



Blenheim Bulletin

Autumn issue 3

And before we knew it, it was half term! The children and staff have settled really well into their new classes and we have welcomed even more new children to the school over the last six weeks. We are so very lucky to have such a diverse group of children to teach, nurture and grow into responsible young adults.

Enjoy the time with them over the next week, listen to them read, watch your favourite movie together, check their Rockstar status and take care of oneanother.

We come back to school on Monday 28 October at the normal time.

But in the meantime, read about life at Blenheim...

Harvest Celebration

On Friday 4 October we held our first community school celebration with parents and families as we celebrated Harvest. All the children sang our favourite Harvest song and each class shared with us all some wonderful Harvest poems, stories and more songs. We had a lovely time celebrating all the good things we have. David Jones, on behalf of Orpington Baptist Church, shared with us the Christian meaning of Harvest which saw some of the children taking part.

On Thursday of this week the food was delivered to the Bromley Foodbank which will be used to support families in our community and across Bromley. Thank you so much for your kind donations – they were gratefully received by the team in Bromley.



Choir at Old Peoples Home

On Friday 11 October, the choir enjoyed a very successful excursion to Elmstead Bupa Care Home in Chislehurst. They sang with great gusto, performing four Harvest songs that they had been busy rehearsing in Choir recently. This went down a treat! So much so, that they then performed two additional songs as an encore. There was also some time to chat and mingle with the residents, fortified by juice and biscuits. The audience was very appreciative, some even joining in the singing, and everyone enjoyed themselves; as one choir member said as it finished, "I can't stop smiling!" Well done to everyone involved.

KS1 Gymnastic at Bromley Valley

Mr Gorringe led a group of children at the Bromley Valley Gymnastics festival. The children took part in a variety of gymnastics activities, from floor work to bar work. We certainly do have some budding gymnastics here at Blenheim.



Bikeability

On Wednesday 9 October our Year 6 Dali class had the opportunity to gain their Bikeability badges by completing both playground and on road cycling. They had a great time learning about how to stay safe on a bike and road safety.



5 Emmett Sharing Assembly

Emmett class held their sharing assembly on Thursday 10 October and their theme was the Victorians. We have been focusing on The Victorians since the beginning of the school year and the children have really enjoyed it. During the assembly the children shared with everybody the Victorian classroom experience we had, our Victorian school trip to hall place where we took part in a drama workshop and got to play with Victorian toys. We also shared our artistic side with paintings of what Victorian workhouses would have looked like and we created little Victorian chimney sweep people using different materials. Thank you to all the parents that were able to attend and support our work, the children really enjoyed it.

School Lunches

We are looking to reintroduce the pre ordering of school lunches here at Blenheim in the next half term. This will mean that the children will choose their meal at the start of the day when the registers are taken. The children will choose either the meat, vegetarian or jacket potato option. The menu will remain the same, it will be just the ordering which will be different.

Staffing

We welcome Ms Walters and Ms Haid onto the Blenheim Teaching team as they complete their placement during their teaching qualification year. They will be with us until December. They are in 1 Van Gogh and 4 Monet with the current class teaching teams.

We celebrate with Mr Williams (5 Emmett) who has completed his foundation Degree. Mr Williams, along with the PE lead, organises much of the sports we do in Blenheim and so we thank him and wish him luck as he continues his studies and work in Blenheim.

Educational Welfare Conference

Last Friday, 11 October, Mrs Hagues and Mrs Seed attended the Bromley Education Welfare Conference in Bromley to ensure we had the latest information on Attendance and Children's Welfare.

The event was very much a sharing good practice with other Bromley Schools and was a good reminder that every child is entitled to an education and that by coming to school everyday, on time, will allow this. If you have any queries about attendance please do speak to either Mrs Seed, Mrs Hagues or Mr Osborn.

Fizz Pop Assembly

During Thursday Morning, we had another visit from Gooley Stewy (Fizz Pop). He showed us some science experiments to do with air. We had lots of fun in the assembly and didn't want it to stop. The last experiment was great fun. Two children held the ends of a rod. A tissue roll was in the middle. Gooley Stewy turned on the leaf blower and the tissue flew off! Letters for the club have been handed out and you can sign up on line for your child to go!



Uniform

Coats: Please can you ensure that your child has a named coat in school when we return on the 28th October. Unless it's pouring with rain/snowing then we do go outside in all other weathers.

Nail Varnish: Should not be worn – save it for the weekend but remember to take it off Sunday night! (unless it's half term!)

Shoes: School shoes should be plain black and suitable for school / the playground.

Full information regarding Uniform is on our web page.

PSA Monster Ball

This will be taking place on Friday 1 November in the school hall. Flyers went home this week, check your child's book bag! Tickets will be available to buy from Monday 28 October before and after school at the school gate from a member of the PSA. Please do not go to the office as they do not hold the tickets. Kindly no clowns or masks, please do show off your best face paint!



PSA Sunflower Competition

Apologies for the delay in announcing the winner but due to technical issues, the entries were lost in system. Although many of you brought the seeds in the Spring Term, we have only had a few entries returned to school! Thanks to Zara, Jake, Amelia, Bertie, Daniel, Demi and Jack who managed to successfully grow their sunflowers to amazing heights. However there can only be one overall winner and this year that has been awarded to Demi who grew her sunflower to an amazing 215.9cm (7 ft 1"). She has won a yearly pass to Coolings Green and Pleasant Nature Trail. All the runner up entries won a paint your own mug.



5 Warhol and 5 Emmett Cake Sale

Thank you for supplying and buying the cakes for the year 5 cake sale. They raised an amazing £78.50 to support



LONDON FIRE BRIGADE

London Fire Brigade Talks

Earlier this term 2 Kahlo, 5 Warhol and 5 Emmett had talks from the London Fire Brigade about home fire safety. From this talk the children learnt that you can have a FREE home safety visit. London Fire Brigade can visit your home, offer personal fire safety advice and will also fit FREE smoke alarms where needed. If you or someone you know would like a visit:

- Email smokealarms@londong-fire.gov.uk
- Text/SMS 44786 002 1319
- Call free on 0800 028 4428

Important Notice

Please can we remind our families to encourage children to dismount their bikes and scooters before arriving on school property. We have had a number of reported injuries as a result of collisions with child cyclists!

For further dates and information about our school, please visit our webpage at www.blenheimprimary.com



We also have a school Twitter page. Follow and tweet us @ [Blenheim_Sch](https://twitter.com/Blenheim_Sch)

Dates for your diary:

21-25 October	HALF TERM
Tuesday, 29 October	Parents Evening – 3.40-6.30pm
Wednesday, 30 October	Parents Evening – 3.40-6.00pm
Friday, 1 November	PSA Monster Ball 4-6pm (Reception 4 -5pm ONLY)
Wednesday, 13 November	Open Day for New Reception starting 2020 at 9.30-10.30am and 1.20-2.30pm
Monday, 18 November	Attendance Surgery 9-10am
Thursday, 21 November	Year 5 Warhol – Sharing Assembly at 10.30am
Thursday, 5 December	Year 3 Frank – Sharing Assembly at 10.30am
Tuesday, 10 December	Attendance Surgery 9-10am
Friday, 13 December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation please)
Friday, 13 December	PSA Christmas Fair 3.45 -5.15pm
Wednesday, 8 January 2020	Open Day for New Reception starting 2020 at 9.30-10.30am and 1.20-2.30pm