



With only one full week left before the term ends and with most of our festivities complete, we can reflect upon and celebrate the many successes of the first term of the school year. Our sporting achievements in football and netball, our joining of the Children's University and our many trips and workshops have all helped to make this half term a great start to the academic year. For the first time, we held our KS2 Christmas concert at Christ Church in Bexleyheath. It was a wonderful event that really reminded the children about the meaning of Christmas. It was also so lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance. Over the last few weeks, our Reception children have enjoyed finding out more about community heroes with a visit to the local fire station and visits from PCSO's and the ambulance service. In Year 4, the children enjoyed a trip to Lullingstone Villas to enrich their topic on the Romans and our Year 3's have enjoyed a Stone Age workshop. Although this will be our last newsletter this side of the new year, the first edition of our pupil newsletter will be shared with you all next Friday. We are very excited to relaunch the pupil newsletter with a new team and a new format... watch this space! We wish all of our families an enjoyable half term and for those celebrating, a merry Christmas.



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard: Scarlett (Y5) Lettie (Y4)

Swimming: Anna (R) Ethan (Y6) Ella (Y3) Lacey (Y5)

Gymnastics: Ben (Y2) Dominic (Y4)

Performing Arts: Lacey (Y4) Performer of the year

Reading the Top 10 Texts for their year: Abhinav (Y4),

Pen Licence: Paige, Raj, Mokshu, Sidney (Y4) Lucia E,
Sammy, Summayyah (Y3)

TTRS: Star: Yuvraj, Joshua, Harry, Josephine, Caley, Amber
(Y4)

TTRS Legend: Roop, Lois, Isha (Y4)



Diary Dates:

Monday 12th December- Nursery (10:30am) and
Reception (1:15pm) Christmas events

Friday 16th December – Sponsored Rudolph Run in
support of Greenwich & Bexley Hospice (see
separate Parent Mail)

Tuesday 20th December – last day of autumn term.
The school finishes at 1:30pm

Better Together,
Together Achieving



Pupil Voice

This week, our pupil voice comes from some of our Year 2 pupils who share the favourite part of their recent visit to the London Eye:

Elise *"I really enjoyed seeing all the landmarks in real life. We could see so much from the top of the London Eye, I loved seeing the Elizabeth Tower, also known as Big Ben"*

Teddy *"The London Eye was brilliant. It was a big wheel. It was so good to see Big Ben."*

Arabella *"It was a really fun and exciting day. My favourite part was when we reached the top of the London Eye."*

Rehaan *"It was a good day because when we went to the top we could see lots of landmarks we had learnt about."*

Notices:

After School Club

There will be no after school club on Tuesday 20th December because of the early school finish. If you usually use the provision for your child on a Tuesday, please ensure you make alternative arrangements.

School Ready

Please ensure that your child arrives to school with all that they need for the day which must include an appropriate winter coat particularly now the weather has become very cold. A polite reminder that on non-PE days, children should be wearing school shoes, this does not include boots or trainers.

Help & Advice:

ASDA have launched their 'kids eat for £1' programme which means all over the Christmas period and into March 2023, children can have a hot or cold meal for £1 at any of the ASDA restaurants located in store.

They are also offering free Ella's baby food pouches with any purchase for infants under the age of 18 months.

If you have a relative or neighbour who is over 60, they can access ASDA's £1 soup and roll offer too.

If you are heading to Bluewater this half term why not visit the ASDA Greenhithe to take up one of the offers above. More information can be found: <https://www.asda.com/about/instore/cafe>

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 94.4%, which is above the government's minimum expectation of 92% but below our school target. This week, our attendance was a very poor 91.5% which is well below both targets – let's try better Belmont!

The highest attendance last week was in Picasso class who had a 96.2% attendance. Well done Picasso class! This week the highest attendance was in McQueen class with 95.7%. Well done to all of the pupils in McQueen class.

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

