



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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### **Football v St Mary's**

The Blue team played our first match of the Spring Term on Tuesday evening away at St Mary's in Northchurch.

The teams were well matched and it was a great game to watch. Charlie C put us ahead mid way through the first half but we were pegged back soon after by the hosts and the break came at 1-1.

In the second half, St Mary's took the lead and despite several good efforts on their goal, we looked like we might taste defeat as we entered the last 5 minutes 1-2 down. However, in a dramatic finale, goals from Ralph F and Wills H saw us run out triumphant 3-2 winners. A great performance by the whole team, with Fred S winning the POTM award for a tough tackling performance in defence and midfield.

Mr Hall

### **Weather**

Spring has arrived but the more temperate weather has not. It has been incredibly wet this week and we have had a lot of children in school without a coat. Please can you ensure that your child comes to school dressed for the weather. We will always attempt to get the children outside for lunch and break unless it is pouring down. Thank you.

### **Coffee Morning – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

You are all invited to attend a coffee morning in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 9.00-10.30. Mr Stanley, Mrs Guest and Di Ivory (school governor) will be at the event to meet with you and discuss anything you want to talk about! Please come along for a coffee and a slice of cake!

### **Red Nose Day 2024**

We are excited to be supporting this year's Comic Relief Red Nose Day at Bishop Wood! We will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March to raise money for this brilliant cause. Please get baking and bring your donations into school on Friday morning, ready for the after-school event. As a reminder, we are a nut-free school and ask that all home-made items come with a list of ingredients, and that any items you buy come in their original packaging. Children will need to remember to bring some money if they wish to buy cakes - all items will be sold for 50p.

We will also have a non-uniform day, and encourage the children to wear red and make a donation of £1 to support the appeal. A link will be sent out nearer the date which will allow you to make this donation online.

Mrs Harland and Miss Stevens

### **Year 5 Maths Challenge**

Poppy, Eli, Callum and Wills from Year 5 took part in HFL maths challenge this week. They had to do a memory challenge followed by a live online event that involved 3 rounds of 6 questions. Their attitude and effort were excellent throughout. They communicated with each other really well, considered each question carefully and brought all their skills into play to solve them - well done to our Year 5 team. It will be Year 3 and 4's turn soon!

### **Class Assemblies**

Well done to 4H who led an excellent class assembly/worship yesterday. They used the leap year to link the theme of leaps to Lent, which we are currently observing in school.

Please join us on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March for 4A's class assembly!

### **Duracell Big Battery Hunt**

We have once again signed up to take part in this challenge. Please send used batteries in to your child's class - we would be grateful if they could be counted before they are brought in. There will be class and individual prizes

### **Toys in School**

We are noticing an increase in the number of children who are bringing toys in to school from home. Please could we ask parents to not let this happen as it is leading to distraction in lessons. If your child has a sensory need, the school will work alongside parents to supply suitable resources. If you are in any doubt, please contact your child's class teacher.



### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

Last Friday we were delighted to receive this message:

*'Congratulations! We are delighted to let you know that following the Tesco Stronger Starts vote in your local Tesco stores, your project came First and has been chosen by Tesco customers to receive a grant award of £1,400.00! This grant is specifically for the purpose of Improving Biodiversity and Wellbeing the details of which are outlined in your application.'*

Thank you to all of you who voted for our project with the blue tokens. Next term we will be busy developing the nature area for enjoyment of your children and Bishop Wood children of the future.

### **Eco Update**

Edmund Booth (one of our school governors) has written an excellent article on the work of our school eco committee for the magazine Comment. We have done some wonderful work in this area so please do take a look. The article can be found [here](#) on page 28.

### **Celebration**

This week we celebrated the following pupils in school:

3I – Louis B and Dylan P  
3S – Samuel B and Tess NS  
4A – Reggie R and Bella DS  
4H – Billy K and Anthony W  
5DR – Emilija G and Francesca R  
5H – Edie M and Mariia T  
6C – Poppy W and Frankie B  
6M – Isla T and Lottie TS

#### *Other Honours*

Max S, Ronnie B and Seb B – Music  
Esme C and Ella H – Gymnastics  
Noah M – Football  
Writer of the Week – Lucy C  
Pom Poms – 4H

### **Lunchtime Leader Awards for Positive Play**

Bunny BB, Nate CF, Lucas K, Finley C and Francesca R

### **Around School**

#### ***This Week***

Year 3 have had a great time making papier-mache globes in Geography. Year 4 have started a new topic on electricity. Year 5 have been reading about the lives of inspirational members of the LGBTQ+ community and Year 6 have been studying Area and Perimeter.

#### ***Next Week***

Year 3 will be writing a verse for their rock cycle rap. Year 4 are very excited about their visit to Roman Verulamium. Year 5 are going to be describing paintings by French artists in French. Year 6 will be looking at inheritance in Science.

### **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.

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Trip – Verulamium (Letter sent Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – 4A Class Assembly
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Bridgewater Cross Country Event
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Consultations (Letter sent 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024)
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Sports for Schools (Letter sent 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024)</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Consultations (Letter sent 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – 3I Class Assembly

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	9am – 10.30am – Coffee Morning
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day (Details Above)
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	2pm – Music Celebration
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Trip – Hazard Alley (Letter sent Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January)
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	9am – 3S Class Assembly
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	11.30 am – End of Term Worship at St Peter & St Paul

Thank you and best wishes  
Mr Stanley