

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

First aid Training



Learning to save lives is a brilliant life skill. Thank you so much to the PTFA for arranging this training, for financing it, and to all those who have supported it by attending and helping all the children in their groups.



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

Yr 6 Maths



Year 6 Maths might be challenging, but the 'I can' attitude of the children is great, taking away the fear of some for 'difficult maths'. Long multiplication is ok, after all!



Yr 5 Basketball

A focus on Year 5s now – I observed 5B playing basketball this week and can honestly say I have not seen such an energetic and skilled set of games and players for a long time!



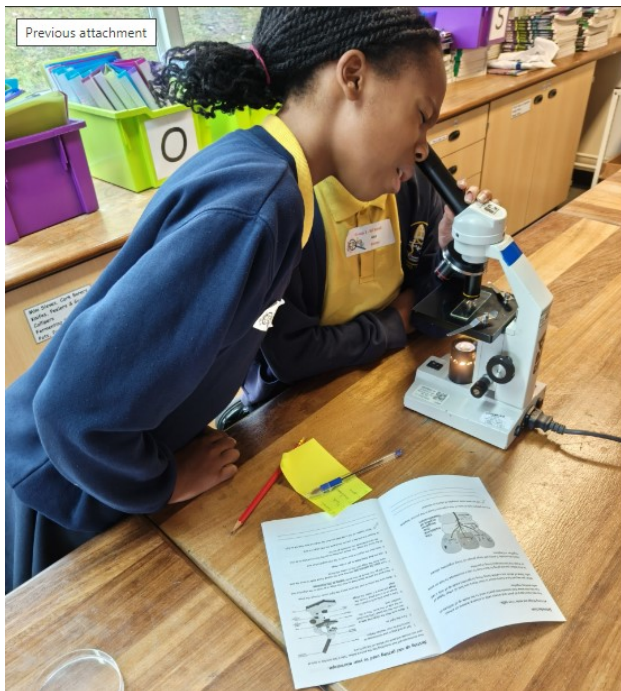
Yr 5 solar systems

Year 5s have also been busy at home re-creating the Solar System – in cake, in music, in computer simulations – they have been as creative as any Year 5s in the past.





FIZZ. BANG. POP!



On Thursday, Sascha, Amelie, Kaeto, Shradha, Alice and Kayra from year 5 spent the day at the Chelmsford County High School for Girls for a day of science.

After a warm welcome of biscuits and juice, they entered the colourful world of Chemistry, using Bunsen burners to discover some of the different chemicals used to make colourful fireworks.

They also identified acids and alkalis based on their colours in indicator solution. In Physics, the girls

designed and tested a rollercoaster, adjusting their designs to create enough momentum for a marble to perform a loop-the-loop! Finally, in Biology, they used microscopes to see single celled organisms in pond water. It was a busy and fascinating day of new experiences.





YR 6 EGYPTIAN DAY



Here's what a couple of our year 6 children had to say about their day...



"Egyptian day was fun. When we got to school, we went to 4HG's assembly in our costumes - everyone was showing a shocked expression on their faces!

After that, we did food tasting. It was so good and the food was amazing!

We tried a variety of foods with different combinations.



After food tasting, we had went out to break. Surprisingly everyone was still hungry. After break time we did Egyptian maths, but the numbers were pictures!

Also, we did painting words, but they were pictures again! ...



We wrote our names and painted them with watercolours- it was so fun!



*We had buddy time in the afternoon,
after a very yummy Egyptian lunch
and then it was home time. Best day EVER!"*

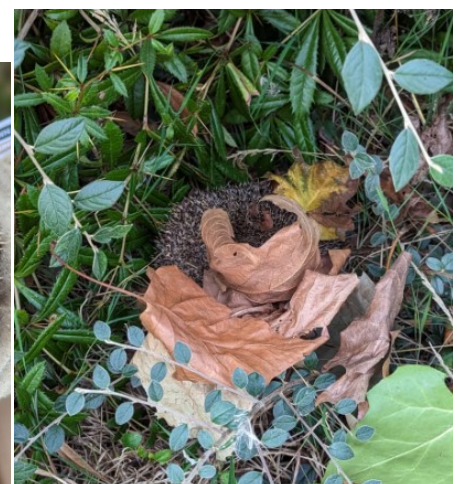


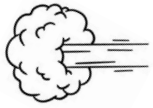
A LITTLE VISITOR...



