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Our School Vision

Staff, pupils and governors have recently been looking at and reviewing our school vision.

He has come so that we can...*be the best version of ourselves, enjoying life in all its fullness.*

Our vision for the Bishop Wood School community is inspired by the bible verse John 10:10. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' In this verse, Jesus says that he has come in order that we might have life in all its fullness.

The Bible verse John 10:10 is particularly relevant to us as we seek to ensure that everyone in our community is able to thrive and flourish, whatever their need, ability or status. We seek to ensure the children flourish spiritually, broadening awareness of the diversity of God's world. All members of our community are deeply valued and cherished, and we believe that we achieve this by the clear ethos and values that underpin all we do.

4PS Class Collective Worship

Our class collective worship was led by 4PS this week. They took us through all their recent learning around 'Rivers' which included aspects of English, Geography, Art and beyond. They have clearly got a huge amount out of the topic and shared their understanding with great confidence. Well done to 4PS!

Upcoming dates this half term:

5DR – 6th February

6C – 13th February

Young Voices – Year 5

Last Friday morning, most of year 5 travelled to the O2 stadium in London on a coach. We were so excited to perform in Young Voices 2025. When we arrived, we had lunch then went inside to practice our songs. We were sitting really high up and were surrounded by hundreds of other children from different schools. We really enjoyed singing with so many other children - it was very cool. The instructor taught us some dance moves to do during the performance. Our favourite dancers were Joe and Maddie. We were also joined by some professional singers which made it extra special. Once the parents arrived at 7pm we were ready to start the show. The lights went down and it was dark. When we started singing coloured lights filled the arena. They were very impressive and made the show feel magical. Our favourite song was 'pop medley' as it was like singing in a pop concert. We loved watching Urban Strides dance team as their moves were very skilled. There was a surprise dance that no one knew about. We are looking forward to their visit to our school later in the year.

We would recommend taking part as it was really fun and an amazing experience despite getting home late and being tired the next day.

By Annabel and Bethy

Toys and Smart Watches

Despite numerous mentions, we are still having issues with children bringing toys to school. These are causing distractions in lessons and tension at break time. Any toys brought in will be taken away from the children and held in the office for parents to collect. Please help us by enforcing this at home – thank you!

Parent Reps

We have our second parent reps meeting next week. The reps have received the agenda so do please give them any useful feedback be it positive or developmental!

Behaviour Champions

Every Monday afternoon, I am lucky enough to spend some time with the behaviour champions of the week. This week's behaviour champions received their postcards home for a range of good learning behaviours: listening well, joining in, respecting each other and kindness. The children, as always, were polite and respectful. We enjoyed a hot chocolate with marshmallows, a cup-cake and 10 mins play outside! Mrs Clark.



This week's behaviour champions are:

3I – Bea B
3S – Hugo A
4A – Hazel W
4PS – Freya S
5DR – Holly T
5H – Harvey R
6C – Edie M
6M – Jack T

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Edison B and Mabel T
3S – Ava M and JJ I
4A – Ellie H and Esther H
4PS – Ektaa M and Freddie L
5DR – Lucia L, Charlie E and Riley E
5H – Max S, Edison R and Amelia L
6C – Callum H and Dylan H
6M – Ralph F and Lucy C

Well done – keep up the excellent work!

Other Honours

Pom Poms – 3S

Lunchtime Leader Awards – Phoebe C, Paisley P, Euan OB, Ben W, Indy R and Anthony W

Ava W – Music Award

Wills H – County Swimming

Open Morning

We have hosted open mornings in the past which have been incredibly well received by parents. These open mornings allow you to come in and see learning happening across the school. We will be having our first open morning of the school year on Wednesday 26th February (9.30-10.30). This open morning will have a Maths focus. Please add this important date to your diary and share it around so that we get a strong uptake. You will find it fascinating to see what and how the children are learning.

Around School

This Week

Year 3 have enjoyed writing their own adventure stories. Year 4 enjoyed exploring the River Thames and using six figure grid reference to locate parts of Tring. Year 5 have enjoyed investigating resistance in their 'forces' topic in science this week. This week in art, Y6 have enjoyed finding out about Keith Haring and his art work.

Next Week

Year 3 are looking forward to measuring in Maths. Year 4 are starting their persuasive letters to Parliament to reduce river pollution. Year 5 are looking forward to continuing their work on perspective in art. Y6 are looking forward to investigating area and perimeter in maths.

Thank you and best wishes

Mr Stanley