



Dear Parents/Carers

Here we are at the end of the first half term of this school year. What a wet start it has been!

The rain hasn't dampened our spirits, though. Staff continue to work hard in providing the very best educational opportunities for all children and children continue to rise to the challenges set for them; they really are a credit to you and our school. We are also very grateful for the support we have from parents/carers, as **together** we can achieve so much more for your amazing children.

Our first after school Black History Month event was a real success; thank you to everyone who attended and engaged with the activities on offer. A particular thanks for your perseverance with the quiz! Winning entries were drawn last Friday and vouchers handed out to our winners: Frankie (1D), Ibrahim (2G), Jokubas (3B) and Muhammad (5C). Congratulations! Thank you for your comments and feedback via the consultation questions we asked in the Sunshine Hall during Parent/Teacher Consultation Evenings. Your views and opinions matter to us; you can find our response on the last page of this newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break. Please see information attached about a fun light box activity for families. We look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 4th November.

Marie Ziane (Headteacher)



Achievements

Attendance

Current Attendance from the start of the school year is **94.48%** (our target is 97%)

Best Class 	4WH (98.05%)
2 nd Place	4P (96.88%)
3 rd Place	1L (96.38%)
Class that needs to improve	RA (87.56%)

Fundraising/Whole School Events

Change4Change Team

As you know, our Change4Change team has made a brilliant start to their fundraising efforts this year. They are currently developing their Fundraising Headquarters in the old Poetry Corner of the KS2 playground. Watch this space!

The team's next fundraising activity (selling Friendship bracelets) will take place after school on Wednesday 13th November as part of **World Kindness Day**. More information to follow soon.



Black History Month October 2024

In school, children have enjoyed participating in Black History Month activities. They especially enjoyed the parade and celebration event on Wednesday 16th October. See the website gallery for more photographs.



Rights Respecting School Award

We are very pleased to share with you that we have just been awarded the Bronze Rights Respecting School Award.

The award is given to schools who create a safe and inspiring place to learn, where children are respected, their talents are nurtured, and they can thrive.

Watch this space for further information about the Silver award.





School Improvement Plan Update

Relationships and collaboration (pupils, parents and staff)



We have had a great start to the school year in this aspect of our development work. It has been wonderful to see many parents/carers attending curriculum workshops, class visits, parent/teacher consultation meetings and the Black History Month after school event. There's more to come as we continue to try to increase engagement with all members of our community.

Governors have recently undertaken some training and are working hard behind the scenes on pulling together a whole school engagement strategy that will outline the many and varied ways we offer for all members of our community to get involved in school life.

Maths

Have you looked at the **Support for Learning at Home** page on our school website?

In the maths section, there are links to family games and activities, as well as printable worksheets that you can use at home. Click the link below to take you to the page.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/maths-home-learning-support/>

Teaching and learning in Maths (continued from last year)



Language and Communication/Oracy

To guide our language and communication development programme this year, we had a 'Listening Walk' where members of our leadership team, supported by the oracy lead from Southwood Primary School, looked at what we were already doing well in school and what the next steps should be. There were so many great interactions and behaviours promoting oracy and we could clearly see the impact of the **learning partners** and increased **collaborative learning**, which were both introduced last year.

Our next step is to look at the quality of these partner interactions. You can also help at home with this.

When you are communicating with your child:

- Are they facing you?
- Are they making eye contact?
- Are they speaking clearly and confidently?
- Are they listening to what you are saying?
- Are they responding appropriately and clearly?





Curriculum and Enrichment Highlights

While we wait for our new library to be up and running, children in all year groups have again, visited Goodmayes library this half term. We are hoping this will inspire all children to visit libraries regularly and further promote a love of reading.



The school council have been very busy with a shopping trip to Lidl to spend some of the funds they had raised last year. They then delivered this to St Thomas' Church, their chosen organisation to support. They have also been rewarded with a workshop in London which included a ride on a cable car.



