

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Points to note:

- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March
  - Start of Culture Celebration Week
  - Voluntary donation: £5 towards the costs of Culture Celebration Week workshops would be gratefully appreciated – please pay at office or on Schools Comms 'Culture Week Donation'
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
  - Last day to hand in science posters for the competition
- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March
  - Non-uniform day children come to school dressed in their favourite country's colours or traditional clothing from their culture
  - Parents and carers invited in to see their children's showcase of work 2.45 –
     3.10pm
  - o Culture Celebration Week Fair after school on main playgrounds 3.15 3.45pm
  - Last day of Spring 2 term, finish at the usual times any unclaimed lost property will be donated/recycled
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April
  - School closed for holidays
  - Childcare available on site discounts and payment plans available, for more details CLICK HERE
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April
  - o First day of Summer 1 term, school starts at the usual times
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April
  - First offers for Reception places starting September 2024 due to be released by council
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April
  - Year 4 classes have their overnight residential visit to Frylands Wood
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April
  - PTA meeting open to all, 7pm at school
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April
  - PTA discos for children after school tickets on sale via Classlist from 1st April see details below
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May
  - School closed Bank Holiday Monday



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers.

Another very enjoyable week at Churchfields with Culture Celebration Week coming up next week.

The teachers have been trialling using our new sets of 6 books from Reception to Year 6 for group reading with a very positive response from the children. This will begin for all children after the holidays enabling the teacher to read with every child at least once a week going forward.

As the PTA were so generous with their donation, it has meant that we have been able to buy multiple copies of books, that complement the books in school, for children to read at home. For most children, that would be up to a typical Year 4 level. Children in Years 5 and 6 will have a 'book on the go' to read at home. All children can borrow as many books as they would like to from their class library or the corridor libraries.

To make sure this investment lasts, we do need families to take good care of our books and return them to us once you have finished reading them. If we don't have a book returned or it is damaged, you will be charged £6 for each book lost/damaged so that we can buy a replacement for other children to use.

We hope your children have been giving you great feedback about the new books and their love of reading continues to grow. Look out for the Scholastic Book Fair after school each evening in the area outside the Main Hall on the main playground – lots of books to choose from!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sarah Atherton Headteacher



Year 4 discussing 'Your Brain' with Mrs Widgery



A small selection of the new books to take home from next week



### Thank You and Farewell



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Mrs Madhavan, who has worked with so many of your children and championed their green fingers, is starting her training to become a speech and language therapist – we wish her well with her new career.

We will also say farewell to Mr Dorey next week who has worked at the school in breakfast club and at lunchtimes for many years. We wish him well for the future and thank him for his service.

Ms Barrett will still be with us for lunchtimes and the afternoons but will no longer holding the lollipop before and after school. Bromley council have advertised for a replacement and we thank Ms Barrett for her care and friendly greetings in what can be a challenging job. She wanted to share a message to you:

I just want to say that after a decade it's time for me to hang up my yellow hat. It has been a pleasure crossing your children across the road and getting to know you all. See you after Easter!

### What a Gift - Thank You

I am writing to express my gratitude to a remarkable member of our community whose generosity and skills have benefited our forest school.

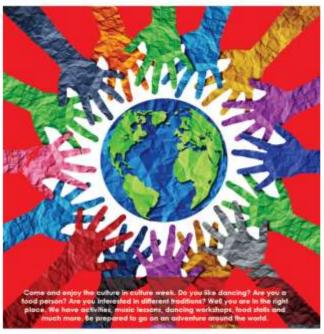
He created, with help of his grandson, a wonderful kitchen where children can prepare countless mud pies and other delicious morsels. On behalf of all the students, staff and parents I would like to say big thank you to Emmanuel and Filiberto his grandad.

Mrs Sutcliffe. Forest School Leader





# Culture week is back!



25th March – 28th March

### What's happening?

All classes will explore a range of cultures during the week

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5 will have a 'Dance around the World' workshop

Year 3 and Year 4 will have a Capoeira workshop

Families will share their culture in lunchtime events

### Thursday 28th March

- Non-uniform day, come dressed in traditional clothes form a culture or colours from a culture of your choice
- Parents and carers are welcome to come in at 2.45 to see your children's learning
  - International fair with food and celebrations from our community on the main playground at pick up

Thank you for your donations of £5 towards the costs of this exciting week!



## Easter Eggstravaganza and Beautiful Bonnets

Thank you to our wonderful **PTA** for the egg hunt this morning and also for the prizes for the Easter bonnets. There were so many wonderful creations bringing a smile to everyone's face this morning, despite the pouring rain!





