

BENCHILL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are, at the end of another very busy year, during which we seem to have got through a great deal. The children have been involved in lots of trips out - Foundation Stage visiting the farm, Y5 enjoying their trip to York, Y6 to Robinwood and our Science Competition winners visiting the Museum of Science and Industry. As usual, the children have been a credit to yourselves and the school when they go on visits.

Everyone in school has worked really hard this year, so it's no wonder both staff and children are tired. However, the school's end of year results have made it all worthwhile, with success being reflected in results right across the school.

ATTENDANCE

Our attendance has also improved slightly this year - looks like our incentives are working. Next year we hope to do even better - and working together, we can really try to meet our target of 98%. Our 100% and 'Most Improved Attendance' winners enjoyed their trip to Lego Land.

SPORTS NEWS

The children have had a very successful sporting year. With support from Mrs Fox, Miss Rawsthorne and our MCFC coaches, they have really excelled. Amongst other things, Y5 won the Wythenshawe Athletics tournament, competing against Baguley Hall and Newall Green Primary schools; Y5 and Y6 won the Didsbury Primary Schools Football tournaments; Y3 and Y4 won the South Manchester Sports Coordinators tournament and the South Manchester Sports Partnership awarded our school with the Fair Play Award for the year!

Our Sports Days were also a great success this year - and it was fabulous to see so many of you supporting your children.

EVENTS & OTHER NEWS

SUMMER FAIR

A big 'Thank-you' to all who turned up to the Summer Fair. We were really lucky with the weather - the rain held off - and we managed to raise a magnificent £1250 for school funds. Miss Holt deserves a huge thanks for being the main organising force.

PORRIDGE!

The Y6 Summer Production was exceptionally well received this year. Thanks to so many of you for coming to watch - it was a sell out! I know all those who attended thoroughly enjoyed the event - some real stars for the future, there! Watch out 'Britain's got Talent'!

DIGITAL LEADERS

This year some pupils from Y4 and Y5 applied to become Digital Leaders. Their role has included helping around school, delivering and supporting in assemblies and completing challenges to earn virtual badges!



The Y4 digital leaders attended a final network meeting on Tuesday 2nd July, where they had to deliver a presentation and were presented with their certificates. Unfortunately, the Y5 digital leaders were on the residential to York but they worked as hard as the others and have also received their certificates.

SCIENCE COMPETITION

British Science week took place in March this year and was a huge success, with all children across the school participating in scientific activities. The KS2 Super Scientist competition winners got to spend the day recently exploring the MOSI.



CHARITIES

Next year the school will be working closely with both the Christie NHS Foundation Trust and UNICEF.

RIGHTS RESPECTING PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Some of our Y5 children have been involved in setting up a Rights Respecting Pupil Parliament, along with 14 other schools across Manchester. We are looking at what we can change in our local environment to help work towards achieving the global goals. Keep your ears open and eyes peeled in September to find out more about the work our children will be doing.

YEAR 6

All the staff at Benchill wish you every success at your new school. Good luck on your travels!



SUMMER HOLIDAYS & NEXT YEAR

We are all looking forward to another successful year, working together to make sure your children enjoy school and make good progress.

As your child moves up in school there are some very important things than you can do this summer to help them succeed.

- Take the time to listen to your child read and make sure that they are reading every day for at least 15 minutes.
- Practice their maths facts so that they will be ready for the next step in September.
- Encourage your child to write often.
- If you go on holiday this summer, then encourage your child to take a journal with them and write a little bit about their trip each day. This is a great way for children to get their thoughts organised on paper. There are some great suggestions for how to support your child on the school website.
- Encourage good social skills and help them to make good choices and order for themselves if you go out to eat.

All these things will help your child have greater success in the next school year.



STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have to say goodbye to:

- Miss Kane (Nursery TA)
- Miss Raynor (Nursery TA)
- Miss Doohan (TA in 3D)

We give a warm Benchill welcome to:

- Mr Nelson (Teacher in Year 1)
- Mrs McCallin (TA in Year 3)

Weddings:

- Miss Oakley will become Mrs Ross
- Miss Staniszewska will become Mrs Ainsworth



DATE AND REMINDERS

Please note that school reopens on Tuesday the 3rd of September, with classroom doors opening at 8.45am.

I would like to thank everyone who has sent their child to school in uniform. It really does make a difference to attitude, and engenders a sense of pride in belonging to Benchill. The Governors of the school do have a school uniform policy that is available for anyone who would like a copy. For the new term, it is important that ALL pupils are in uniform, and with their PE Kit, with all items labelled with your child's name.

Please make a real effort to ensure we have a smart start to the new term and that your child is dressed appropriately. Jewellery should not be worn, with the exception of studs, which need to be removed during PE lessons.



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Last but not least, I would like to wish everyone a very happy summer holiday. Have a great time, and keep safe. Looking forward to welcoming you back to school in September.

Mrs Eken
Headteacher

