



News on the Ninth

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Attendance

Congratulations to Laurel class for the best attendance in February. The top three classes for attendance, together with their percentages, were:

Class	%
Laurel	97.2%
Pine	96.8%
Holly	96.6%

Charity Events

'Thank you everyone who donated cakes for the cake sale in aid of Essex & Herts Air Ambulance. Also thank you to the people who bought cakes and merchandise last snowy Friday.'

Amelia Dimitrova Y3 School Councillor

We took over £400 at the cake and merchandise sale. The next part of our fundraising will be on Friday 23rd March, when you can dress up as your favourite book character for a donation of £1. Also on that date, don't forget to bring in your spare change you have been collecting in money pots & boxes.



Thank you very much for your continued support.

BENGEO PRIMARY SCHOOL



Late/absence

Please let the office know if your child will be late or is unwell. Contact the office first thing in the morning by telephone, gateway message or the absence@bengeo.herts.sch.uk email address. Thank you.

Music concert

Children who have music lessons in school and those involved in our orchestra and choir, gave a delightful performance on Tuesday evening.

The children sang and played beautifully with a mix of solos, duets and ensembles - a wonderful evening.



Thanks to all music teachers and staff involved and particular thanks to

Miss Peters, who organised the evening so well.



Orchestra Day at Haileybury

'On Friday 26th January, some children from Bengoe went to Haileybury to take part in an Orchestra Day. Each type of instrument rehearsed a piece of music and then all the musicians came together to perform the final symphony.

Altogether there were more than 100 children from Hertfordshire schools, in a huge 'Harry Potter' type hall, playing flutes, trumpets, trombones, guitars, violins, harps, percussion and even a bassoon!

It was a really good day, very exciting and we got fish and chips for lunch!

Isla Newman-Smith & Poppy O'Sullivan – Rowan Class

We are very proud of our musicians who represented the school wonderfully, collaborating with musical talent from across the county.

School Meal increase

The cost of school meals will increase after the Easter holidays, to £2.40 per meal.

Foundation Stage Outside Area

We are delighted to let you know that, over Easter, the Foundation Stage outside area will be having a complete

revamp. This is an exciting project which will see the area transformed.

The works programme will commence on **Tuesday 3rd April** and will not be completed until **Sunday 29th April**. The area will be boarded off so there will be no disruption to entry and exit from the school.

Children will use the Key Stage 1 playground until the project is completed.

There will be a 'Grand Opening' to coincide with The Royal Wedding on the week commencing the 14th May. More details of this are to follow.

SATs

National assessment tests, commonly known as SATs will commence for Year 6 on the week beginning 14th May.

Year 2 will also be having their teacher assessments during the month of May.

Parents evening

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parents' Evening on March 27th & 28th.

This will be an opportunity to see how your child is getting on at school as well as having precise targets given.

Following feedback from parents, these targets will replace the interim reports which were trialled last year.

The booking system will open at 9.30am on Monday 12th March. If you are limited on times you can make, please book early to avoid disappointment.

Goodbye

We say goodbye to Mrs Pettifer who is leaving us at the end of the term. Mrs Pettifer has worked for the school for four and a half years and has been a committed and loyal member of staff.

We wish her lots of luck as she starts her new role working in finance after Easter.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Rowe in the kitchen, who leaves us at the end of this term after catering for our children for 20 years. We wish her a relaxing retirement.

World Book Week 19th- 24th March

The Book Fair will be open on Wednesday 14th, Thursday 15th, Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th March. It will take place in the Key Stage 1 hall straight after school for 30 minutes. Activities for Book Week will take place in classes and assemblies.

There will be a dressing-up day on Friday, 23rd March where children can dress as a character from a favourite bed-time story or wear pyjamas as if ready for their bed-time story. We would like children to share their favourite story, bringing along the book if possible. Donations for the day will be supporting Essex & Herts Air Ambulance, as chosen by our School Council.



Dates for your Diary

12th March – Y4 to Verulamium Museum
12th March – Y1 to Toy Museum
14/15/19/20th March – Book Fair
16th March – BPA Disco
19th March – Hertford & Ware Music Festival
21st March – Class Photos
23rd March – BPA Quiz
23rd March - Dress up day
27th March – Parent Consultations
3.40 – 6.00pm
28th March – Parent Consultations
5.40 – 8.00pm
28th March – Nursery Closed for consultations
29th March – Nursery Closed
29th March – Last day of Spring term
(1.30pm finish).

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and an enjoyable holiday.