games and listening to their stories. Thank you to Mrs Collett for organising this.

PTA



The PTA have had a very busy half term. Thank you to all PTA members for their hard work in organising the Christmas Fair. It was a great success and raised over £5500. If you are interested in joining the PTA and helping them out at future events, you can contact them via email: oldbexleypta1@gmail.com



Please can also make a special mention for wonderful Cindy Lou and the grumpy Grinch who joined us at the fair.



The PTA paid for the company 'West End in Schools' to come and perform the pantomine Beauty and the beast. They did 3 shows over the day which were enjoyed by all of the children. Thank you to our PTA for their lovely Christmas gift to all of the children.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Old Bexley, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and restful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 5th January.**

Best wishes
Mrs J Ivl