A wandering hedgehog has been finding it's way onto our Multi-Use Games Area. Mrs Coote became aware of it and helped Mrs Lee and Mrs Tarplett to move it to a grassy area near the school building until we could find it a safer home. He/she was carefully placed in a cardboard box with plenty of leaves before making a quick visit to Hedgehog and Badger classes so the children could say hello! Miss Foale and Becci Higgs then took it to a quiet, leafy bush away from the road so that it was sheltered.

Sometimes, in this bustling world, we just need to slow down and lend a helping hand.





CROSS COUNTRY



The first cross country fixture of the Pope & Smith XC League took place last Thursday at Writtle College.

There were 34 brave Yr 4, 5 & 6 faces that took on the damp, drizzly conditions and all, for the most part, enjoyed putting their Friday morning training to the test on a difficult course and against a high standard of competition.

There were numerous achievements throughout and a special mention to Archie for a 3rd place finish in the Year 4 Boys Race.

Well done to all!



Archery



Here are some photos of the years 3 and 5 competitors and years 4 and 6 medalists from the archery competition on Monday.

The year 4 and 6 teams came away with silver and gold medals respectively. All the children showed impressive resilience and teamwork, with scores and accuracy improving as the competition progressed.



Well done!



Table Tennis

On Tuesday this week the Year 6 Boys Table Tennis Team travelled to Batts in Harlow to represent Chelmsford at the County Final. Eleven schools from across Essex competed in a round robin of fixtures and the boys finished an impressive 7th in a competition that had over one hundred teams competing during various stages.



WOW! Make the rules day!

THANK
YOU!

This has become a Bishops' Favourite – thank you PTFA!

Here are a few of the children having a great day!



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to Mrs Child and Mrs Whittington for leading our Shoe Box Assembly on Monday. I hope you have received the pamphlet and might be able to support this really worthy cause. This year many boxes are headed out to Ukraine where I have no doubt they will bring much needed love and joy.



Dates for your diaries

Christmas Show and Dinner Dates are as follows:

You will be given tickets for these shows nearer the time, and as always, we ask that there are not pre-school children in the audiences as they can so easily become unsettled and distract from the children on stage.

Foundation Stage show to parents

Tuesday 5th December at 1.45pm

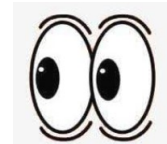
Wednesday 6th December at 1.45pm



Years 1/2 show to parents

Thursday 7th December at 1.45pm

Friday 8th December at 9.20am



Years 3/4 show to parents

Monday 11th December at 1.30pm

Tuesday 12th December at 1.30pm

Year 6 Christmas Celebration in Church at 6.30pm – this is for any in the school community who wish to come, although regrettably it won't be good for pre-school children – more details to follow.

Wednesday 13th December PTFA Christmas Sparkle Non-Uniform Day (Green/ Yellow/ Red with optional sparkle etc./ Christmas jumpers etc.)

Christmas Dinner Day - 11.30am for FS and KS1

12.30pm for KS2



Year 5 show to parents

Thursday 14th December at 9.10am

Friday 15th December at 9.10am

Polite requests



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Please hand in to the office any unwanted plastic or food recycling bags. We could make good use of these!

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Mrs Parker is looking for donations of toy cars for lunch time club. Please drop any contributions into the school office.



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When sending emails out of school hours, please allow time for these to be read and actioned. This won't be until the following working day and, depending on the nature of the email, could take slightly longer.



Thank you!

Reminder - No phone system

Absences due to illness



Please email admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk stating the name of the child, their class and the reason for the absence.

