



We hope that you have all enjoyed and benefitted from the two consecutive bank holidays. We know that the children have enjoyed taking part in school based activities to mark the historic event of the King's Coronation and whether you celebrated or not, it was important for our pupils to understand the significance of the event in British history. The PTA Coronation fete was a resounding success and it was so lovely to see so many of you there supporting the school and the PTA.

Our commitment to enriching learning experiences has seen many trips either take place or due to take place including a Hall Place visit for Year 1, a farm visit for Reception, a trip to the Globe Theatre for Year 6 and a local area visit to Bexleyheath Library for Year 3. You will note from our Knowledge Organisers shared at the start of the half term, our topics are heavily History focused and on learning walks it has been great to see the learning activities and high level pupil engagement taking place in the classroom.

We are particularly proud of our Year 6 pupils who have this week, completed their SATs tests. I am sure you will have heard the statements in the press regarding the content of the tests and whether they are a suitable measure of pupils' achievement. Putting this aside, our pupils approached each test with a positive and calm attitude giving 100% effort and for that, we say a huge well done to them all!



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Head Teacher Postcard: Blake (R) Jake (Y3) Talha, Yusuf, Shaylan, Jake, Milan, Maggie-May (Y5)

Teacher Postcard: Arlo, Arabella, Suveer (Y2)

Languages: Akain (Y1) 1st place in French competition

Football: Albert, Freddie (Y4) Velencie (Y3) player of the match

Dance: Santi (Y1) Dancer of the week

Rainbows: Erin (Y2) certificate

Swimming: Ayla (Y2) Stage 3

TTRS Stars: Rio, Holly, Noah, Millie M, Samuel, Logan (Y1) Fayzan,

Isabella, Scarlett, Sienna, Tayyibah (Y3) Lacey, Perla, Josephine (Y4)

TTRS Legends: James (Y3) Abhinav, Sami, Jayden, Mokshu, Raj, Paige (Y4)

TTRS Hero: Lois (Y4)

Completion of the Top Ten Texts: Damian (Y3) Arnav (Y5)

Pen licence: Jacob (Y3)

Digger Dane Football cup final competition: Talha, Luke, Beau, Arthur, Liam, Hayden, Taylan, Joseph, Clive, Isaiah (Y6) Runners Up.



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 16th May – Year 3 McQueen trip to Central Library

Wednesday 17th May – EY's Bee workshop

Thursday 18th May – Year 6 visit to the Globe Theatre

Thursday 25th May – PTA Pyjama Day

Friday 26th May – Year 5 trip – River Thames
End of summer term 1

Better Together,
Together Achieving



Pupil Voice:

This week has been SATs week for all Year 6 pupils across the country. Here's what some of our Year 6 pupils had to say about their SATs experience:

Hayden "it was quite fun -we had extra breaks"
Preet "SATs breakfast was fun!"

Laurie "it was easier because we had done practise SATs before"
Alicia "it was nice going off into different groups"

Paige S "it was made to be enjoyable"

Ruby S "practise SATs were harder; they made it easier than expected"

Help & Advice:

Bexley Moorings Project is a charity that supports young people aged 8 to 17 living in the London Borough of Bexley. Young people that meet the criteria are offered an adult befriender and/or the chance to attend one of Bexley Moorings groups. The purpose of the befriender is to support the young person with any problems they are having and help them grow in confidence. The befriender is fully DBS checked.

The service supports young people struggling with anxiety, low mood and depression, running groups that support young people with their social interaction and peer support.

More information can be found on their website:
<https://www.bexleymoorings.co.uk/>

Notices:

PTA Update

A message from the PTA:

"A huge thank you for all the support and help given to us leading up to and during the Coronation fete. It was huge success and we raised £3,866.75 which is an amazing amount, and will be used well within the school and for the children. We couldn't have done it without the sponsor from Eldridge estates. As well as every company that donated to the raffle and the day. Thank you to all the volunteers that gave their time on the day. And to all the parents, careers, friends, children and loved ones that came along to see us and support us on the day."

Prime Drinks:

A number of children have been arriving at school with 'Prime' drink bottles. We are aware that this drink is popular at the moment among young people and we are expecting that the Prime bottles being brought into school contain water only and not the drink itself. We have been made informed that there is also a Prime can drink which is a drink intended to boost energy and not something that is suitable for children.

Attendance and Punctuality:



School attendance is mandatory for all pupils.

This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 95.8%.

Our attendance last week was 93.6% which is above national but below our own target. This week our attendance was 95.3% which is above national but below our target.

Last week, the highest attendance was in Gormley Class with 95.2% attendance. Well done to the pupils in Gormley Class. This week the highest attendance goes O'Keeffe and Kahlo classes who both had attendance of 100%. Well done to all of the pupils in Kahlo and O'Keeffe classes.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.