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Happy Lunchtimes!

This week we have launched our new approach to making the lunchtime more engaging for the pupils. This involves structured activities being led both indoors and outdoors each day. These activities are selected by the Lunchtime Leaders and are advertised on large chalkboards so that the children know what is on offer each day. Engagement levels have been high and many children have been enjoying the new offer. The Lunchtime Leaders are also empowered by a new reward system which sees them award individuals with weekly certificates and pom poms (ask your child for more info!) which build up to a class reward. There will also be a half-termly top table in the dining room for those children who are seen as demonstrating consistent pro-social behaviour at lunchtime. It is all very exciting and we are pleased with how well the children have embraced it!

Amazon Wishlist

Linked to the above initiative, we are looking to boost our resources for the inside element of the Happy Lunchtime offer. As such, we have put together an Amazon wish list in the hope that some of you may be in a position to help provide some of the key resources. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

The list can be found [here](#)!

Coach Lee – London Marathon

Coach Lee is in school on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday to support our delivery of the PE curriculum with some of his colleagues from Game On. Over recent years, Coach Lee has developed a strong relationship with staff and pupils and has become a very valued member of the Bishop Wood team. Lee is running the London Marathon in April for the Brain and Spine Foundation. We are supporting Lee with his fundraising efforts by holding a non-uniform day on Friday 16th February (for a £1 donation) and by sharing [the link to his fundraising page](#). Please read his story and donate if you feel able to. Good luck, Lee!

House Awards

Mars have now passed the 2000-point threshold so will have a non-uniform day on Friday 26th January.

Well done to everyone in Mars!

Class Assemblies

A reminder that 6M's class assembly is happening next Thursday 25th January. It will start as soon as all the children are registered and gathered in the hall. Please allow yourself time to sign in and be seated by 9.00am. We look forward to seeing you!

Financial Support – website

In light of the well-known cost of living pressures, I have been working on a new section of the school website to help direct members of our community to support where it is available. Please do take a look at the new page which can be found [here](#). As a school we are trying to be much more proactive in ensuring that none of our families feel excluded from events or the school community due to economic reasons. We will help to support families wherever we can. If you need any help at all, please contact Debs in confidence (via the admin@ email account) and we will support you.

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Esther H and Eli B
3S – Leo KW and Evie W
4A – Alex D and Amelia L
4H – Zack R and Annabel S
5DR – Bunny BB and Ava A
5H – Acacia T and Mila H
6C – Noah M and Thomas B
6M – Tilly E and Isabella DM



Other Honours

George M, Mack E and Elise M – Football

Freya S and Tilly S – Acro Medal

Behaviour Champions

The behaviour champions last week were:

3I – Darcy E

3S – Mack E

4A – Ella H

4H – Daniel W

5DR – Oscar P

5H – Enya S

6C – Mia E

6M – Hugo S

Around School

This Week

Year 3 have enjoyed finding out the 99 beautiful names for Allah. Year 4 have been using place value grids and base ten to crack multiplication. Year 5 have been writing atmospheric setting descriptions for their mystery stories and Year 6 have been studying 'people in action' as their art unit.

Next Week

Year 3 are starting a topic on adventure stories. Year 4 will be writing playscripts. Year 5 are going to be learning and using directions in French. Year 6 will be continuing with badminton in PE.

Diary Dates

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

Tuesday 30 th January	Young Voices at the O2 (Year 5)
Thursday 25 th January	9am – 6M Class Assembly
Friday 26 th January	Non-Uniform Day – Mars House
Thursday 1 st February	9am – 6C Class Assembly
Thursday 8 th February	9am – 5H Class Assembly
Thursday 15 th February	9am – 5DR Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th February	9am – 4H Class Assembly
Monday 4 th March	Year 4 Trip – Verulamium (Details to follow)
Thursday 7 th March	9am – 4A Class Assembly
Thursday 14 th March	9am – 3I Class Assembly
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 5 Trip – Hazard Alley (Letter sent Thursday 18 th January)
Thursday 21 st March	9am – 3S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 th March	11.30 am – End of Term Worship at St Peter & St Paul

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley