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Ofsted Update Presentation

Thank you to those of you who attended our Ofsted Update Evening on Tuesday. We were very pleased with the turnout and were glad to welcome parents and staff from Bishop Wood and Goldfield School. The evening gave us the chance to share all the work we have done to date in response to the three key action areas from our Ofsted report. I have placed the slides on the website so that those who were unable to attend can see what was covered. They can be found [here](#). Thank you to those who asked questions, sought clarification and shared positives with us on the evening. It is excellent to be working alongside parents on our journey of continued improvement!

Happy Lunchtimes – Top Table Event

As part of our Happy Lunchtimes programme, we were delighted to host our first 'Top Table' event this week. Eight pupils whom the Lunchtime Leaders felt have shown exemplary behaviour at lunchtimes during the current half term were given hand-written invitations inviting them (and a guest of their choice) to join Mrs Dancer and Miss Borowczyk for lunch. The pupils sat at a beautifully decorated table, were waited upon by Mrs Colston and Mrs Bourke, and serenaded by the Bishop Wood Trio consisting of Mr Hall, Mrs Anechite and Mrs Ing. Everyone enjoyed the experience immensely and we are looking forward to the next one, which will take place next half term.

The lucky diners were: Seb N-V, Alice G, Theo C, Maria P, Liam R, Alexandra K, Isabella S and William M.

Waterwise Assembly

Today, the eco warriors did an assembly for the whole school about the importance of water conservation - one of this year's eco-targets. They did a brilliant job. It was such a pleasure to see children from different year groups working together. You will receive a separate email from the eco warriors with an attachment giving tips for water conservation. We would be grateful if you could print this out for the whole family to see.

Thank you so much for your support.

Class Assemblies

Well done to 5DR who led a beautiful collective worship this week which linked Lent to the message of kindness. It included some very good acting and some lovely ideas on simple ways to choose to be kind – always a very useful reminder for us all.

Please join us on Thursday 29th February for 4H's class assembly!

The Big Walk and Wheel.

This year's Big Walk and Wheel is from 11th to 22nd March. Each day, your child will record how they got to school, and the eco-warriors will input the data. We always do really well in this competition, and even won one year! Park and Stride does count as active travel and will help towards our percentage.

PE Kit and PE Days Next Half Term

A reminder that children should be wearing appropriate PE kit in school. We have noticed recently that the PE kit has recently started resembling all the colours of the rainbow. Parents have also made comments on this. PE Kit is as follows:

Indoor: navy t-shirt (plain or printed with the school crest), plain shorts and plimsolls or (clean!) trainers.

Outdoor: plain navy tracksuit top and bottoms. Trainers are needed for outdoor games.

Please support your child(ren) by sending them in wearing the correct kit. If you need any financial support to purchase appropriate kit please contact Debs via financial.support@bishopwood.herts.sch.uk

PE Days next term are:

3I – Thursday and Friday

3S – Wednesday and Thursday

4A and 4H – Tuesday and Friday

5DR and 5H – Wednesday (swimming – come in school clothes) and Thursday



6M – Monday and Tuesday
6C – Tuesday and Friday

World Book Day

On Thursday 7th March it is World Book Day! This gives the children (and staff!) the chance to dress up as their favourite book character. The day will be dedicated to sharing stories and taking part in book related activities.

It is suggested that the children bring in £1 to donate to Book Aid International, a charity connected to WBD. The children will be bringing home a £1 book voucher too.

Mrs Clark

Behaviour for Learning Champions

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

3I – Esther H
3S – Bertie L
4A – Esme C
4H – Jack S
5DR – Holly B
5H – Lola J
6C – Betsy L
6M – Maisie B

Celebration

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Bethany C and Paisley P
3S – Evelyn L and Beau B
4A – Ella H and Nate CF
4H – Omari AO and George M
5DR – Lucy C and Alice C
5H – Wills H and Fin M
6C – Betsy L and Mia
6M – Archie G and Noah KW

Other Honours

Lottie TS – Platinum Reader
Maria P, Sebastian B, Max S and Alexandra K – Piano
Mabel A, Samuel S and Erin H – Pen Licences
Betsy L – Chesham Arts Festival
Melody B – POTM Berkhamsted Raiders
Tilly E and Lottie TS – POTM Tring Tornadoes
Tilly E – Successful Netball Trial
Isobel C – writer of the week
Pom Pom Winners – 4H

Lunchtime Leader Awards for Positive Play

Sebastian NV and Luca MC

Around School

This Week

Year 3 have had a busy week and for many the highlight was a science lesson during which they made a class compost bin! Year 4 have been enjoying some very hands on Science lessons recently and this continued this week as they made string telephones to develop their understanding of particle theory. Year 5 have also enjoyed Science in which they have been comparing the life cycles of different organisms. 6C have been researching famous members of the LGBTQ+ community as part of LGBTQ+ history month. 6M have written some formal letters in English.

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 29 th February	9am – 4H Class Assembly
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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