The Bishops' School News

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

Mothers and Special People Celebration

Thank you to all who were able to join us for this service when we could specially thank the amazing love and dedication of our mums and all who care for us. Thank you to all the children who helped to lead the service, painted pictures, wrote prayers and poems and sang so beautifully.
Thanks, too, to those of you who wrote in afterwards and sent photos (just a quick reminder to make sure that photos put on social media only have your faces/ the faces of your children on them – thank you!). Here are some:

Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine

Thank you all for coping so patiently with the strike days this week. We very much hope that the action taken by our staff will have a positive outcome.

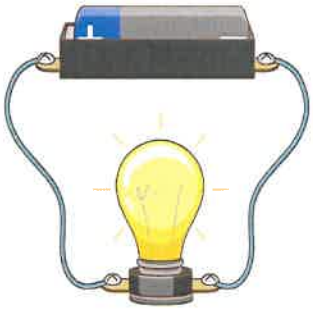
Class 6A and anyone else on the playground at the time enjoyed a dance exercise session with our new aerobics instructor, Miss Austin, on Wednesday afternoon.
Even some buddies joined in!

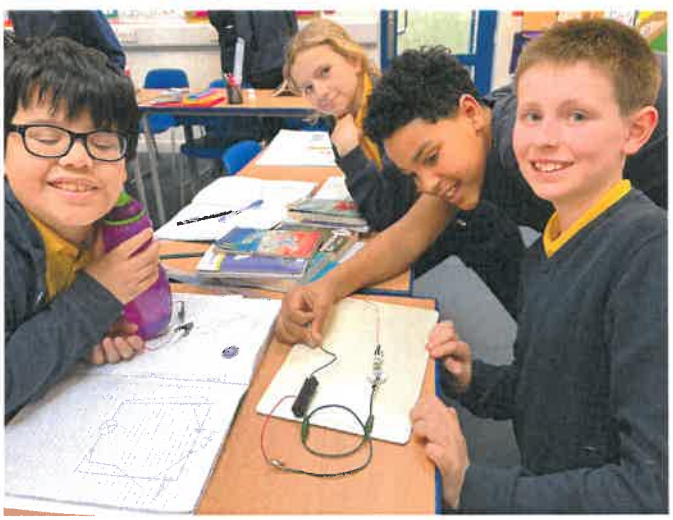
Last Friday, a group **year 5** children attended an engineering day hosted by apprentices at E2V. Beginning with a tour of the various manufacturing and research areas, they were introduced to many different technologies including clean-rooms, CCDs, and magnetrons....

...After this inspiration, they were set six engineering challenges of their own, competing against five other schools for the highest score. Challenges included designing and building parachutes, towers, catapults, zip wire cradles and cantilever bridges, each needing to hold an adventurous 3D printed egg, named Eggy. ..

...Whilst the Bishops team did not come away with a trophy, they can all be very proud of all the team's efforts, especially the length of their cantilever bridge, which was over double that of the next nearest team! I think we certainly have some budding engineers in our midst!

Year 6 are learning about Electricity in their Science topic. The children have been constructing electrical circuits with bulbs, buzzers and motors in their lessons. Here are photos of some of the circuits they made.





On Monday morning, selected children from **Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1** represented the school at a **Cross Country event**.

It was *incredibly* windy but the children were amazing. They all tried their best and impressed us with their fantastic running.

There were many schools at the event but the **FS/KS1 team came 2nd overall**. What an amazing achievement! A particular well done to the following individuals who won a medal for their race...

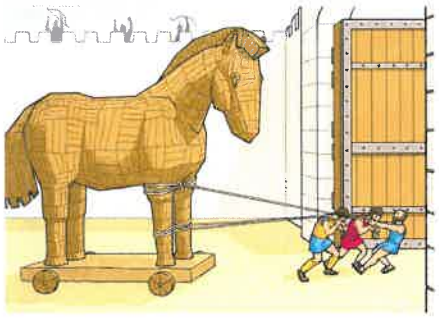
Jesse, Ioan, and Chisom

In the afternoon, the **KS2 Cross Country team** looked to build upon the FS & KS1 success from earlier in the day.

The high winds made for tough conditions again and the success of the day went to Emer who battled her way to win the Year 6 Girls race. She will now go on to the county final next month to represent Chelmsford.

This was the final race of the cross country season that's seen over 70 children from the school compete in a range of fixtures.

6FT have been creating Trojan Pots!



Here is a photo of Jessica and her brilliant alien creation!

