

Our open afternoon last Friday was super successful and it was pleasing to see so many parent and carers come along to take part in the activities on offer. The children always enjoy showcasing their learning and showing their adults what they have been doing. The PTA event after school was also well attended. This week has seen Year 3 visit Lessness Abbey which included a day of lots of walking! They had a great time and were fortunate to miss the bad weather. Our Year 5's had an adventurous few days at Danson Lake taking part in a range of water sports including kayaking and paddle boarding. It was a really great experience for them and they even got to jump in the lake after. Today see's our cricket team take part in a tournament and we know that whatever the outcome, they will enjoy the event. Next week some of our Year 6's are off on their residential to Dorset, we hope the weather improves as we are glamping!



## Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

**Teacher postcard:** Rio, George, Paige, Rocco (Y2) George, Elise (Y3)

**Football:** Harry (Y1) Velencie (Y4) player of the tournament; Ollie, Riley, Zac, Damian (Y4)

**Swimming:** Harry (Y1) stage 4, Abigail (Y1) crash course, Tavish (Y2) stage 4; Josh (Y2) 50m and Stage 4; Sophia (Y5) stage 5

**Gymnastics:** Lyra (Y1) bronze & gold award

**Singing:** Daisy (Y2)

**Performing Arts:** Ruby (Y1)

**Acrobatics:** Jasmine (Y3) star of the week

**Karate:** Lola (Y1) blue belt, Akain (Y2) orange belt

**Free Readers:** Lyra, Arthur, Lily, Jazmin, Alex, Raahat, Teddy (Y1)

**Top Ten Texts:** Jasmine, Aria (Y3) Finley (Y4)

**Pen Licence:** Jasmine (Y3)

**TTRS Star:** Harrison, Olivia, Mina, Skye, Finley, Poppy, Jeevan, Alex, Jenson, Dylan, Elsie, Harrison (Y4) **Hero:** Jeevan, James, Zac (Y4) **Legend:** Antonio, Olivia, Avni, Lucas, Skye, Harrison, Mina, Fin, Summayah, Tayyibah, Scarlett, Lucia E, Jasmine, Riley, Jacob, Sarwan, Fayzan, Sam, William, Sienna, Jasmine, Riley (Y4)

## Pupil Voice:

This week, our pupil voice comes from Year 5:

*"At Danson Lake, I really enjoyed going on the paddle board because we got to jump in the water at the end. I got so wet the instructor nicknamed me 'Sharpy' as my hair was sticking up that much!"* Teddy

*"I thought that the water sports trip was fun because we got to learn how to do three different water sports that were paddle boarding, kayaking and bell boating."* Daniel

*"I thought the water sports trip was really fun and my favourite activity was the paddle boarding, as we got to do lots of different activities whilst on it. I felt a bit nervous before but I overcame my fears."* Quinn.

## Notices:

### Poster Competition:

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors led an assembly this afternoon and announced a competition for children to create their own road safety poster. If your child would like to enter, their poster should be A4 size with their name and class clearly marked on the back. The closing date for the competition is Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June and posters are to be handed into their class teacher.

### Communication:

If you are aware at the start of the day, that there will be a change to your child's collection arrangements, please email this information to the office as this enables your email to be forward to the relevant teacher. As you can appreciate the phone lines are incredibly busy at the start of the day. Of course, any last minute changes should be telephoned through.



## Diary Dates:

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 residential week

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Sports day for KS1/2: KS2 am and KS1 pm (please see separate Parent Mail)

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 trip to Natural History Museum

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Reception trip to Kent Life

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## Community Links & News:

This year's theme for the Summer Reading Challenge is Marvellous Makers and will be a celebration of the creative arts. The Challenge will run in all Bexley Libraries and is open to children of all ages and reading abilities. Children read six books of their choice over the summer holidays, collect cards and rewards along the way, and receive a medal and certificate when they complete the challenge.

There will be lots of fun activities to take part in too. Marvellous Makers will start on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July and will run all through the summer until Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

More information can be found:

<https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/summer-reading-challenge>

## Attendance and Punctuality:



School attendance is mandatory for all pupils. We continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%.

Last week our attendance was 92.1% which is below national and below our school target. Gormley class had the best attendance with 98.6% - well done to the pupils in Gormley Class.

This week, our attendance was 94% which is below national and below our school target. Brunel class had the best attendance with 98.6% - well done to pupils in Morris Class!

Don't forget, you can keep an eye on your child's attendance rate in your Arbor app. Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.