

It is hard to believe that another year has passed, it only seems like a few months ago that we were starting 2023/24 welcoming our new EYFS pupils and settling the children into their new classes. Yet here we are at the end of another successful year. We have now said goodbye to our Year 6's and wished them well as they transition on to secondary school and have had our 'meet my teacher' events to provide the children with the chance to spend some time with their new teacher in their new classroom ready for September. The last few weeks have seen Year 1, 3, 4 and 5 go out on visits to include Hall Place, British Museum and Crossness Pumping Station. We have also seen our Year 6 children perform their production of 'The Lion King' which was as always spectacular. We finish the year on a positive and whilst we look forward to 2024/25, we also look forward to a rest and recharge. On behalf of all the staff, we thank you for your continued support and wish you all an enjoyable and hopefully sunny, summer.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard: Wiltshire Class (Y2) Esther (Y1)

Teacher postcard: Bronte, George F, Noah (Y1) Daman, Daisy, Rocco, George, Millie C, Noah, Roman, Albert, Arman, Millie M, Billy, Bobby, Santi, Alice, Alfie (Y2) Gursimar, Archie (Y3); Zac, Florence, Velencie, Mina, Olivia, Skye, Avni, Lucas, Elsie, Skye, Finley, Austin, Amelia, Isabelle, Jake (Y4) Florence, Natalie (Y5)

Football: Hugo, Henry (Y1) Ben (Y3) Velencie, Zac (Y4)

Swimming: Nellie (R) Stage 2, Esi-Marie (Y1) level I; Jacob (Y1) 20m; George H (Y1) Stage 3 Ronnie (Y3); Erin (Y3) stage 4; Maisie (Y4) 108 lengths in 1 hour, 1st in Kent for front crawl, 3rd back stroke, 2nd butterfly, 3rd overall; Sienna (Y4) stage 10; Sam (Y4) stage 6; Jayden (Y5) selected for the Bexley District team

Gymnastics: Srinika, Isabella, Harper, Tanishi (YR) Bethany (Y1) Daisy (Y2) bronze medal

Performing Arts: Olive (Y4)

Cubs: Damian (Y4) medal

Brownies: Olive, Ella (Y4) silver medals

Running: Emilia (Y1) running 1 mile under 10 minutes; Finley (Y4) ran mile in 6m 47s; Zac (Y4) ran mile in 8m 30s; Lacey (Y6) 5K

Life Skills: Bethany (Y1) London lifesaver course; Damian (Y4) drowning prevention

Karate: Jake (Y4) blue and green belt; Rohan (Y5) blue/white belt

Athletics: Emilia (Y1) gold medal x2, silver and bronze medals; Skye (Y4) bronze; Zachary (Y4) gold medal

Piano: Scarlett (Y4) grade 2

French Club: Sarnaee, Esther, Abigail (Y1) Akain, Yashitha, Roman (Y2)

Submarine experience: Albie (Y2)

Royal Legion Poppy Appeal: Certificate of

Irish Dancing: Lily (Y1) 1st, 2nd and 5th

Free Readers: Kaleisha, Ruby, Isla, Fraiser (Y1)

Park Runs: Logan (Y2) & Skye (Y4) completed 100 park runs

Cricket Competition: Daisy-Rae, Talha, Maddie, Shaylan, Reuben, Arnab, Darcie (Y6) Mokshu, Saajun (Y5)

ICT Challenge competition: Lucia E, Fayzan, Marty (Y4)

Football tournament: Daisy, Lacey (Y5) Jake, Talha, Reuben, Kwasi (Y6)

Top Ten Texts: Harry B, Lottie, Teddy (Y1) Tavish, Samuel W, Ambar, Akain (Y2) Aaron, Deergh, Ozzy (Y3)

Pen Licence: Georgie (Y2) Rammim (Y5)

TTRS Star: Harry, Jaideep (Y5) **Hero:** Daniel (Y5) **Legend:** Zeliya, Sophia A, Nicole (Y5)

Half Term Achievers:

N: Aiden, Ella Freya, Jaiden; **R:** Albert, Charlie, Kitty, Nellie, Oscar, Albie, Kevron, Pavneet, Sophia, Natasha; **Y1:** Abigail, Fraiser, Ilana, Sarnaee, Bronte, Aaron, Bethany, Henry, Hugo, Luke, Ravneer; **Y2:** Aiken, Albie, Arthur, Ollie, Roman, Amelia, Bobby, Harry, Logan, Oliver; **Y3:** Aarna, Ben, Hannah, Kemi, Mia, Aria, Daley, Gursimar, Kimaya, Sean; **Y4:** Lucia E, Riley, Ryan, Scarlett, Summayyah, Alex, Velencie, Zachary, Skyla, Gabe; **Y5:** Amber, Josh, Mokshu Paige, Riley, Max, Melissa, Rohan, Sophia A, Tommy; **Y6:** Chloe, Fikayo, Priya, Ruby, Yusuf, Sofia, Hema, Tamara, Matilda, Keyaan, Hardaya.