Year 3 and 4 have had an opportunity to participate in a music workshop where they have explored music through a video game and composed a musical performance. Children also enjoyed participating in the Iroko drumming workshops as part of our black history celebration events.



There has also been some opportunities for children to take part in different sporting events hosted at other schools and venues. Our Year 1 and 2 girls took part in a football festival and some of our Year 3 and 4 children got to attend a badminton festival which they thoroughly enjoyed. Plenty more events are planned including 10-pin bowling and a dance festival.



Next half term, we look forward to a range of activities to celebrate the Christmas season. We will share an updated list of dates and events closer to the time.

Amazing Becontree Writers

We have amazing writers at Becontree, and we want to celebrate some of these children with you. These children are resilient, try hard and do not give up! These are key attributes of any successful author. Each month, we will alternate between the year groups in each phase to celebrate everyone's efforts. Please look at our school website to see their amazing efforts. Please use the link below.

<https://becontree.secure-primariesite.net/amazing-writers-1/>





Language of the Term

This term's language is **Bengali**.



Click these links to learn some **greetings** and **general words** in Bengali.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RJ34xfoHJC8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NszS092FHSs>

Online Safety

How can you get involved with keeping your children safe online in the holidays?

PEGI helps parents to make informed decisions when buying video games:

- The age rating confirms that the game content is appropriate for players of certain age
- It considers the age **suitability** of a game, **not the level of difficulty**
- Make sure your child creates an account using the correct age. On Roblox, certain safety settings and parental controls are enabled by default for children under 13. However, you should still review the settings to ensure they have been set up correctly. A friendly reminder, not all games on Roblox will be appropriate for your child even if they have a PEGI rating for their age.



Parent/Carer Consultation

Thank you for responses to our questions at parent/teacher consultation evenings about how you access information about school events.

The votes have been counted. The most popular source of information was the **Themes and Events Overview and Terms and Holidays Calendar with 68 votes**. Closely, followed by **the Curriculum Newsletter with 44 votes**.

We will be reviewing procedures and will inform you of any decisions that we make after the half term break.

If you have completed the flyer regarding the **SEND Parent Group** we are setting up, please can you submit this to the office by **Friday 8th November 2024**.



Other Achievements

Our children never cease to amaze us!

We are very proud of Eliza's achievements. She recently passed her 11+ examination with flying colours. Congratulations, Eliza!



Please don't forget that if you have any great news to share, you can send it in to school and I will include it in the newsletter!





Meet our Governors

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am thrilled to have taken up a Governor position at Becontree at the start of this term. I look forward to getting to know more about the school and getting to know children and their families as the year progresses.

From an initial meeting with Mrs Ziane and Hannah Hamid (Chair of Governors), I could immediately see that Becontree is a school whose motto and values align closely with my own.

I am passionate about inclusion and bring much experience and expertise in this area to my Governor role. I look forward to supporting the school to build upon the amazing work they already do in this area.

Amila Sarwar (Co-opted Governor)



WHAT'S NEXT?



Anti-Bullying Week
(Week beginning 11th November)

Children in Need Day
(15th November)



No Pens Day
(27th November)

Please remember...

Calling all ASDA shoppers!

Please download the ASDA Rewards App and earn the school £1.

We already have £200, can we make it more?



Cashpot for Schools

Booking school lunches

We still have children who are regularly not booking their lunches from home. Please help your child to choose their lunch. This can be done for the 6-8 weeks in advance and means that your child will not miss out and saves valuable learning time. Thank you.

Contributions to Enrichment Activities

Becontree children benefit from many Magic Moments, including trips and in-school activities.

Many of these are free or funded by the school but sometimes we ask parents to contribute.

Without your support we would not be able to offer these experiences.

If you ever need help to access School Grid or are struggling to pay, please speak to the school office for assistance.

Parent/Carer Maths Workshops, Reading Workshops and Cafes



Dates to be shared in Curriculum Letters next half term

Christmas Activities, including our Christmas Singalong performances
Dates to be shared after the half term break



Remember to check out the **Themes and Events Overview** for other activities next term.