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Collective Worship – Respect

I spoke to the children in Collective Worship this week about the concept of 'respect' and the need to be acting respectfully at all times. The children were very able to verbalise what respect means and how to act respectfully in different scenarios. We also discussed the need to use good manners when interacting with each other and with members of staff. I was incredibly pleased to see how polite and respectful the children were in the dining room on Wednesday!

Football - Bishop Wood v St Mary's

Bishop Wood Yellow team played host to St Mary's (Northchurch) on Tuesday afternoon. On a heavy pitch, both teams produced an exciting, end-to-end game with lots of effort and some great tackling. St Mary's were awarded a penalty in the first half that was saved by our goalkeeper, Lucy C, but unfortunately the attacker was able to follow up and convert the rebound. Bishop Wood equalised soon afterwards through our player of the match Ralph F. Both teams had chances to win in the second half but good defending and goal keeping on both sides meant the final score stayed 1-1.

Netball – Bishop Wood v Boxmoor

On Thursday last week, Bishop Wood netball team played a home match against Boxmoor. It was our first match of the competitive DSSN league. Our whole team were very strong with a strong defence and Elise, Tilly and Annabel were great in attack. The final score was a 9-1 win with player of the match being awarded to Tilly. A great start to the league.

Electric Umbrella

Yesterday, Year 3 joined Electric Umbrella for their online workshop and recording of their 2023 Christmas single 'Kindness isn't just for Christmas.' The children enjoyed learning the song and Makaton signs. The workshop was great fun too! Year 3 are looking forward to performing the song to share the important message as part of our Christmas celebrations later in the term.

Children in Need – Friday 17th November

Thank you to everyone who supported our Children in Need event today!

Year 5 Anglo Saxon Day

On Wednesday 15th November, Year 5 enjoyed an Anglo-Saxon Day. It was run by the fabulous "History Off the Page". In the morning, the hall was set up as an Anglo-Saxon village and the children experienced a wide variety of crafts ranging from candle making to creating 'grotesques' (gargoyles) from clay. The classes went outside and were prepared for battle; they learned lots of commands and particularly enjoyed charging at their teachers! In the afternoon, the hall was transformed into an archaeological site. Children unearthed artefacts and carefully recorded positions on a grid. They labelled their finds, set up their museum and then enjoyed the opportunity of visiting all the other museums. In addition, throughout the day there was storytelling, task setting and game playing. There is no doubt the children learned lots and thoroughly enjoyed themselves in the process. We could not have run it without the help of the following parents: Mrs Cowpe, Mrs McCloskey, Mr Bradshaw, Mrs Hands, Mr Hemley, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Bunda, Mrs Bates, Mrs Saunders and Mrs Wild so a massive thank you to them from all Year 5.

Author Visit

We are overjoyed to have the brilliant author IONA RANGELEY coming to our school. She is the author of the 'Einstein the Penguin' books, and she'll be talking about her book 'The Case of the Polar Poachers' on Tuesday 28th November and then signing books for the children after the event.

Parents can order the book from Our Bookshop by clicking [this link](#). The signed books will be given to your child on the day. This will be very exciting for all the children. IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM BEN AT OUR BOOKSHOP: Please include your child's name and class so the books can be labelled up for the event. Postage is not required; we will deliver all the books on the day.

Behaviour for Learning Champions



Congratulations to the following children who were the Behaviour for Learning Champions last week!

3I - Garbriel F
3S - Arlo H
4A - Reggie R
4H - Isabelle HW
5DR - Wilf A
5H - Freya T
6C - Iris P
6M - Ava S

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Robbie C and Esther H
3S – Ektaa M and Alice H
4A – Hector Q and Alfie J
4H – Bethy D and Christopher G
5DR – Izzy H and Ronnie B
5H – Mariia T and Alex K
6C – William J and Dexter G
6M – Elise M and Isla T

Other Honours

Music Awards – Ronnie B and Seb B
Pen Licences – Omari AO, Joshua R, Luca MC and Theo C
Lucy C – TTFC Player of the match
Lyle G and Astrid G – 500 word BBC story competition
Quinn P – Maidenhead Festival of Music and Dance

Around School

Year 3 have loved writing their own Revolting Recipes based on 'The Spider and The Fly'. Year 4 have been learning about the teeth and their various functions. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed Anglo Saxon Day. Year 6 have been conducting experiments involving light in Science.

Next week, Year 3 are looking forward to reading and acting out fables. Year 4 will be starting to learn about Route 66 in Geography. Year 5 will be performing some of their Young Voices songs at music celebration. Year 6 will be busy planning a story with a flashback.

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.

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| Monday 20 th November | 2pm – Music Celebration (letter sent Thursday 16 th November) |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | Nasal Flu Vaccinations |
| Thursday 23 rd November | Buddies Non-Uniform Day (Letter sent Thursday 16 th November) |
| Friday 24 th November | Occasional Day (school closed) |
| Monday 27 th November | Year 4 Trip – BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple, Neasden |
| Thursday 29 th November | Buddies Wreath Making Event (Letter sent Thursday 16 th November) |
| Friday 1 st December | Buddies Christmas Fair (Letter sent Thursday 16 th November) |
| Thursday 7 th December | Open Morning - New Parents |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Christmas Lunch Day – Available to book now! |
| Monday 18 th December | Nativity – Evening Performance in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow) |
| Wednesday 20 th December | 9.30am – Christmas Service in St Peter & St Paul Church (Details to follow) |
| Wednesday 20 th December | 1.30pm – School closes for Christmas |

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley