



Newsletter



Attendance:

CLASS

Reception	92.5%
Y1 Ash	95%
Y2 Hazel	94%
Y2 Laurel	95.2%
Y3 Elm	96.1%
Y4 Pine	95%
Y5 Willow	97%
Y6 Poplar	97.7%
Y6 Oak	98.4%

Well done to Y6 Oak once more! Please note that no term time holidays will be authorised and may result in a fine.

A message from the Head of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is the last week of a very busy term. We have enjoyed a very successful book week and science week (see more overleaf about this) where we all became scientists! As well as this, children have enjoyed trips out, and Year 5 have performed at New Cross Station and will be performing at Peckham Academy as part of the song fest.

At last, the days are getting lighter and (slightly) warmer! This means that children often leave their coats on the playground. Please can you make sure that your child's coat has their name labelled inside—as this makes it much easier for us to find it if it does go missing. Lost property is now located in the foyer near the office—so if your child does lose any of their clothing, please look there.

Can I also remind you that before school, there is no adult supervision on the playground. Therefore, you must stay with your child until the bell rings unless your child goes to Breakfast club. We have had a few incidences where (young) children have been left without adult supervision.

Please remember that we break up at 1.30 on Friday 5th April. Children return to school on Tuesday 23rd April—there is no INSET day straight after the holidays.

Have a lovely, relaxing break.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Ireland (Head of School)

DATES FOR YOUR Diary

5/4/19—Break up at 1.30
23/4/19—Return to school
25/4/19—Y4 trip to the British Museum.
10/5/19—Y3 at the Migration museum.
13/5/19—Y6 SATS week
23/5/19—school closes at 3.30

SOUTHWARK CLEAN AIR

Do you know that London is one of the most polluted places in the UK? Since 2010, London has suffered from illegal levels of air pollution. This has resulted in local areas creating clean air strategies in order to reduce pollution.

An easy way in which you can help to reduce pollution is by turning off your engine when you are waiting for your child to come out of school. When cars are stationary but the engine is running, exhausts choke the air with toxic chemicals such as cyanide, NOx and PM2.5 which can lead to asthma, heart disease and lung disease.

I would also like to point out that since January 2018, parking wardens are able to issue a fine if a driver refuses to switch off their engine.

Let's work together to make Southwark air cleaner—and **please switch off your engine.**

WE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Last week, we enjoyed an inspirational assembly from Jamie who works for the WE charity. Jamie told us the story of how WE was founded. It all began when a 12 year old boy called Craig Kielburger was reading through the newspaper when he was stopped short by the story of the murder of a 12 year old former child slave who was murdered because he spoke up for human rights. This inspired Craig to set up WE with the aim to free children and their families from poverty and exploitation.

After the assembly, Year 5 had a workshop with Jamie and they decided to tackle the theme of hunger. Next term, we will be running a series of fundraising events in order to raise as much money as we can for Pecan Foodbank which is invaluable in helping families facing crisis. More information on these events will be in the next newsletter.

Science Week – Be a Scientist!

Two weeks ago, as you will already know, was Science Week and wow, what a week it was! We had a week full of scientific fun and learning. We honed our scientific skills: conducting experiments, observing closely and asking lots of questions to further our learning. To give a flavour of a few of the activities that we experienced, please read on...

We investigated water and air pressure when we created 'Diving pen tops' (also known as Cartesian divers). The pen tops sank to the bottom when the bottle was squeezed (which caused the air bubble in the pen lid to shrink) and rose to the top when the pressure was released (which caused the air bubble in the pen lid to expand).

We looked at a slow motion clip of corn popping and discussed how the water inside each kernel turns into steam when heated, which increases the pressure inside until it bursts through the husk. Then we ate popcorn! Mmmm!

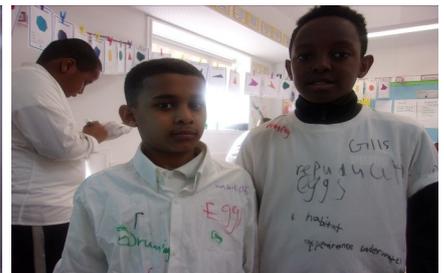
We created a vacuum with our 'There's a hole in my bottle' experiment. We were amazed by how the water squirted through the holes when the bottle lid was off but then stopped when the lid was replaced!

We also looked really carefully at close up photos of everyday objects, to see if we could work out what the object was. We discussed the colours, shapes, textures and whether we thought the object was natural or man-made.

Furthermore, we made butter from milk; homemade lava lamps and used alkaline and (mildly!) acidic solutions to create secret writing.

Throughout the week, we also added scientific vocabulary to our 'lab coats' so that we had a fabulous science word bank and a memento of our wonderful week!

The week would not have been so successful without all of the donated bottles, jars and lab coats. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this!



Safeguarding

As you would expect, safeguarding your children is our first priority here at Bellenden. We have a safeguarding policy that can be found on our website or, alternatively, you can speak to Emma-Jayne or Susan if you would like to obtain a hard copy of the policy.

Please visit our website for more information: www.bellenden.southwark.sch.uk