



PARKWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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From The Head Teacher

We start this week with a celebration; the school received a letter from the director of children's services in Bexley who was delighted to congratulate us on achieving the Bexley Oracy Bronze Award – a fantastic milestone that reflects the school's strong and sustained commitment to developing confident, articulate communicators. This truly was a wonderful reflection undertaken by Miss Birchmore, staff and all the children at the school. Now we will work to gain the Oracy Silver Award.

This week also saw a visit from Councillor Caroline Newton, the Bexley Council cabinet member for Education. Councillor Newton and I sit on the 'Special Educational Needs and Disability Improvement and Assurance Board'. During these monthly meetings I often share the consistent outstanding practice at the school and Councillor Newton was keen to see this in action. I am pleased to report she was not disappointed and enjoyed her time visiting classes and seeing the school in action.

The Governing Board sat this week for the annual Business Meeting which among other roles, reviews and then approves a large number of policies, including Safeguarding and child protection, Staff pay, complaints and data policies. All the approved policies should be on the website by the end of next week.

I wish you an enjoyable weekend and am looking forward to seeing all the children back on Monday morning.

Mr Celino-Stock



Dates To Remember

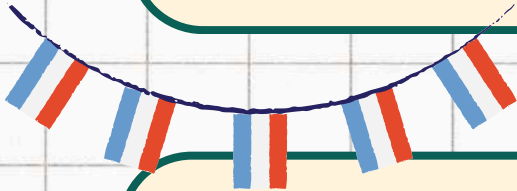
24th September - Ash 5 Assembly



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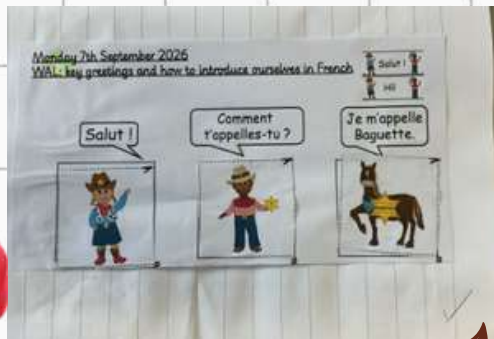


We are so excited to be back after the Summer Break! We are learning about World War 2. We have been finding out about the events that lead up to WW2 and the countries that fought in World War 2. Our theme got off to a flying start when we spent an afternoon making fighter jets then flew them to see how far they could go - there were mixed results but they all flew! We also created a character description of Winston Churchill, we thought about what he looked like, what he wore and what he was like as a person. We even tried on a bowler hat which Churchill was often seen wearing.



In French we have been learning how to say Hi! What is your name - Salut! Comment appelle tu? We are learning 'head, shoulders, knees and toes' in French so we are learning body parts too.

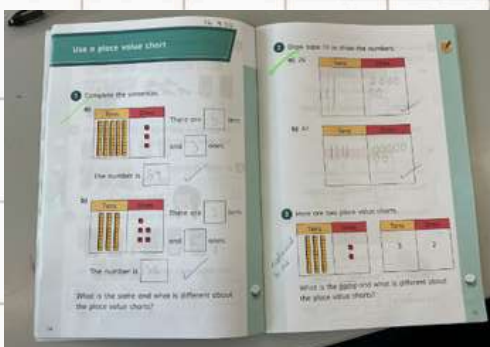
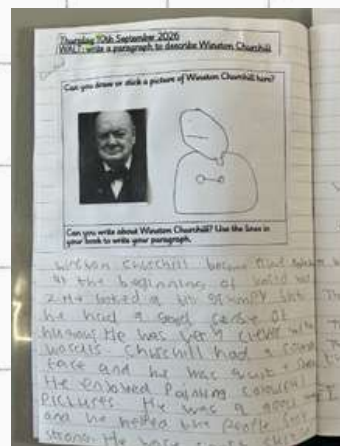
Salut!



This week we have been finding out about the blitz and describing the feelings and experiences of people during the blitz. We will be creating our own 'blitz art' pictures.



Our topic in maths is place value where we learn the value of each digit in a given number. We have been using different materials to make numbers up to 100. We have been writing numbers in numerals and words. We are able to say how many tens and how many ones are in a 2-digit number.





Abena Oppong-Asare MP's Christmas Card Competition



A message from Abena:

Every year, I run a competition where I invite pupils from local primary schools to design the Christmas Card that I send out to local stakeholders. It's a great opportunity to showcase the talented young people of Erith and Thamesmead and I would be delighted if your wonderful school accepted my offer to get involved.