Notices:

Uniform:

Please ensure that when you buy new uniform for September, that this is in line with the school uniform expectations. Whilst we offer a relaxed approach to uniform we ask that you continue to ensure that your child wears the correct uniform. Please see the website for more information.



Diary Dates:

Monday 2nd September: *first day of 2024/25 – INSET Day*

Tuesday 3rd September: *Pupils return; Y1 and Y2 'meet the teacher' at 3:30pm*

Wednesday 4th September: *Y3 and Y4 'meet the teacher' at 3:30pm*

Thursday 5th September: *Y5 and Y6 'meet the teacher' at 3:30pm*



Better Together,
Together

Community Links & News:

School Attendance guidance is changing!

As of the 19th August, new statutory guidance will come into effect: 'Working together to improve school attendance'.

It details what schools, parents and Local Authorities should do to improve pupils' attendance at school.

We strongly encourage you to take the time to read the additional document shared which outlined the key points of this guidance. Further information can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>

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%.

For the week of the 1st July our whole school attendance was 93.8%. Brunel Class had the best attendance with 97.9%, well done to pupils in Brunel Class.

Last week, our attendance was 94.4%. Kahlo class had the best attendance with 98% - well done to pupils in Kahlo Class!

This week our attendance was 92.8%. Kahlo class had the best attendance with 99.6% - well done to the pupils in Kahlo Class!

Don't forget, you can keep an eye on your child's attendance rate in your Arbor app.

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine. New guidance begins from 19th August 2024 (please see above for more information).



School Attendance

[New Statutory Duty for Attendance from 19.08.2024 - Information for Parents](#)

The Department for Education has issued new statutory guidance for attendance called *Working Together to Improve School Attendance*. This comes into effect on the 19th August 2024. It details what schools, parents and Local Authorities should do to improve pupils' attendance at school.

There are some important changes to attendance management from the 19th August 2024 which will affect the support parents and pupils receive from schools, and the legal sanctions that are used in certain circumstances.

Schools are legally obliged to provide support and intervention for pupils who are at risk of persistent absence (90% attendance or below). This will take the form of meetings with parents, school-based interventions, and the offer of support from outside agencies and professionals.

Schools are very keen to identify the barriers to attendance that families face and will welcome opportunities to overcome these barriers together. However, when a child's attendance falls outside of the parental legal obligations to send their child to school, there are legal pathways that must be followed.

Changes to Penalty Notices:

Term Time Leave

If a pupil takes unauthorised term time leave for 10 consecutive sessions or more (generally 5 days) they will be subject to a penalty notice. The fine for a penalty notice is increasing - to £80 per parent, per child. This increases to £160 if paid after 21 days but within 28 days for pupils who are of statutory school age. If a penalty notice remains unpaid, parents may be the subject of court proceedings for failing to ensure the regular school attendance of their child and this could result in a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a term of imprisonment of up to 3 months per parent.

For second offences of unauthorised term time leave (10 consecutive sessions or more) within a three-year rolling period, the fine is a flat £160 per parent, per child.

For the third offence in a three-year rolling period, the referral will be automatically considered for prosecution in relation to Section 444 Education Act 1996.

These fines will apply to term time leave taken after 19th August 2024. Previous penalty notices from the last 3 years will be taken into account when a period of term time leave is taken after the 19th August 2024. Therefore, if parents have already received one penalty notice in the last three years, they will get a fine of £160 per parent per child for their next one. If they have received two or more in the last three years, they should expect to be referred for prosecution.

Working Together

As part of the 'Working together to improve attendance,' we also meet with the school's allocated Educational Welfare Officer, appointed by Bexley Local Authority, every half term to provide information inclusive of Persistent absence and severe persistent absence and to discuss actions needed.

This is in line with our letters home and your access to Arbor which will keep you informed of your child's attendance percentage and any necessary actions needed.

The lead people for attendance in our school are:

- Miss L Childs - Headteacher
- Mrs S Sugden - Administration Officer and school Trust attendance representative
- Allocated LA Educational Welfare Officer

The Government expects Schools and Local Authorities to:

- Promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence;
- Ensure every pupil has access to full time education to which they are entitled
- Act early to address patterns of absence
- Parents to perform their legal duty by ensuring their children on compulsory school age who are registered at school attend regularly
- All pupils to be punctual to their lessons