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Buddies Christmas Fair

Confirmation that the Buddies Christmas Fair is taking place on Friday 6th December.

This Week in Staff Meeting

The teaching team embarked on the first in a series of training sessions about making teaching memorable. This week's key principle was helping pupils to focus on their learning by managing the amount of stimuli in the learning environment. The careful selection of resources, tasks and teaching input can help children to focus on the key learning in each lesson.

Eco Targets

Thank you to the eco-warriors for their assembly about this year's eco targets, and for all the work involved on the review. This year, the targets are:

Transport, School Grounds and Litter.

The year 3 eco warriors have launched a competition to design posters about litter, using phrases such as:

Our school is a litter free zone.

No single use plastic please.

Keep our grounds free of litter.

The competition will end on Monday 2nd December.

House Points

House point running totals:

1st Venus 2346 2nd Jupiter 2217 3rd Saturn 2190 4th Mars 2169

This week, all houses have reached the threshold of 2000 points and therefore will have the reward of a board games session. On Friday 6th December, all children are invited to bring a board game to school to play with their friends. Please avoid games involving batteries/electronics. This fun session will in no way clash with the children attending the Christmas Fair!

DENS Sleep Out

The Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter (DENS) is the first port of call for people in Dacorum who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion. Homelessness can affect anyone, but young people are especially vulnerable. Since 2014 every year we have taken a group of young people from our church community to sleep out to raise awareness about homelessness and to raise money for DENS. Tonight four adults (of which one is a governor at BWS, one is a former governor and one is married to the former chair of governors) and seven young people (including former BWS students) will be sleeping out in a school playground to raise money for DENS. Please sponsor us. Huw Bellis is fundraising for DENS - Helping rebuild lives

Sports Festival

On Wednesday 20th November, some children (Annabel, Dylan, Ella, Omari, Samuel, Louis, Jessica and Rory) were chosen to take part in the Dacorum Can Do Sports Festival in Hemel Hempstead. This event included many different sporting activities including javelin, a sprinting activity using blaze pods and boxing. The children had a wonderful time and were excellent representatives of the school. Well done!

Music Performance for next week

Our music performer for the celebration assembly next week will be Edward V (4PS)!

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:











3I - Jessica J and Kevin P

3S - Lilly-Mae and Lilyana V

4A - Lyle G and George W

4PS - Luca R and Mollie H

5DR - Zack R and Sophie M

5H - Cami C, Gabriella R and Edison R

6C - Fin M and Enva S

6M - Aubree T and Pearl B

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Other Honours

Pom-Poms - 5DR

Seb B – Football

Astrid G, Alice C and Poppy M – Scout Camp Competition

Lunchtime Leader Awards

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

Ariana M, Winnie m, Gabriella R and Astrid G

Around School

This week

This week, Year 3 had a visit from Mr and Mrs Eeley who generously donate a bible to every Year 3 child each year. Year 4 enjoyed their visit to the Hindu Temple in Neasden. Year 5 have enjoyed coding in computing lessons this week. Year 6 have been studying the 4 Noble Truths of Islam in RE.

Next week

Next week, Year 3 are looking forward to learning about magnets. Year 4 are starting an exciting Science investigation where they will be using egg shell to look at how different liquids cause tooth decay. Year 5 are looking forward to starting to rehearse the nativity story next week.

Year 6 will be making periscopes!

Monday Gate Task

On Monday, you must walk through the gate to Mrs Adams and Mr Patten and say good morning using actions only. 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
Thursday 28 th November	Buddies Non-Uniform Day
Friday 29 th November	Occasional Day – School Closed
Monday 2 nd December	Reverse Advent Calendar starts
Friday 6 th December	Buddies Christmas Fair
16 th – 20 th December	Christmas Jumper Week
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Production at St Peter and St Paul
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Golden Time
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Lunch for Pupils (Details to Follow)
Thursday 19 th December at 11.15	End of term service at St Peter and St Paul
Friday 20 th December	1.30pm – School closes for Christmas

Thank you and best wishes Mr Stanley