The theme for this year's competition is:

"Christmas in Our Community".



Submissions must be received by close of play on
Friday 6 November 2026.

To enter, please see full details sent out today on
Parent Mail

Other NEWS

Townley Grammar School

**PRIMARY
OUTREACH
SCIENCE ROADSHOW**



Wednesday 7th October 2026: Potions
Wednesday 11th November 2026: Light Fantastic
Wednesday 2nd December 2026: Forensic Investigations

COMETS
Community • Football

Your place to play
A safe space for disabled children aged 6 - 11 to kickstart their football journey

Just be you!



Time and Date: commencing 7th October - Wednesdays, 4.30pm

Location: Barford Royals FC Northumberland Heath Recreation ground, 5.

Contact: John Phone: 07508521837

Email: jphgymcat@gmail.com

Get in touch to book your first session

Bexley Voice Support • Inform • Signpost • Empower



Bexley Voice School and Community Engagement

Would you like Bexley Voice to visit your school SEN Coffee Morning, open day or other existing event?

Why invite us?

- Learn more about Bexley Voice and the support that we offer to parent carers
- Discuss relevant SEND issues affecting SEND parents
- Learn more about SEND services locally and nationally
- Tailor-made discussions about specific topics (if required)
- Find out about upcoming opportunities to get involved (consultations, workshops, parent groups etc)
- Information on how to become a member, how you can get involved, our events, website and Facebook group
- Learn about the Bexley Local Offer and how to access it

www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

What we offer:

- Face-to-face SEND Coffee Mornings
- We can join existing school events
- Online TEAMS Coffee Mornings

Who is it for?

Parents and carers of children with or without a formal diagnosis, with SEN Support or who have an EHC Plan, who are looking for more information on what is available to help them support their child/young person with additional needs and disabilities.

For more information:
<https://bexleyvoice.org.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/support-school-visit-programme/>
or scan the QR code for more information:



Monday 5 October 2026
10am - 11am: Professionals only | 11am - 2pm: Open to everyone

BEXLEY SEND MARKETPLACE



Scan the QR code for more info

Find out about services and organisations supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities

ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD AGED 2-11 YEARS OLD?

BEING A PARENT 8 WEEK COURSE

A FREE COURSE DELIVERED FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS! (EPEC, EMPOWERING PARENTS, EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES)

Topics covered:
Being a parent, Feelings, Valuing my Child, Play, Listening, Understanding Children's Behaviour and Discipline

For more information and to reserve your place, Contact:

0208 304 9609
Jayne@bexleymoorings.co.uk

Or Scan the QR code to register your interest:



BEXLEY SEND MARKETPLACE

Event Programme
5th October 2026

Meet local services supporting early years and school aged children/ young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

10am-11am - Professionals only 11am - 2pm - Open to everyone

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Health & social care | Education | Family support | Activities & clubs

BEXLEY SEND MARKETPLACE

You can just come along on the day or pre-register in advance for:

- speedy check-in
- event updates

Pre-registration & event information:
www.bexleylocaloffer.uk

Monday 5th October 2026

10am-11am - Professionals only
11am-2pm - Open to everyone

Danson Youth Centre, Brampton Road, Bexleyheath DA7 4EZ

Limited venue parking. Parking is available in Crook Log Sports Centre

Born Ready, School Ready, Bexley Ready!



Calling all parents and carers! For those of you with children who are just about to start nursery, playgroup, childminder or school, please take a few minutes to think about all the things your child can already do. Walk, talk, sing some songs, make choices, use the toilet, eat using cutlery, recognise their belongings? Who taught them all these skills? It was you!

As a parent/ carer you have helped your children learn so much already. As they start the next part of their learning journey, your support shouldn't stop. The continued experiences and activities parents do at home with their child are crucial to their success at school and in later life.

Do you know that school readiness starts from conception? From conception and throughout childhood, it is a crucial time for brain development and children's brains are like sponges. Healthy brain development means that children learn and develop well, helping them to be ready for school and beyond.



has been developed for families with children under 5 years. It provides ideas about how you can help your baby/ child's brain development and support learning at home. There are ideas for:

- activities
- talking with babies and children
- looking at books
- play
- outings
- stay and play groups
- sleep
- diet
- behaviour
- toileting
- language development

An online resource

health information

child care and how to access nursery and school places

You can also find out where to get support if you're worried about your child in any way. A one stop shop for anything child related.

