

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2024. We hope that you all had a restful break and we wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. For those of you who did watch the Christmas Day King's speech, you may have noticed some familiar faces. We were thrilled to have been asked by Bexley Music to take part in what I'm sure you'll agree, was an exceptional experience and event. A huge well done to all of the children who took part. Their commitment to music really did shine through!

With the first two weeks already complete, it will not be long until we are half way through the spring term. This half term is busy for all year groups with trips planned in Year 1 and Year 6 and a range of sporting events scheduled to take place.

In other news, we can reveal the winning name for our library bus – 'Bookingham Palace' received an overwhelming 'yes' from the majority of the staff and pupils and we are now in discussions with various companies to officiate the bus with



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher postcard: Rahaat, Anna, Lyra, Hugo, Teddy, Freddy (Y1) Ronnie-Bow, Kirpa (Y2) Freddie, Joshua, Daley (Y3) Ryan, James (Y4) Lillie-Rose, Max (Y5) Amaan, Talha (Y6)

Teacher postcard: Luke, Emilia, Isabelle, Frasier, Elsie, Archie, George, Albie (Y1), Santi, Billy, Kody, Rocco, Isabelle, Adam, Ambar, Renzo, Ronnie (Y2) Freddie (Y3) Finley, Elsie (Y4) Izzy, Rammim, Jaida (Y5)

Football: Daman, Bobby, Billy, Akain (Y2) Daley, Ben (Y3) Jake (Y4) Players of the match

Swimming: Riley, Harrison (Y1) Daisy, Joshua, Holly, Roman, Isabelle, (Y2) Isabella (Y4)

Pen Licence: Sarwan, Harrison, Tilly, Sam, Olive, Ella (Y4) Samuel, Sophia (Y5)

Top Ten Texts: Rehaan, Darcie (Y3)

Climbing Award: Albie (Y2)

Park Run: Erin (Y1) for completing 50 park runs

Irish Dancing: Erin (Y1) 4th place

Gymnastics: Amba (Y3) Anna (Y1)

TTRS Star: Isabella, Damian, Jacob (Y4) **Legend:** Sarwan, Riley, Scarlett, James, Fayzan, Tayibbah, Zac (Y4)



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 31st January – Reception parent reading workshop at 2:30pm – small hall, access via KS1 gates

Tuesday 6th February – Year 1 'Safari Pete' workshop (school based)

Wednesday 7th February – Nursery 2024 prospective parent open afternoon from 2:00pm

Thursday 8th February – Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

Better Together,
Together



Community Links & News:

With February half term only a few weeks away, local providers are offering activity clubs that may be of interest:

Jacqueline's Gems: 12th to 16th Feb; arts and crafts, outdoor activities, baking and games. More information:

www.iacqgemschildcare.com

Concept4Football: 12th to 16th Feb; multi-sports club at Old Bexley Primary or football at Danson Sports Club. More information:

www.concept4football.co.uk

Pupil Voice:

The children have had a super start to the new term and year. Here are some of their highlights:

Lillie Rose – "I'm enjoying learning about different life cycles in Science because it's interesting to see how different animals grow".

Rohan – "I love our class text, Clockwork by Philip Pullman, as it is a mysterious book that I am always anticipating to read."

Antonio – "I have really enjoyed learning methods to help me when multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100 and linking this learning to find 1/10 or 1/100 of an amount."

Skye – "I have liked reading 'Coming to England' which is our core text. I have enjoyed this because I have discovered more about the Windrush Generation."

Paige – "I have enjoyed coming back to school and seeing my friends after Christmas."

Kody – "I really like the new topic about living things and when we thought about what we need to do to help Betsy survive."

Notices:



Cold Weather:

With the weather turning colder, please be careful on school site. Our premises team endeavour to grit the paths and walkways but please help us to keep the site safe by encouraging the children to walk and not run.

In the event of snowfall, any school updates will be shared on Parent Mail and our website.

Attendance and Punctuality:



School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. We continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%.

Our attendance for the week of 8th January was 95.8% which is above national and just below our target. Gormley class had the best attendance with 99.7% - well done to the pupils in Gormley class.

This week our attendance is 94.7%, below national and below our target. McQueen and Wiltshire classes had the best attendance with 99.7%. Well done to pupils in McQueen and Wiltshire Classes.

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