



Pupil Parliament Newsletter

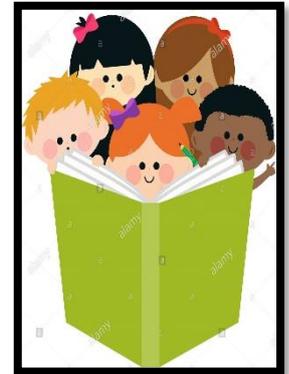
Spring 2020



Written by committee members for pupils and parents.

Pupil Voice

As the new Pupil Voice team, we reviewed the work that had been carried out in the Autumn term. We have been working hard to promote reading across the school and have carried out surveys to find out what our peers feelings are towards it. We are working with Miss Britton and Mr Light to investigate the possibility of having reading buddies across the school and how they would work together to support developing reading.



We held our yearly spellathon event which saw a fantastic increase in all spelling knowledge from the first spelling test that reception had taken to the mighty year 6 SATs words. This event was a brilliant success and raised £2192.96 towards our outdoor reading area. We also had the pleasure of watching our teachers bob for apples during assembly. Thanks to the additional funds, we are now researching the possibilities for our outside area so that we can get quotes.

Members: Lexie, Omaira, Moses, Taylor, Augustas, Aarav, Zehra, Sidney, Maya, Isabel, Adam, Kimmy, Violet, Nathan, Tigertily, Luka, Jasper, Belle, Noah and Erin.

Resolution Role Models

The Resolution Role Models have been very busy. We have a new group of members who have been completing their restorative training with the borough's behaviour support officer. They have had to work out the best ways to solve different problems and role played many scenarios to investigate and discuss the impact of different resolutions.

The current members are continuing to work hard in the playgrounds and around the school to solve issues and question others using the restorative model.

As a result of all the hard work across the school, we are on our journey to becoming a restorative practise school.

What were you thinking about?
What were you feeling?
Who else has been upset by this?
How are you left feeling?
What do you need now?

Members: Mason, Sam, Adam, Emmanuella, Laura, Alice, Simone, Zane, Jack, Thomas, John, Eboni, Amari, Taylor, Rebecca, Lily, Isla, Amna, Ashley, Maisie, Ethan, Holden, Isabella, Lily-May, Amber, Tigertily, Evie and Violet.

Wellbeing Champions

This term has been a busy one for the Wellbeing Champions. They have worked hard to develop their role within our school. As a school, in connect with the charity Place2Be, we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. The Committee held a whole school assembly and led classroom activities discussing times when they had to show courage, also demonstrating ways that other children could do the same. These activities were all based around the them, 'Find your Brave.' The Committee have also introduced mood charts into classrooms as another way for the children to express how they are feeling about the day ahead.



Members: Isabella, Olly, Holly, Yana, Sydnie, Omaira, Alexandra

Eco Committee



The 2019-2020 Eco-committee have made a great start to the year, we are well on our way to achieving our bronze Eco-schools award and looking forward to applying for our silver award! Continuing on from last year, the committee have conducted an environmental review of the school and decided that our focus topics need to be: waste; energy; biodiversity. These topics have then been put into an action plan, with steps to achieve them.

We are also planning our whole-school assembly. In order for Benhurst to achieve the Eco-schools bronze award, the committee must inform the rest of the school of our findings from the environmental review and the topics we are reviewing as part of our action plan.

Focusing on our role within the community, Miss Beach received a very exciting email from local MP, Julia Lopez. She is working with Keep Britain Tidy and the Eco-Schools programme to run a mass litter pick as part of this 2020 Great British Spring Clean campaign, engaging young people from schools across her constituency in Hornchurch and Upminster. The Benhurst Key Stage 2 Eco-committee members will be taking part in this litter pick on Friday 27th March 2020, at Gaynes Parkway.



Looking towards and future and as the warm weather

(hopefully!) starts to settle in, the committee will be going out to the allotment to plant and water the different fruits and vegetables they requested back in autumn. Finally, Mr Keeley has plans to plant a range of brightly coloured flowers in the planters on the KS2 playground, therefore he will be needing the assistance of the committee to make this happen.

Members: Jessica, Jamie, Ava, Amna, Jack, Toby, Ronnie, Maddison, William, Jasper, Amelia and Joseph.

LIFE Ambassadors

This term, the LIFE Ambassadors have continued to work through a range of tasks as part of their Air Quality project. We have conducted a survey of the air pollutants within our school environment. We were shown where the cleaning products are securely stored and we noted down the types of products used. We also discussed other sources of air pollutants in school such as fumes from cooking. We then discussed the similarities and differences between air pollutants at home and in school and agreed that a wider range of air pollutants would be found at home including hygiene products and heat sources such as scented candles.



Through this project, we have learnt that some indoor plants have air purifying qualities and NASA have produced a list of the top 20. We identified the plants which filter the toxins we mostly find around our homes and in school. These include: Bamboo Palm and Florist's Chrysanthemum. These are the types of plants which could later be used in our living walls.

We are currently awaiting the arrival of our air monitor which we will use to monitor the air quality of a designated room in our school for a month. We will then be sharing our findings with our peers in a whole school assembly and launching an air quality poster competition.

Members: Bardh, Lewis, Jessica, Christina, Scarlett, Sydnie, Sienna, Joseph, Charlotte and Lola

Travel Ambassadors

The JTAs has been in full swing this half term and their hard work has meant that Benhurst has been awarded the gold accreditation for the TFL stars award! The JTAs have been busy researching and planning a session on the importance of being visible when walking, cycling and scooting to school, especially in the dark and poor weather conditions. We are proud to say that despite lots of rain and the darker days, cycling, scooting and walking are still very popular ways of travelling to and from school. This is being celebrated through our Walk to School charts and Golden Lock Challenge. All pupils have been given the opportunity to enter the 'Living Streets Walk to School' badge competition- we are hoping to be the first ever Havering school to win the competition! In the coming weeks, another opportunity to join the Borrow a Bike scheme will be offered. If you fancy cycling to school, keep your eyes peeled for the letter.



Members: Chisom, Jenson, Chloe, Subhan, Joe, Amari, Funmisho and Eboni.

Curriculum Team

The Curriculum Team has worked with their classes to find out which areas of the curriculum and activities their classmates enjoyed most. There was lots of great feedback including lots of positive comments around the content of topics, the exciting events at the start of the learning journey and the activities completed. In the second half of the Spring Term, we plan to share this information with teachers so they know the parts of curriculum the children enjoyed most and then look at ways we can help to make the curriculum even better!

Members: Betty, Colby, Cain, Miles, Emmie, Lois, Naomi, Isabella, Justas, Reece, Larna and Aayan



Full Parliament



Over the next few weeks, we will be organising our end of term assembly where we will be explaining what we have been working on and our plans for the summer term.

Finally

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support for without you a lot of our work would not be possible. Don't forget to contact a parliament member if you have any ideas or problems that you would like to raise.