### Need some help?

#### **Local Services**

Dyslexia Association of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich & Lewisham

Bayswater Support Group - Gender Dysphoria Support for parents & carers

**Bromley Local Offer** - SEND services in Bromley Borough

Kent Association for the Blind - Children & Families Support Service

**Bromley Downs Syndrome Support Group** 

**Bromley/Orpington Samaritans** 

**Bromley Homeless Shelter & Foodbank** 

Bromley Living Well Foodbank - Foodbank & a free community cafe in Penge

<u>Bromley Brighter Beginnings</u> - provides donations of clothes, toys & household goods for those in need. Referral needed.

**Bromley Foodbank** - referral needed

Hays Community Foodbank - no referral needed

**Bromley Citizens Advice Bureau** 

<u>Bromley Healthcare 0-19</u> - Health care advice for children/young people in Bromley between 0-19 years of age

<u>Home-Start Bromley</u> - provides practical help & support for parent/carers of young children under the age of 5

**Talk Together Bromley** - Counselling Services



The PTA will continue to communicate with parents and carers via the School Community App: Classlist. Most ticketed events will also be available via Classlist so, if you haven't already, please visit the App Store or Android equivalent and look for this symbol and download the App.



Registering your child/ren is quick and easy and will mean you have timely access to information and ticket sales.







# Churchfields News



Churchfields Road, Beckenham, Kent, BR3 4QY Tel: 020 86505247

## Streetwise Youth Hub



Where to find our new venue! 123 Anerley, Anerley Town Hall, Anerley Rd, SE2O 8BD



NEW



Join us! If you are aged IO to I9 and live in Bromley come and join us for games, arts / crafts, sports, cooking and more!

Open Times Wed = Ages I2 to I6 (6:30pm to 9pm)
Thurs = Ages I3 to I9 (7pm to 9:30pm)
Fri = Ages IO to I2 (6pm to 8:30pm)

www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport



### We are part of the Penge School Uniform Hub

# Penge School Uniform Hub

# Save money and the planet: buy preloved uniform!

Sense charity shop, 104 High Street, Penge (next to the Post Office)

General uniform suitable for all schools available, as well as specifics for Alexandra, St John's and Churchfields Schools, with more coming soon!

Open Mon-Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Organised by Alexandra Junior School PTFA.
For more info, contact: <a href="mailto:treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk">treasurer@ajsptfa.org.uk</a>
Supported by Penge BID







### **Penge School Uniform Hub!**

Pre-loved Churchfields school uniform in sizes age 2 to 15 is now available 7 days a week from the Sense charity shop on Penge High Street.

100s of items in stock - so much it won't all fit on the shop floor, so please ask if you cannot find the size you need. **Dresses, skirts, trousers, shorts, jumpers and cardigans all £1. Polos shirts 50p.** This new collaboration between Sense Penge and multiple local primary schools means that parents now have a single one-stop-shop to find affordable second-hand school uniform for their primary age children.

All proceeds to the Sense charity.





### Class Assemblies 2023/24

Class assemblies will be held in the school's Main Hall, starting promptly at 2.45pm.

### **Summer Term**

14.05.24	Year 1 Rowan
21.05.24	Year 2 Hickory
22.05.24	Year 2 Maple
11.06.24	Reception Palm
18.06.24	Reception Beech
25.06.24	Year 1 Silver Birch

### Parent/Carer Evenings 2023/24

### Summer term

Wednesday 17th July, 3.45 – 5.30pm

Please note – in the summer term you will receive your child's end of year report before the parent/carer evening.

### Special Events 2023/24

- Churchfields Culture Celebration Week 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Sports day Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and ARC on Friday 24th May, 9 – 11am
- Sports day Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 9 – 11am
- PTA Circus on site, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

### **Term Dates 2023/24**

Thursday 28th March 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Monday 6th May 2024

Friday 24th May 2024

Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024

Monday 3rd June 2024

Tuesday 4th June 2024

Wednesday 24th July 2024

Last day of Spring 2 term - break up at usual times

First day of Summer 1 term

May Bank Holiday, school closed

Last day of Summer 1 term

Summer half term holiday

INSET day, school closed to children

First day of Summer 2 term

Last day of Summer 2 term – all classes break up at 1.30pm After School Club 1.30 – 4.00pm (must be pre-booked, no ad hoc bookings)





### **Term Dates 2024/25**

Autumn Term 2024	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 1
	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Last day of Autumn 1
	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Children's first day back – Autumn 2
	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Last day of Autumn 2
	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2025	Holidays
Spring Term 2025	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 1
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Last day of Spring 1
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	Children's first day back – Spring 2
	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Last day of Spring 2
	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	Holidays
Summer Term 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 1
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	School closed – Bank Holiday
	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	Last day of Summer 1
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Half Term Holidays
	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	INSET – school closed to children
	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2025	Children's first day back – Summer 2
	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	Last day of Summer 2