Visit www.bexley.gov.uk/born-ready to find out more!




Other NEWS



Parent Support Offer: Guided Self Help for Child Behaviour Problems Group

An 10-week guided self-help programme for parents
Fridays 10.30am- 12 (online)
Starting Friday 9th October 2026

Is your child's behaviour?
Are you unsure of how best to respond to challenging behaviour?
Would you like your child to show more positive behaviours at home?

We are here to help!

It is completely normal for children to behave in a way that is challenging and undesirable at times, and it is completely normal for parents/carers to find this hard to handle.

Bexley Mental Health Support Team are running this group to support any parents/carers that are interested in learning evidenced based parenting methods to help improve their child's behaviour.

If you would like to access this support, please fill a self-referral form (sent out via Parentmail) or ask your child's school to complete a referral for you. Referrals must be submitted by Friday 19th September to secure a place.



Mental Health Support Team Guided Self Help for Behaviour Problems Information Sheet

Who is this programme for?

The programme is for any parent/carer that would like support in managing tricky/undesirable behaviour their child is showing and/or would like to learn some techniques to increase positive behaviour. You may have already tried several techniques and feel that nothing is working. You may have one child that is more challenging to parent compared to siblings. You may feel that your child's behaviour problems are very mild but would like to take the opportunity to learn strategies to promote positive behaviour and increase your child's self-esteem.

What does it involve?

9 weekly online sessions run by 3 MHST practitioners, plus an initial online appointment with individual families to get to know you better before we start. Sessions include the teaching of parenting techniques based on social learning theory, group discussion and problem solving. The group provides a supportive and non-judgemental space for parents to talk through the normal day to day difficulties of parenting. We encourage parents to participate in discussion to get the most out of this intervention, however it is of course your decision to share as much or as little as you would like to.

Who are the Mental Health Support Team (MHST)?

We provide preventative and early intervention support for children and their families. We work with a number of schools in the Bexley area and only take referrals from the schools we work with. We are actively trying to reduce stigma and increase accessibility to mental health services. We aim to help prevent serious mental health difficulties from developing in the future by providing education and guided self-help interventions at an early stage.

More information:

Your child's school will have a designated wellbeing lead who liaises closely with our team, please approach school staff if you would like further information about the programme or other support that we offer.



Helping your child with fears and worries

An 8-week guided self-help parent group programme

Start date: 14th October 2026

Have you noticed that your child presents as anxious in certain situations?
Or are they avoiding things due to fears and worries?
Does your child have a specific phobia that you are struggling to support them with?

Why am I attending the group and not my child?

- "It's helped me to share changes at home to support my child"
- "It helped my own anxiety which also helped my child's anxiety"
- "My child was too young to do the group themselves"

The benefits of attending the group

- "I felt listened to and understood by the facilitator"
- "It was nice to have other parents to speak to and not feel alone"
- "The parent facilitator is really helpful and reliable"

If you would like to access this support, please request that school refer your child to the Bexley MHST service. Alternatively, you can self-refer to the service using the attached referral form. All self-referrals will need to be received by Friday 25th September 2026.



Bexley Mental Health Support Team

Helping your child with fears and worries information sheet

Who is this programme for?

The programme is for any parent/carer that would like support in helping their child overcome their fears and worries so that it is not impacting negatively on home and school life.

Your child may be:

- Avoiding certain situations
- Experiencing a specific phobia
- Finding difficult to separate from parents/carers e.g., at the school gate
- Wanting to sleep in the same bed as parents
- Overthinking and worrying about everyday events

You may feel that your child's fears and worries are very mild but would like to take the opportunity to learn strategies to prevent future difficulties.

What does it involve?

8 weekly online sessions for 1.5hrs facilitated by MHST clinicians. Prior to the group we will conduct an initial 1:1 online appointment to get to know you better. Sessions include the teaching of anxiety management techniques based on cognitive behaviour therapy, group discussion and problem solving. The group provides a supportive space for parents to talk through their challenges and work together to support their children.

More information:

If you would like to participate, please speak to your child's schools designated mental health lead who can refer you to the service, or alternatively you can complete the self-referral form (sent out via Parentmail).

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NEW ELTHAM
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SE9 2EH
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BAINOCKSBURN PRIMARY
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(PENINSULA CAMPUS)
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