We have a temporary mobile number: 07716 391704,
please note this is for emergency use only. Please **DO NOT** text this number.
Please note that this number, OR a withheld number, will be used to call out from school should we need to communicate with you.

Early pickups and collection messages

These should be sent via email by 12pm at the latest.

Any unavoidable emergency messages after this time should be by phone no later than 2.30pm.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation whilst we have a new system installed.



Whole school cake sale Friday 3rd November

A group of our year 5 children are holding a cake sale to raise money for Royal Brompton Hospital.



A variety of cakes and biscuits will be sold for 25p and 50p each

FLU VACCINE CATCH-UP CLINICS

Has your child missed their school flu vaccination?

Information about catch-up clinics is available in our noticeboard outside the front of school and in the 'Community News' section of our website.

The Bishops' PTFA

We have had a great week with Daisy First Aid delivering sessions to years 1-6. The children have covered the recovery position, CPR and anaphylaxis, they all joined in really well and we hope they enjoyed these sessions.

Thank you to everyone who has joined in with the Make the Rules day yesterday, the children all looked fantastic and it was great to see them having lots of fun whilst raising money. **Over £700 has been raised!**

After half term, we have Bag2School doing a collection on Wednesday 1st Nov. This is perfect if you have a wardrobe clear out over half term and can donate these to raise funds for the school.



Have a great half term!



Many thanks

Becci and the PTFA team

Email: thebishopspta@gmail.com,

Find us @BishopsPta, or The Bishops' School PTA on Facebook

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning: Monday 30th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Meat Free Monday</u>	Sausage & Tomato Pasta	Roast Turkey & Yorkshire Pudding		Breaded Cod Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chips & Peas
Freshly made Pizza with a variety of Toppings	<u>OR</u> Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta	<u>OR</u> Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding	Jacket Potato With Cheese, Tuna, Beans	<u>OR</u> Curried Vegetable Samosa with Mango Chutney Served with Rice & Peas
Served with Mixed Salad	Served with Sweetcorn	Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli	Chunky Flapjacks	Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt
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Community News

For info on secondary school tours and applications, and other events and activities visit:

[www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General News](http://www.bishops.essex.sch.uk/News/General%20News)

Reporting Absences.....

Illness —please report all on the day absences by email by 9am.

Medical appointments—

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

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

Please state your child's class in any communications with us.

Email: admin@bishops.essex.sch.uk



Looking Ahead

Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October—Half Term Break

Monday 30th October—Back to school for the next half term

Tuesday 31st October—Church for Grp2 led by 6FT

Wednesday 1st November—Bag2School Collection

Friday 3rd November—

5B Cake Sale for the whole school, in aid of Royal Brompton Hospital, at break time





Tuesday 7th November—Church for Grp1 led by 3B;

Netball Club Matches at New Hall School, 4pm to 5pm (no netball club at school)

Wednesday 8th November— Year 5 trip to Duxford Air Museum, 9am to 5pm

Thursday 9th November—Remembrance Service on the playground, 9.10am

Friday 10th November—Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp, 9am to 3.30pm

Saturday 11th November—Choir Concert with Caprice at St Andrew's Church, 7.30pm

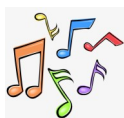
Tuesday 14th November—Church for Grp 2 led by 3M

Thursday 16th November—5B's Class Assembly in the Hall, 9.05 for 9.10am

Friday 17th November—Individual and Siblings Photo Shoot in school

Monday 20th November—

Choir to Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert at the Royal Albert Hall, 8am to 11pm



Tuesday 21st November—Church for Grp1 led by 2R;

Class 4HG Lego Day in School



Wednesday 22nd November— Year 5 trip to Cineworld, Braintree, 9.10am to 12.30pm;
Class 4S Lego Day in School



Friday 1st December—Girls' Football Trip to England v The Netherlands, 4pm to 11pm

Wishing you all a nice weekend