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Parent Feedback

Thank you to those parents who take the time to offer feedback to the school. We have been pleased, recently, to receive some really positive emails from parents. It is an absolute joy to read these and an even bigger one to pass them on to the teachers involved. Teaching is a wonderful profession but it can be tough at times and everyone can benefit from positive praise. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts, to those parents who show us such continued support.

Young Voices

Children from Year 5 travelled to the O2 on Tuesday to take part in a Young Voices concert, along with 8500 other children! The day started with lunch by the Thames, then we took our seats for the rehearsal. At 6pm, from their elevated position, the children watched the O2 fill up ready for their performance. The concert started at 7pm and the Bishop Wood Choir did us proud with their enthusiastic singing and actions! They also enjoyed watching and listening to professional singers, dancers and musicians perform on the stage. We all had an amazing day, and the staff were really impressed with the stamina and behaviour of all the children - well done everyone!

Mrs Reeve

Tring Sing

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 6 enjoyed the Tring Sing workshop in Desborough Hall which was run by the Dacorum Music School and Tring School Music Department. All the local schools were brought together to learn new songs which explored a range of pitch, rhythm and singing in rounds. There was also a performance by some pupils from the Tring School choir. It was a great introduction to the music department at Tring School.

The Hertfordshire music service runs a range of Saturday workshops in Hemel Hempstead such as Showstoppers musical theatre and Sing IT which involves children writing and performing their own music.

Safer Internet Day

To celebrate Safer Internet Day Tuesday 6th February, we are joining schools and companies around the world completing activities to raise awareness of a safer and better internet for all. This is in addition to our learning about Online Safety which is an integral part of our Computing curriculum. All classes will have lessons with a Safer Internet Focus next week.

Mrs Ing

Mobile Phones!

At Bishop Wood, we do not encourage pupils to bring mobile phones into school. However, we understand that parents may choose to send older children in with them for safety reasons when travelling to and from school. If you want your Year 5 or 6 child to bring their phone to school, a Mobile Phone Agreement must be signed and returned to their class teacher. These can be found on our website as part of the Mobile Phone Policy. Mobiles must be turned off before entering the school grounds and given to the class teacher who will lock them away until the end of the day. They must then remain turned off until the child has left the school site. As stated in the agreement, children who do not follow the guidelines will face having their mobile phone confiscated and a parent will be called to pick it up from the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Class Assemblies

We were treated to a class collective worship/assembly by 6C, this week, which looked at Candlemas and the value of 'trust'. It was lovely to hear from the children about who the trust figures are in their lives. They are all incredibly fortunate to have so many wonderful people who they can rely on. Well done 6C!

Please join us on Thursday 8th February for 5H's class assembly!

Amazon Wishlist

Thank you so much to those generous parents and governors who have kindly donated items from our wishlist to support our drive to make lunchtime play more varied and stimulating for the children. There are still some items on



there so please do have a look if you feel you are able to contribute. The list can be found [here](#). You may also have items at home which you no longer want that school can put to good use and we are happy to receive them. Thank you so much!

New Piano for School Hall

We are incredibly pleased to be receiving a new piano for our school hall. The upright piano belonged to Tom Loten who sadly passed away recently. Tom was a noted musical figure in Tring and Hertfordshire and his piano has been offered to a worthy recipient and we are that recipient! The piano is a significant upgrade and we are very pleased to be receiving it. I am sure that Tom would see it fit that the musicians of the future will be using it for their performances in school. Our thanks go to Edmund Booth (governor) and Anna Le Hair for thinking of the school and facilitating the transfer!

Behaviour for Learning Champions

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

3I – Walter H
3S – Freya S
4A – Christopher C
4H – Arthur B
5DR – Ronnie B
5H – Alex K
6C – Orla B
6M – Isla B

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Mabel A and Hazel W
3S – Esme P and Charlie B
4A – Elle B and Seb B
4H – Felix M and Charlie E
5DR – Layl- Mai K and Ava A
5H – Freya T and Ernie G
6C – Ben V and Olivia T
6M – Melody B and Bradley W

Other Honours

Dolcie HP, Ektaa M, Sam B, Freya S – Pen Licence
Max S and Melody B – Player of the Match
Tilly E – Regional netball trial
6M – Pom Poms

Lunchtime Leader Awards for Positive Play

Joshua D, Lucy C, Esme P, Felix M, Lauren W, Aubree T, Indy R, George T and Sam W

Around School

This Week

Year 3 had a really engaging visit from the Visually Impaired department this week and enjoyed a workshop to understand what it might be like to have a visual impairment. Year 4 carried out a very exciting but loud investigation in Science which looked at how you change the pitch of various instruments. Year 5 loved their trip to the O2 for Young Voices and Year 6 have been busy cracking percentages in Maths.

Next Week

Year 3 and Year 4 will be starting a new Maths topic which will involve measuring things such as perimeter and length. Year 5 will be editing their mystery stories. 6C are excited about looking at construction joints in DT. 6M will be making their own mandalas in RE.

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.

Thursday 8 th February	9am – 5H Class Assembly
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Thursday 15 th February	9am – 5DR Class Assembly
Thursday 29 th February	9am – 4H Class Assembly
Monday 4 th March	Year 4 Trip – Verulamium (Letter sent Thursday 1 st February)
Thursday 7 th March	9am – 4A Class Assembly
Saturday 9 th March	Bridgewater Cross Country Event
Thursday 14 th March	9am – 3I Class Assembly
Monday 18 th March	2pm – Music Celebration
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