



## Message from the Headteacher

18th October 2013

### Fantastic Response from the Bentworth Community:

Earlier this month I shared with you my concerns regarding school attendance. I am delighted to report that the attendance for the week following dramatically improved.

Three classes achieved 99% attendance and the whole school attendance for the week was above our target and the national average of 96%.

**Please keep this up: This is a fantastic response from the whole community to an area of the school that needed significant improvement; however, we need this to be maintained throughout the year. This is only a start and our attendance needs to continue to improve.**

### Parent Forum

Next Thursday I will be holding the first parent forum meeting. I have scheduled these meetings to take place from 6:30pm to 7:30pm so that it is open to all parents. The agenda for this meeting has been drawn up based on the responses we received in our parent survey. It would be great to see a good parent turn out for this meeting.

### Parents Evening

Next week is parents evening. We expect all parents to make an appointment to meet with their teacher. We will be in contact with anyone who cannot attend to arrange an alternative date for this meeting to take place.

Finally I would like to wish Eid Mubarak or blessed Eid to anyone who celebrated the festival this week. I hope you and your family had a great time. To the whole Bentworth community; have a great weekend and we will see you Monday.

## Eid Celebrations

Read about how some of our children celebrated Eid this week!

During Eid my family and I spent some quality time together. We played games such as Monopoly, Uno and much more. As well as this we had time to eat a peaceful meal while having a calm talk about the meaning of Eid. The best part of it was the joy we had as a family.

Sara Abuzaid, Year 6

When it was Eid I woke up early with my sisters and brother before everyone. I was excited. After my parents woke up, we dressed up in our clothes and

costumes. Then we accessorized and adjusted ourselves. Finally we opened our presents and ate delicious cakes. We had such fun!

Mariam Lehchibi, Year 4



## Half Term Holidays

School will be closed for Half Term Holidays from 28th October until 1st November.

There are training days for school staff on 4th and 5th November, so school will open again on Wednesday 6th November.

## Year 5 Class Assembly: Black History Month

All parents, carers and families are invited to attend Year 5's class assembly on the theme of Black History Month. This will take place on Thursday 24th October at 2.50pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Family Support Drop-In Service

On both Parent Evenings next week, the Family Support Localities Service will be hosting a drop-in session in the KSI library. Stacey Brook, Family Practitioner and link worker with Bentworth, will be around to answer any questions you have about the service, and help you to make a request for support to their service if you feel you could benefit from their help. On both evenings, as well as Stacey, housing officer Matilda Odoi from the service will also be present to give you information and advice around housing. On Tuesday only, the service's Benefits Advisor Dawn Alloway will also be present to provide information and advice to you around benefits and how to apply for benefits.

If you would like to see Dawn but your appointment is on Wednesday, please feel free to pop by and see her on Tuesday. Stacey and Matilda may also be able to help with your query if you are unable to do so.

### Nursery Local Area Walk

This week the Nursery children went on their first ever school trip, taking a walk round Bentworth Road to look at houses. On returning Chloe said, "We were looking for houses. We saw Mrs Tajeddin's house!"

Lily commented, "We saw numbers on the gates, one and seven!"

### Attendance

Winner of the class attendance award this week is **Roehampton** with **99%**, **2<sup>nd</sup> is Oxford Brookes with 98.6%** and **3<sup>rd</sup> are Clarke with 98%**. Our whole school attendance for the week is **95%**. At ARK Bentworth Primary Academy we are aiming to exceed our target of **96%**. Please support us in achieving this goal by ensuring

### Clubs cancelled

Due to Parents Evening taking place next week, all clubs will be cancelled.

After School Care will be continuing as normal.

### Celebration Assembly:

**Next Friday at 9.10am**  
**Come and join us!**



### Birthday wishes to :

Year 1: Mahdi 6

Year 5: Viraj 10



### Next week's Value:

### Inspiration

**In order to succeed , you must first be willing to fail.**

**Author Unknown**

### STAR AWARDS: Ambition

Reception	Santina Deleo
Year 1	Baraa Al- Hawsawi
Year 2	Shano Sargalo
Year 3	Ellie Norris
Year 4	Sumeya Hassan
Year 5	Mahmoud Al-Masri
Year 6	Sumaya Hared