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Remembrance

Remembrance has been a big part of school life over the past few weeks. Isla L (31) placed a wreath on the memorial outside St Peter and St Paul on Sunday morning as part of the Remembrance Service. We also gathered as a whole school on Monday to understand why we take time to remember and to join in a period of silence.

Wellies!

We have reached the point in the year where the field is permanently damp and muddy. As such, it will now be only accessible at lunchtime and breaktime to those pupils who bring wellington boots to school. This is a long-established part of Bishop Wood School. Pupils who bring wellies to school can use the field areas throughout the winter.

Anglo-Saxon Day

On Wednesday 13th November, Year 5 welcomed 'History Off The Page' into school for Anglo-Saxon Day. The morning was spent choosing between a multitude of different crafts. Children could visit the 'wise woman' for a diagnosis and have a suitable bag of herbs made up to cure whatever ailed them. They could create 'elf stones', illuminated letters, make clay pots and so many other wonderful things. We suspect that battle practice was a highlight for many! In the afternoon, Year 5 became archaeologists and learned the skills of careful excavation and interpreting evidence. Throughout the day, the children's behaviour was exemplary and we could not have been prouder. These days are not possible without the help of our parent community so our grateful thanks go to: Mrs Arakapiotis, Mrs Aubron, Ms Greenspan, Mr Jenkin, Mrs Maclaren, Mrs Mildred, Mrs Owtrim, Mrs Powell, Ms Reading, Mrs Thomson, Mrs Trundle and Mrs Weaver.

Mrs Day and Mrs Harland

Children In Need

Thank you to all those children who contributed to Children in Need today by wearing non-school uniform and bringing in a contribution. Taking part in these events helps us to live our values of Wisdom, Community, Hope and Dignity.

Parent Reps Meeting

Mr Patten and I had a very productive meeting with the parent reps this week. The session focussed mainly on communication between school and home and how we can improve some of our systems and practices. We are going to do some work around the emails we send home to make sure that they are timely, relevant and accurate. We will also endeavour to set dates for key events as early as possible and to stick to them once set. We do understand that late changes to plans can cause unnecessary anxiety in the home, and we will do our utmost to avoid this situation in the future. There was a passionate plea from some parent reps around how disruptive PE days changing can be. These changes are largely driven by the availability of Tring Pool for our swimming lessons. Once again, we will do our best to avoid making changes and, where it cannot be avoided, will try to give you as much notice as we can.

Parents Consultation – Autumn Term

Thank you to all those parents who attended the consultations this week. It is so important that we build an effective partnership between home and school and we are grateful that you have given up time to meet to discuss your child and how they are progressing in school. The next set of consultations will take place in the Spring Term. If you need to speak to your child's teacher between now and then, please make an appointment via the office or they may be available informally at the end of the school day.

Design a Bright Scarf Competition

Thank you to everyone who joined in this competition. After much debate, the Active Travel Ambassadors chose a runner up from each class, who will receive a beautiful yarn pom pom in their scarf colours, and an overall winner from upper and lower school. Congratulations to Corey C (6C) and Maddie J (4A), whose designs will be knitted into wonderful bright scarves by Mrs Spriggs to keep them safe and warm over the dark winter months.

Music Performance for next week

Our music performer for the celebration assembly next week will be Vejas-Mantas G (31)!



Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Finn M and Arthur S
3S – George P and Oscar R
4A – Rafi SG and Bethany C
4PS – Aoife C and Charlie B
5DR – Annabel S and George M
5H – Nate CF and Mollie C
6C – Lola J and Hannah R
6M – Ronnie B and Eve C

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Behaviour Champions

This week we celebrated the following pupils for their amazing behaviour and ability to live the Bishop Wood values:

3I – Zoe T
3S – Elsie R
4A – Esther H
4PS – Bertie L
5DR – Isabelle HW
5H – Ben W
6C – Amelia W
6M – Eli W

Other Honours

Pom-Poms – 5H
Ruby G, Zoe T and Matthew R – Gymnastics
Ariana M – Dance
George M – Football
Lilyana V – Brownies badge and PoTM in football.

Lunchtime Leader Awards

Well done to the following children, who were identified by our lunchtime leaders for demonstrating our school values:

Lucia L, Elsie R, Finlay T, Sophie M, Tess NS and Dylan P

Around School

This week

This week, Year 3 have enjoyed designing and completing their own fitness circuits in PE. Year 4 have been learning the legend of Sacagawea in English. Year 5 really enjoyed their Anglo-Saxon Day. Year 6 have enjoyed starting our science topic on light.

Next week

Next week, Year 3 are looking forward to investigating friction using toy cars and different surfaces in science. Year 4 are carrying on their good work on multiplication and division and will also be focussing on the 12 times table. They are also very excited about their trip to Neasden Temple. Year 5 are looking forward to finishing their family recipes in English. Year 6 are looking forward to exploring different types of genre.

Monday Gate Task

On Monday, you must walk through the gate to Mrs Adams and Mr Patten and say good morning in a different language. Good luck!

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
Monday 18 th November	4PS – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple
Friday 22 nd November	4A – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Temple
Friday 29 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunch for Pupils (Details to Follow)

Friday 20 th December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas
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Thank you and best wishes
Mr Stanley