

Well Done, Bickley!

We are delighted to announce that we, Bickley Primary School, have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Last year we took part in several inter-school competitions including: tag rugby, football, cricket, boccia, netball and basketball. Our children also had the chance to take part in a vast range of sports at our after school clubs, during Sports Week and during Enrichment Time.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We were nominated by Bromley Youth Music Trust to be awarded with a **Music Mark Award** as recognition for our commitment to high quality music education for all our children. At Bickley, we celebrate all talents and many of our children play musical instruments or take part in music activities. We have a number of options available for children to develop their musical talents and we offer instrumental lessons in piano, violin, guitar, drums, clarinet and brass. Last year, children in Year 4 took part in 'Band On The Run' which is an intensive short course in music tuition. At the end of their sessions, they performed in a concert for their family and friends. We intend to repeat this again this year.

The school year offers a range of opportunities for the children to showcase their talents - from our Christmas nativity for the younger children right through to the end of year performance by Year 6 who finish their time at Bickley with a musical extravaganza! In between, there are class assemblies, carol services, instrumental concerts and not to mention our weekly singing assemblies where the whole school joins together to learn and perform new songs from a variety of genres.

We are grateful for the financial support from FOBPs who pay for transport costs and also recently provided us with a class set of traditional Djembe drums which we have used during Enrichment time.

TfL STARs Gold Accreditation 2017/2018 for Bickley Primary School

Bickley Primary has been working with the Travel Team in Bromley to improve our School Travel Plan. The borough works with most schools in Bromley to promote travelling to school by methods other than the car, the main objectives being to reduce congestion and improve safety outside schools. They support schools to become accredited under the national recognition scheme, STARs. There are three levels of accreditation – Bronze, Silver and Gold. This year we were awarded the prestigious Gold level accreditation! This puts us in the top 10% of London schools for setting high standards to improve travel habits.

This accreditation reflects the school's commitment to encouraging active travel and keeping the roads around our school as safe as possible. We have felt this was increasingly important following the opening of La Fontaine. The school spent many hours collaborating with other parties to minimise the impact of the opening of La Fontaine on our local roads plus the Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) have worked extremely hard at promoting road safety and active travel through assemblies, competitions, special events and display boards.