

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

## Newsletter no. 16

Many congratulations to John Tutt on his successful appointment as the Deputy Head Teacher at Bishops Down. John has been acting in this position since last September and was offered the position despite some stiff competition on Monday. I am looking forward to working closely with him in future with his wealth of experience and wisdom.

This week we said goodbye to Rachel Smallcombe who has been a teaching assistant for a number of years at Bishops Down. We wish her well as she moves on to new challenges.

**Scooters** - It has been great to see more scooters and bikes coming into school as the weather has improved. Please can you ensure that children do not ride their scooters on the paths in the school grounds, as this can cause a danger to pedestrians and very young children.

**Website** - In response to parent feedback we are trying to improve the school website. You will find a new gallery area on the site as well as being able to view the current lunch menu. You can also find a list of various PSA events which are coming up.

**Netball** - The 'A' league netball team played at Skinners Kent Academy on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Unfortunately, we lost two games but won one. The winning score against Bidborough was 2-1. The other scores were 4-5 to St James' and 2-8 to St John's (but their players were more experienced). Our umpire was Mrs. Solomon, and Miss Spoor came along to support us. Our star player was Amy Denne for great perseverance.

*Lucy and Amber*

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> March Bishops Down netball team went to Skinners Kent Academy again to attend a netball match. We played one match against St Peter's. The first half score was 2-2, and the second half we finished winning 4-3. The captain of the team was Lucy. We voted Sam as player of the match for great interception. Mrs. Gillham was the umpire.

*Georgie and Alice*

**ICT Control Day** - We went to St Gregory's School. We did ICT with loads of other schools. Me and Jake in Year 4 learnt that a beebot car makes loads of different things. Directing things can be harder than you think. We made a robot and put a light sensor on it, and a sound sensor, and we attached a USB lead to the robot and the laptop. We had obstacles on our table, and on the computer we directed the robot and we had to dodge the bombs on the table. We had a map of space and we made the robot go places holding something. We had to build something on it, anything we liked even a ferris wheel. We got to take a 3 Mindstorm Lego kits to school and a mat and loads of different things.

*Elena Y4*

On our trip to St Gregory's School me and 4 others learned about Information Technology. We made a robot out of Lego and used two different pieces of software. You had to use a USB lead and connect it to a laptop, then you could control it. We also used some other robots and a free download from the internet.

*Jake*

Regards,

Dan Turvey