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Remembrance

This week, our school has been marking Remembrance. On Sunday, Izzy K and I proudly represented our school at the community service, where we laid a wreath on behalf of the whole school community. Throughout the week, pupils have taken part in thoughtful class-based activities to deepen their understanding of Remembrance and its significance. On Tuesday the 11th, the whole school observed the two minutes' silence. Our collective worship sessions have also focussed on themes of remembrance, peace, and hope, helping us all reflect on the sacrifices made by others.

Year 4 Greek Day

Year 4 had a fantastic time stepping back in time to Ancient Athens during our History off the Page Greek Day. The children were completely immersed in Athenian life, exploring areas such as democracy, religion, art and craftsmanship through a range of hands-on activities including pottery, mosaic-making, tile painting and creating wax tablets.

In the afternoon, the hall was transformed for a lively festival of plays and a feast, where pupils performed scenes inspired by Ancient Greek theatre. The children's enthusiasm, teamwork and impeccable behaviour made the day a huge success. We are extremely grateful to all our wonderful parent helpers — the day simply couldn't have gone ahead without your support!

Mrs Anechite and Mrs Clark

Netball vs South Hill Primary

On Tuesday, the Bishop Wood netball team played South Hill Primary in Hemel Hempstead. Our team played amazingly and we won 21-0. Cami C was voted as player of the match by the opposition. We were very excited as it was our first match of the season. Luckily, we managed to avoid the rain!

Sophie M and Elle B

Parents' Consultations

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who attended the recent Parents' Consultation Meetings. The time, enthusiasm, and willingness to engage in open conversations about your child's learning, shown by the vast majority of parents, made the meetings extremely valuable.

We firmly believe that the strongest outcomes for children come from a genuine partnership between home and school. Thank you once again for your continued support and for working with us to create the very best learning experience for the children. We look forward to building on this partnership throughout the year.

Collective Worship

Collective Worship this half term has focussed on our school value of 'Thankfulness'. This provided obvious links to Remembrance this week and we were pleased to welcome one of our governors, Brian Livesey, to collective worship on Thursday. Brian clearly enjoys our worship sessions as this is his second visit of the term, for which we are grateful. As we move towards the end of November, the theme for collective worship will turn to Advent.

Dembe Theatre – Danny the Champion of the World

Some of our pupils will be taking part in a wonderful stage production of *Roald Dahl's "Danny the Champion of the World"* at the Dembe Theatre next week. This promises to be a fantastic evening out for families and a great way to support local youth theatre. Tickets are still available, so don't miss out!



He came so that we can 'be the best version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its fullness.'



Find out more and book here: [Dembe Theatre – Danny the Champion of the World](#)

Celebration

Congratulations to the following pupils who were celebrated in school this week for being the best version of themselves:

3PS – Orla G, Louis F
3S – Eric P, Isabella K
4A – Winnie M, Olivia W
4C – George P, Grace C
5DR – Fox W, Tom L, Leo C, Josh R
5M – Alex G, Sam B
6I – Arthur B, George T
6H – Anthony W, Zac K

Other Honours

James H (4A) - 100 Reads
Megan R (3S) - Piano
Oliver B (4A) – Piano

Dacorum Sports Festival: Eric P, Isla L, Arwen K, JJ I, Caleb E, Lucy B.

Pom Poms: 6I

Around School

It has been another great week in school. Here is a taste of what the children have been doing this week.

This Week

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the different bones in the human skeleton. In Year 4 the children enjoyed writing their own myths in English. Year 5 enjoyed writing 'Peace' poems as part of their reflection around Remembrance Day. Year 6 have enjoyed learning about the impact of HS2 in the local area in Geography.

Next Week

Next week, Year 3 look forward to continuing 'Finn Family Moomintroll' in guided reading. Year 4 are looking forward: to planning, observing and recording the results of their tooth decay experiment in Science. Year 5 are looking forward to finding out about the Cherokee people who are one of the indigenous peoples of the USA. Year 6 are looking forward to learning about life in a Victorian workhouse.

Diary Dates

Please find below a list of key dates for the Autumn Term. We will add to this as we progress through the school year.

New dates will be highlighted.

Date	Event
Wednesday 26 th November	Buddies Wreath Making Evening
Thursday 27 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Mop Up
Friday 28 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed!
Monday 1 st December	Reverse Advent Calendar Begins (Details to follow!)
Wednesday 3 rd December	Year 6 Victorian Day
Friday 5 th December	Buddies Christmas Fayre
Monday 15 th December	Afternoon and Evening Christmas Services at St P and P
Tuesday 16 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 17 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch
Thursday 18 th December	End of Term Service at St P and P 11.30am
15 th – 19 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Friday 19 th December	School closes at 1.30pm

Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley