

The Bishops' School News



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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

YEAR 4 SUPERSTARS!

On Tuesday, Beech and Birch class competed in the Superstars athletics event at Melbourne Park. The children took part in a number of timed challenges that tested their agility, stamina and hand-eye co-ordination and all this while working as a team to encourage and support each other.

As a result of their determination and commitment, we came away with 7 of the 8 medals available and every child who competed helped to make us the **highest scoring school on the day**. Well done everyone!



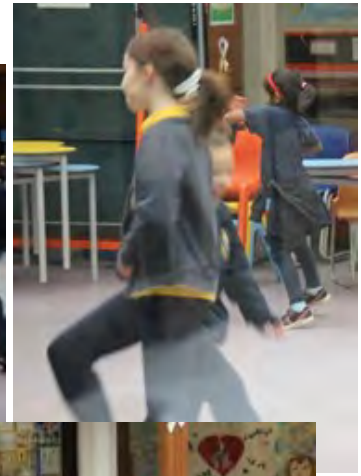
Live Fully, Laugh Often, Learn Deeply,
Love as God Loves You and Let Your Light Shine



Music and Dance



Mrs Parker has been bringing her dancing talents to The Bishops' this week – with the help of Year 5s – to teach Year 1s....



...and Year 3 are settling in to their ukulele lessons – they now have several chords under their fingers.





Sammy the Meerkat



There has been something strange in school this week – multiple stories coming from Year 2 about an adventurous meerkat that has been making mischief around school.

His name is Sammy and he's now returned to the Kalahari Desert and the children have been writing letters from him....



Northern Lights in Year 1

Year 1s have been studying light, and especially the Northern Lights, and have made these beautiful pictures...



They have also been studying the make-up of the Bible, and Philip (below) has drawn this excellent picture of the baptism of Jesus.



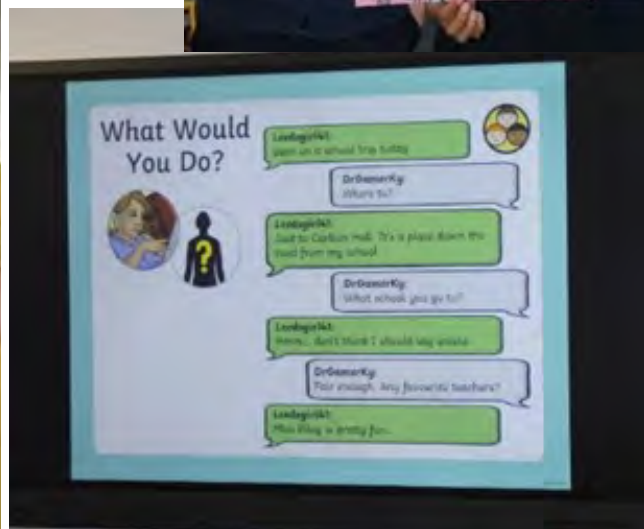


This week, **Art Club** were drawing inspiration from the natural world.



Yr 6 Animal Kingdom and e-safety

Year 6 have been creating their own branching databases of the animal kingdom, and developing their understanding of e-safety, and how easy it is to give away personal information to strangers online.



Famous Visiting Author!



Next **Thursday 13th February** is going to be one of those crazy Bishops' days when we have the internationally famous author Nick Butterworth visiting us .

Please come if you can to his parent talk at the start of the day (have a look at our other messages and emails about this).



It's also a **non-uniform day** when children are encouraged to **celebrate their cultures** .

Our children represent so many cultures and counties from around the world and we are looking forward to lots of colour celebrating this special aspect of our Identity.



World Book Day



We are very much looking forward to **World Book Day on Thursday 6th March.**

On this special day, we are asking the children to dress up as an **adjective** of their choice. They could wear their own clothes but with a theme e.g. spotty, colourful, green or sparkly. Alternatively, they could dress up as a book character and link it to an adjective e.g. Mr Bump (clumsy) or Matilda (clever).

They could even wear their pyjamas (cosy). We ask that they display their adjective somewhere on their costume e.g. a label or a badge.

As part of this, we are asking for a suggested £1 donation. This money will go towards a very special visit from author Nick Butterworth for all of the children.



FS have been creating their own tunes
– and playing them on chime bars!



It's wonderful to see exciting
story-writing from Ella.



Congratulations to...



Archie took part in the Sports Hall Athletics Regional final last weekend representing Essex in the u11 age group. He had the opportunity to compete against other talented young athletes from the neighbouring counties of Herefordshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Cambridgeshire.

His parents were very proud to share the news that Archie and his team are the East of England **regional champions** for the u11 age group! They excelled in a number of events from sprints, jumps, throws and team events beating all the other counties along the way.

Congratulations Archie!



Mrs Stonestreet is our Gardening Hero!!

She has managed to 'win' a Funky Vegetable Kit for every child in the school!
(See below for more information about this!)

We are very excited to see if every child can grow something to eat this year!

I know the staff will be excited to grow things too!

Thank you, Mrs Stonestreet.



Purple Carrots and Striped Tomatoes? Grow-your-own Funky Veg!

Thanks to Lee Connelly (the 'Skinny Jean Gardener') and the PTFA, the whole school has an opportunity to grow their own 'funky veg' this Spring/Summer.

Every child in the school will be bringing home their own Funky Veg Kit today – filled with everything you need to get started with growing at home, or pass the kit on to a friend or family member with a veg garden or allotment.