WOW!

This is exciting!

We have **World-Record-Breaking Tap-dancers** at Bishops' – Emilia and Eni joined the largest EVER tap lesson, and smashed the previous record of 445 participants so that the new record stands at 554 – they danced for 41 minutes and I am told they smiled the whole time!

Congratulations!

The Bishops' PTA

The PTA will be at both parents' evenings next week with Adventure Island tickets available to purchase or collect if you would like to organise in advance. We will also have sheets for you to sign up to get some free Stikins name labels.

Please be aware that there will be limited opportunity to purchase Adventure Island tickets during the Easter holidays due to other commitments of the team so this is the perfect opportunity to buy them, they are valid until 2024.

We have a meeting coming up on Tuesday 28th March via zoom and this is to plan our summer term events.

In the summer term we will be hosting May fayre to celebrate the Coronation.

We will also have a special inflatables event for the children, which is during the school day, although we will still need some volunteers for this.

We will also be supporting sports day.

We do need volunteers for these events so if you can support please let us know or chat to us as parents evening.

Finally... Keep your eyes peeled, as work will be starting soon after Easter on the new shelter you have raised money for!

Many thanks
The PTA

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,
Find us @BishopsPta, or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook

Community News

Please see information in this week's Community News about a **'Free Young People's Orchestral Workshop' on Sunday 14th May**. If you would like more information about this, then please email c.foale@bishops.essex.sch.uk and Miss Foale can send you the full letter.

For info on more events and activities visit: **www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General**

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 20th March 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meat Free Monday Pasta with a Variety of Sauces Served with Mixed Salad Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Chilli con Carne OR Vegetarian Chilli Served with Rice, Tortilla Chips & Peas Apple Crumble & Custard	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding OR Veggie Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding Served with Crushed New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt	Chicken Curry OR Meat Free Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce Served with Rice, Naan Bread & Sweetcorn Ice Cream	Breaded Pollock Fish Fillet OR Grilled Halloumi Burger in a Bun with Lettuce Served with Chips & Winterslaw Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt

Marie Curie daffodil pins are available for a small donation from the school office for **Key Stage 2 children.**

Marie Curie
Great Daffodil Appeal

Please let the office know.....

Absences due to Illness—**please report all on the day absences to the school office by phone or email by 9am.**

Medical appointments—please provide a copy of the appointment letter **in advance.**

Planned absences —please complete a leave of absence form **in advance.**

Change of details—please complete a change of details form.

All forms are available to download from our website under 'Parents' and 'Notify Us' or from the school office. ***Please state your child's class in any communications with us.***

Thank you.

Telephone: 01245 460107 / Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk

Cake Sale for the whole school

Coming up on the last day of term!
Some pupils from Year 5 are organising a cake sale to raise money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital.

Looking Ahead

Monday 20th March—Year 3 Easter Experience at The Cathedral, 9.10am to 3.10pm;
Boys Football Match v Tyrrells on the playground, 3.30 to 4.30pm

Tuesday 21st March—Church for Grp 2 led by 2M, 9.20am;
Parents' Meetings in school, 5pm to 8pm

Wednesday 22nd March—Tag Rugby County Final at Old Brentwood's RC, 10am to 2pm

Thursday 23rd March—Parents' Meetings in school, 3.30pm to 6.30pm;
School Choir Competition Final at New Hall School, 6.45pm

Friday 24th March—4S's Class Assembly in the hall, 9 for 9.15am

Tuesday 28th March—PTA Meeting via Zoom, 7.30pm

Wednesday 29th March—Year 1 TeddyLympics at CSAC, 12.15 to 3pm;
FS Parent Easter Activity Afternoon in school, 2 to 2.45pm;
Netball Match v Broomfield Primary School (away), 3.30 to 4.30pm

Thursday 30th March—Year 2 trip to Boydell's Farm, 9.20am to 3pm

Friday 31st March—Last day of term, 3pm finish for all

Cake Sale for whole school in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital

Monday 3rd to Friday 14th April—
Easter Holiday – the next best time to get away.....

Monday 17th April—Back to school for the summer term

Tuesday 18th April—Church for Grp1 led by 4S

Tuesday 25th April—Year 5 trip to Greenwich, 8.15am to 5.15pm;
Year 1 trip to Thorndon Country Park, 9.15am to 3pm;
Church for Grp2 led by Badgers in the hall, 9.20am

Friday 28th April—4HG's Class Assembly

Wishing you all a nice weekend...