

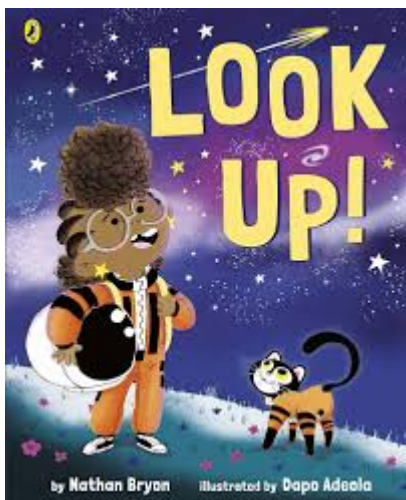


## Newsletter 11 - April 2024

Welcome back to Term 5! We look forward to a fantastic summer term at Wentworth with many events already in the calendar; please see our important dates section below. Our [blog](#) has been updated this term with information on mental health and wellbeing and includes other information on projects, work and events throughout the year.

### This term's value

This term we will be looking at the value of curiosity. We have introduced the power of asking questions to children in our assemblies at the beginning of term as they had to find out information about some strange objects. We also shared the wonderful book "Look Up" which follows a character who is always looking at the world around her.



### A visit from a sound artist

Children were visited by Paul Cheese, a local musician, who shared his passion for creating music with the school. Paul has been creating music for his ["The Big Record: Darent Valley" project](#) and the children were able to hear how he takes everyday sounds and layers them to create music. More information on the project, along with the details of an upcoming event (11th May - Sir Peter Blake Gallery, Dartford) can be found [here](#).

### Y6 SATs

In the week of the 13th May, our year 6 cohort will be sitting their SATS - important tests taken at the end of children's time in school. We are so proud with how they are focussing - and we thank our year 6 families for their support at home. We would like to wish all of our children who are preparing for their SATS the best of luck!

### Arrival at school

Could I please remind you that children should arrive at school between 8:45 and 8:55. Staff are on the playground to supervise during this window - any children arriving before this will not be supervised.

### Allergies

The week of 22nd April marked Allergy UK's Allergy awareness week. We have multiple children in our school community with mild to severe allergies and we work to ensure that we maintain best practice to deal with these allergies. If your child has an allergy, it is important that the school is made aware via the school office - please also inform us of any changes in medication or treatment. There is also a wealth of good information on the following website:

<https://theallergyteam.com/>

### Uniform

We would like to remind our families that we expect full school uniform to support us in developing the sense of community in school. Please ensure that children wear plain black school shoes (avoiding any large markings from brands). We would also remind you that nail varnish is not permitted in school. More information can be found on the [school website](#).

### Cross country

Key Stage 2 children recently participated in the DDPSSA cross country running event, held against seven other schools in Dartford hosted at New Ash Green Primary. Wentworth, achieved an outstanding

performance by finishing 3rd overall in the competition.

There were also exceptional individual achievement for our runners. Oliver and Iris both displayed remarkable skill and dedication, earning themselves silver medals in the event. Additionally, Ethan showcased immense talent and perseverance, securing a well-deserved bronze medal in the competition. Thank you to all the parents who supported the event by providing transport.



## Attendance

We have received a number of requests for leaves of absence from school. Absence is not permitted during term-time unless it meets the following criteria:

- Your child is too ill to attend school - please see this [guidance from the NHS](#) (Please inform the school office as soon as possible)
- You have made a request to the headteacher to request a leave of absence - please note that absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances

*Holidays must not be booked in term time - this includes in and around bank holidays.*

The school is working as part of a national strategy toward driving up attendance standards as you may have see from the “Moments Matter, Attendance Counts” campaign.

## British Transport Police

Children in KS2 were visited recently by a member of the British Transport Police who spoke to the children about rail safety, with a particular focus on the local stations that the children are familiar with.

## Kent / Bexley Test registration (Year 5)

Some families may wish to register their child for selection tests for local grammar schools. If you would like your child to sit these tests, please register them before the deadlines stated below:

Kent Test (11+) opens on Monday 3rd June 2024 and will close at midnight on Monday 1st July 2024.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/school-places>

Bexley Test (11+) opens on Wednesday 1st May 2024 and will close on Friday 31st May 2024.

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-andeducation/selection-tests/register-secondarselection-test>

## Wellbeing

Next week is the start of Meaningful May.



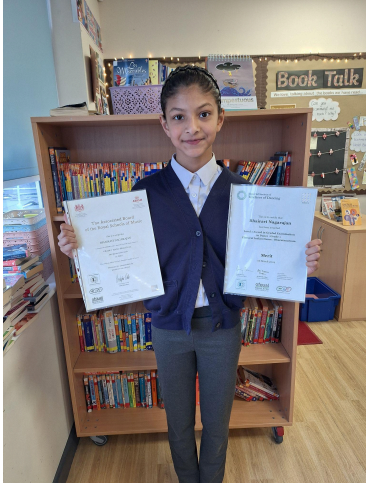
This month the calendar shares lots of suggestions as to how you can be part of making memorable experiences.

May is also Mental Health Awareness Week. This year's theme is Movement: Moving more for our mental health. Movement is really crucial for our mental health and it is important for us to find moments for movement in our daily routines, such as going for a walk close to your home, listening to your favourite music and dancing around the living room or chair exercises when you're watching tv - it all counts. Take a look [here](#) at some more suggestions.



### And finally

Congratulations to Bhairavi in 4DC for passing not one but two grade 1 exams recently. She passed both her piano and her Indian classical dance exams. Well done Bhairavi, we are very proud of you.



Tommy in 1IS received a Blue Peter badge for sharing his thoughts and drawing a scene from the book called Tiddler. This has been a favourite class story - treasure that badge Tommy!

*Please feel free to share any good news stories to be included in future newsletters!*

### Upcoming dates for the diary

13th May - KS2 SATS week begins  
20th May - Y6 trip to Chessington  
24th May - Last day of Term 5  
3rd June - First day of Term 6  
17th / 18th June - Y5 trips to Knole Park  
24th June - Y1 trip to Hobbledown Farm  
9th July - Y6 production  
12th July - Cultural Day (Details to follow)  
18th July - Y6 leavers performance  
23rd July - Last day of Term 6



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