

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

10th March 2023

“One of the very best reasons for having children is to be reminded of the incomparable joys of a snow day.” — Susan Orlean (journalist and author)

We hope that everyone stayed safe and enjoyed the snow this week. We are very grateful for the efforts everyone made to get to school on Wednesday.

World Book Day

What an amazing World Book Day we had last Friday! There was a fantastic reading buzz all day long at Bishops Down with amazing costumes, assemblies, bookmarks, reading quizzes, the opportunity to hear different teachers read, working with children from different classes and much more. Here are a few quotes from the children in Year 5:

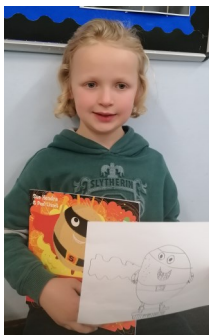
‘I liked helping the younger children to listen to the story Mr Milne was reading and then make a jungle background’- Maya.

‘I thought it was nice that we had the opportunity to read books we hadn’t read for a while like Supertato’ - Tom.

‘I loved seeing the teachers in their costumes, especially Mrs Williams’ - Rosie.

‘We made rockets with Miss Skipper after reading ‘Whatever Next’, it was great fun’ - Rebecca.

Below are just a few photos from the day:



Mislaid a school letter? Did you know you can view most letters sent home on the school website – here is the link:

<https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/recent-letters-sent-home>



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KEY DATES

- Science Week—13th-17th March

Please use the following link to find out more:

[Celebrating British Science Week - Science Museum Blog](#)

- PSA Break the Rules Day and Easter egg hunt—31st March
- Term 4 ends—Friday 31st March
- Term 5 starts—Monday 17th April
- Bank Holiday—Monday 1st May
- Bank Holiday for the King’s Coronation—Mon 8th May
- PSA School Summer Fair—10th June 12.30pm-3.00pm

LEARNING LEGENDS

At Bishops Down, we love to celebrate success. Every Friday, each teacher selects a child from their class to be their Learning Legend! This means that they have demonstrated one of our school values through their learning that week. Well done to all our learning legends!

Friday 3rd March

- Year 1— Toby
- Year 2— Archie
- Year 3— Mabel
- Year 4—Ralph L
- Year 5— Emilie
- Year 6— Milo

Friday 10th March

- Year 1— Rowen
- Year 2— Jasmine
- Year 3— Gautam
- Year 4— Josh
- Year 5—Matthew B
- Year 6— Zac



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Sporting Achievements—Swimming

On Thursday 2nd March, the school **Swimming Team** took part in the annual School's Swimming Gala. As always, this was a highly competitive event and the team thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The team were outstanding with some amazing individual results. One of our year 6 girls was placed 1st and 2nd in her individual races and then put on a strong performance in the relay to help the team come 1st in this event. We would like to thank the Year 5 boys for stepping up and competing for year 5 and year 6. Well done to a year 6 boy for coming 2nd in the diving event and then swimming the relay! We are really proud of the team spirit and achievements of all the team. Well done!



STAFF UPDATE

We welcome Mrs Stella Ansah, Teaching Assistant, to our Early Years setting. Stella has been with us 12 weeks on a temporary basis but has now joined us permanently and we are delighted that is the case. Stella brings a wealth of TA experience with her and I know our nursery children are lucky to have her on board.

SCHOOL REUSE WATSAPP GROUP

Did you know we have a school 'Reuse' WhatsApp Group? To keep it simple everything offered is free. If you would like to join please open the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LSY3FioSi3RA1ZB9TirO23>

From there you can offer equipment/clothing by adding a message & photo of the equipment/clothing and anyone on the group who would like it replies. You can then privately message one another to organise the pickup.

We currently have a selection of good quality second hand uniform available for free at the school office. If you are interested, please contact the school office directly.

FAMILIES MAGAZINE

The March/April issue of Families magazine can be found via the following link:

[Families Kent Mar/Apr 23 DIGI-TAL issue by Families Magazine - Issuu](#)

Sporting Achievements—Netball

Congratulations to the school **Netball Team** who hosted Speldhurst on Monday and won the match. The team linked up in their triangles and found space during the game, the key things they have been working on during their training sessions. Sofia received a 'player of the match' recommendation from Speldhurst.

Strike Action—School Open

As you will be aware, the NEU agreed, with its members, to strike on 4 separate occasions this term, with the last two strike days scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday. Please note that Bishops Down will be **open** without disruption for all year groups for the final two strike days, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March.

Parent Consultations

This term's parent consultations will be held on the week beginning 20th March. There will be face to face appointments on Wednesday 22nd March for all year groups. We are also continuing to offer the option of video call appointments as we know some parents find these useful. These will be held on the Tuesday for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 and on Thursday for Nursery, Years 4 and 6. Further information, including how to book an appointment, will be sent out on Monday.