We would love to know how you get on so please keep track of your progress – maybe keep a growing journal or take some photos as you grow – we can then stick them up on our gardening board.

Good luck and happy growing!

Mrs Stonestreet

THE CHOIRS' MARLEY Medley

Here are some pictures of the choir today - celebrating what would have been Bob Marley's 80th birthday. We got together at 3pm to sing our Marley Medley, with thousands of children at the Manchester Arena Young Voices Concert and in schools across the world.

Technology of the live broadcast let us down but we sang with great enthusiasm!



St Augustine of Canterbury
North Springfield
St Augustine's Way CM1 6GX

Wednesday 19th February
2pm to 4pm

Fun, play, worship and refreshments

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult

Register at infostaugustines@gmail.com

Or Church Mobile on 07935557668

Explore Daniel and the Lions' Den



'Messy Church logo © Bible Reading Fellowship 2021

Please do not ask your child to press the door release button in the front office to let themselves out.

This button is there to keep everyone safe and should only be operated by a member of staff. Thank you.



PTFA NEWSLETTER UPDATE

JUST TO SAY :

- Thank you everyone for your very generous Christmas clothes and accessories donations and we look forward to any more donations from the other years over the following weeks.

🥳 The disco is TODAY!!! 🥳

Entry will be via the chickens gate and exit will be via the hall doors, there will be a year group exiting each side so please look out for a volunteer to direct you where to go.

We appreciate your understanding that the **children are not permitted to bring mobile phones** to the disco and that pictures are not to be taken during the disco for safeguarding reasons.

EVENTS TO COME

📅 **Fri 7th Feb**

School disco

📅 **Thur 13th Feb**

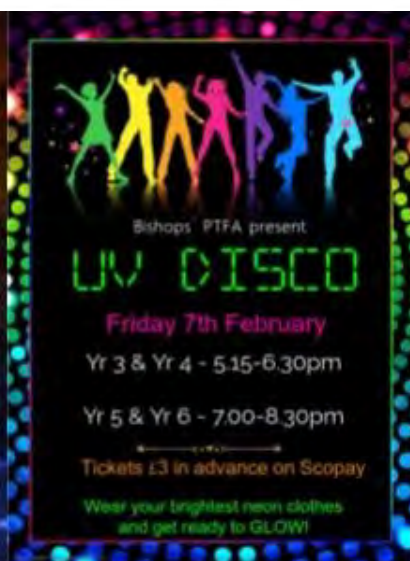
Celebrate your culture nonuniform day & Doughnut sale after school

FINANCE UPDATE

FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR 2024/2025:

£4366.28

OUT OF £10 000



"ALONE WE CAN DO SO LITTLE; TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH"
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!



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CHARITY NUMBER: 1017473



Lunch Menu for Week Beginning Monday 10th February

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>Meat Free Monday</u> | | | | |
| Macaroni Cheese | Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna, Beans | Roast Gammon & Yorkshire Pudding | Sausage & Tomato Pasta | Non-Pupil Day |
| Served with Mixed Salad | | <u>OR</u> | <u>OR</u> | |
| Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Roasted Quorn Yorkshire pudding | Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta | |
| | | Served with Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower & Broccoli | Served with Sweetcorn | |
| | | Fresh Fruit Selection & Yoghurt | Frozen Yoghurt | |

Community News

The [Community News](#) page on our website has lots of information about activities, events and support available locally. These include:

- * **Support for parents/carers**
 - * **Local church events**
 - * **Holiday camps/activities**
 - * **Local shows**
 - * **Music workshops**
- * **Sports clubs and activities**
 - * **Performing Arts**
 - * **Competitions**

Our school needs your help...

We are seeking donations to allow us to make improvements to the buildings and facilities at The Bishops' School.

These donations will help provide a physical environment that allows our children to reach their full potential.

If you are able to help, please use the link below. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.stewardship.org.uk/partners/20461994>

Check it out!



Looking Ahead



Monday 10th February — Football Matches v Springfield Primary on the Parish Field,
3.30 to 4.15pm (Selected Girls) & 4.20 to 5pm (Selected Boys)

Tuesday 11th February— Church Service for Grp1 led by Aspen Class, 9.10am

Wednesday 12th February - Computing & Animation Club extended session, 5pm finish

Thursday 13th February - PTFA Non-uniform Day - Celebrate Your Culture;

Visiting Author - Nick Butterworth: Parent Talk in the Hall, 8.45 to 9.30am /
Book Sale & Signing in the Hall, 3.15pm onwards

PTFA Donut Sale (after school)



Friday 14th February— Non Pupil Day



Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February—Half Term Break

Monday 24th February—Back to School for all

Tuesday 25th February - Church Service for Grp2 led by Kestrel Class, 9.10am

Thursday 27th February— Year 3 Victorian School Day in school;
Netball Match (selected chn) v Beaulieu Park (home), 3.30 to 4.15pm

Friday 28th February —

Cedar Class Assembly in the Hall, doors close 9am for 9.10am



Thursday 6th March—

World Book Day, Dress as an Adjective (donations for visiting author)



Please advise the office..

Absences/Lates ...

Illness: advise by email by 9am

Medical appointments: provide a copy of the
appointment notification at least a week in advance

All other absences: complete a leave of absence form
at least 2 weeks in advance

All lates: advise lunch choice by 9am

Thank you.



Changes to Collection

Arrangements ...

Advise by email by midday

After this, **urgent
messages only, by
phone by 2.30pm**



Thank you.



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

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

