

With the first term of the school year drawing to a close, we can all look forward to a well earned half term break. The last few weeks have seen the children take part in their festive performances which were enjoyed by the many parents who attended. It is always so lovely to see the children shine and enjoy the singing and performing and the response from many who attended was pleasing and positive.

We recognise that for some children this time of year can be overwhelming and sensory triggering and to support with consistency we have tried as much as possible to keep to timetable with the odd adaptation. This week, the children enjoyed burning off some of their energy taking part in the Rudolph run in support of Greenwich and Bexley Hospice. KS2 also enjoyed watching the Year 2 performance of 'A Christmas Toy Story' which was truly spectacular! We look forward to moving into a new year and a new term.

Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard: Stefano (Y1) Thea (Y4) Fraser, Zara (Y6)

Teacher postcard: Roma, Joshua (R) Freddie, Jaya, Kevron, Sophia, Evie, Isabella, Olivia, Lilly, Pearl, Harper, Stefano, Aliza, Imogen, Oscar, all of Year 1 (Y1) Frasier, Esther, Ruby, Liam, Lottie, George H, Mason, Ronnie, Jacob, Archie, Emilia (Y2); Isabella, Sahvan, Rocco, Bobby, Freddie, Luke,

(Y3); Jasmine, Jenson, Arabella, Vivienne, Deergh, Austin, Mia, Daisy, Freddie, Suveer, Reggie, Harrison, Elsie, Louie, Ronnie, Erin, Aaron, Teddy, Darcie, Frankie (Y4) Isabella, Lucia E, Zac, Riley, Tayyibah, Sienna, Harrison K, Noah, Scarlett (Y5) Sami, Jessica, Harry W, Zeliya, Sofia B (Y6)

Swimming: Ayda 10m, Arthur Stage I (R); Harry Stage 5, Ruby L Stage 4 Jacob (Y2); Ambar Stage 4; Oliver H, Jake 75m, Arthur (Y3) Joshua W, Ronnie – 50m backstroke fastest age 8 in GB (Y4); Maisie, Sam L Stage 7; Sam, Jenson Stage 8, Skyla, Jasmine Stage 4 (Y5)

Trampolining: Neve (Y2) first place **Piano:** Sriyaan (Y4) grade 4 Jayden (Y6) grade 3, Sami (Y6) grade 3

Christmas Cup Football Finalists: Will, Sonny, Yuvraj, Riley, Jaideep, Raj, Freddie, Fraser, Ben (Y6)

Drowning Prevention Course: Florence R (R) **10km Walk:** Aria (Y4)

Scouts: Deergh (Y4) 2 badges **Cubs:** Oliver H (Y3) Cameron (Y4)

Brownies: Paige (Y4), Ella, Tilly, Lily (Y5) **Rainbows:** Iris (R) **Irish**

Dancing: Erin (Y2) Lily (Y2) **Martial Arts:** Jake (Y5) blue belt pass **Taekwondo:** Arthur (Y2)

Kickboxing: Freddie (Y3) **Karate:** Akain (Y3) green & orange belt

Dance: Ariella (R) Lyra (Y2) Arabella (Y4) **Ballet:** Tayyibah (Y5) grade 4

Drama: Emilia (Y1) **Performing Arts:** Jasmine (Y4) Lacey (Y6)

Football: Hugo, Ruby L (Y2) Adam, George S, Ben S, Jesse (Y4) Austin, Zac, Velencie, Jake (Y5) Ben (Y6)

EFSA girls 7 aside football finalist: Lacey, Paige, Natalie, Daisy, Lillie-Rose (Y6 Velencie, Skye (Y5)

Rugby: Teddy (Y2) **Badminton:** Noah (Y5) silver grade

TTRS: Anna, Lola, Elsie, Jazmin, Esi, Sahej, Ruby, Luke, Cooper, Blake, Olivia, Lily, Archie, Arthur, Hugo, Ronnie, Aaron, Riley (Y2)

Leo, Alfie-Lee, Riley, Teddy, Amber, Sid, Josephine (Y6) **Legend:** Harry, Freddy, Neve, Teddy, Ranveer, Erin, Raahat, Lyra, Alex (Y2)

Max, Harry, Zeliya, Will, Ben, Nicole, Rohan, Melissa, Jayden, Raj, Yuvraj, Lacey, Mokshu, Fraser, Isha, Paige, Mokshu, Sami, Abhinav (Y6) **Hero:** Daniel, Saajun, Roop, Lois (Y6) **Top 10:** Tayyibah,

Antonio, Noah (Y5) Abhinav, Jayden, Yuvraj, Saajun, Raj, Riley (Y6)

Half Term Achievers: N: Gagan, Waris, Sachreet, Harley **R:** Alba, Joshua, Mason. Roma, Freddie, Nirvair, Riya, Skylar, Hallie, Kaito

Y1: Tanishi, Aliza, Jesse E, Harper, AburieEliza, Freddie, Isabella, Kevron, Olivia **Y2:** Archie, Bronte, George H, Kaleisha, Ronnie, Bethany, Hugo, Ronnie F, Lily, Ruby L **Y3:** Amelia-Rose, Erva,

nie-Bow, Harry W, Mason, Kody, Billy, Freddie, Alice, Sahvan **Y4:** Evie, Olivia, Erin, Parker, Gursimar, Sid, Thea, Vivienne, Aaron, mv **Y5:** Bethel, Jake, Skye, Mina, Ollie, Isabella, James, Olive

Notices:

Polite Reminder:

Please ensure that children following dismissal, all children are supervised. We have had reports of children knocking into others as a result of charging around the playgrounds and not using the equipment safely.

Uniform:

Please be reminded that our uniform provided has changed. Casey's School Wear in Blackfen will now be stocking and selling branded uniform. Please ensure your child wears correct uniform.



Diary Dates:

Friday 20th December: End of Term
1:30pm finish (please see parentmail for staggered finish times)

Monday 6th January: INSET Day – School is closed to pupils

Tuesday 7th January: First day of Spring Term

Friday 10th January: Year 1 Trip to the National Maritime Museum

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Together



Community/School Links:

Parent Support Group:

Bexley Educational Psychologists are providing a platform for parents with children who are experiencing anxiety-related difficulties around attending school and present with emotional based school avoidance (EBSA) to share their experiences and build a support network by attending their parent/carer support group.

The group is scheduled to meet on Tuesday 7th January at 10:00am in the Dickens Room, Bexleyheath Central Library. Please email if you are interested in attending:

narentehsasiunnort@hexlev.nov.uk

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 96%.

Our attendance for December was as follows:

2/12 to 6/12: 94.2% whole school attendance which is below our target and the national average expected. Banksy Class had the highest attendance with 98.3% - well done Banksy Class!

9/12 to 13/12: 94% whole school attendance which is below our target and below the national average expected. Wiltshire class had the highest attendance with 98.7%. Well done Wiltshire Class!

16/12 to 19/12: 91% whole school attendance which is below our target and below the national average expected. Wiltshire class had the highest attendance with 96.3%. Well done Wiltshire Class! Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.

