



14th November 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 10 Newsletter

During the last couple of weeks the children have been teaching each other skills in Share-a-Skills week. Here are just a few of the things they have been doing.

Year 6

On Friday 7th November we all shared a skill to a partner. There were lots of different skills like: Tap, BMX bike riding, Netball and even KICK BOXING! Everybody thought of an unusual skill and at the end we showed them to the class. Mrs Simmons also showed us how to do the Cha-Cha-Cha (we all enjoyed that!). When we all joined up as a class everybody looked really enthusiastic about seeing other people's skills! Then to top it all off Mr Tutt did a magic trick where you had to pick a card while Mr Tutt was out of the room, and then he came in and guessed which card it was. He guessed it right! Everyone was amazed by this but like always he can't reveal his secret! The day was full of fun and laughter and I think we all enjoyed it!

Jessica and Amy

Year 5

On Friday 7th November it was Share a Skill day. There were lots of different talents like golf, tap dance, football and many more. The idea was to have fun and learn great skills.

Emily (Hoola Hoopa!)

On Friday 7th November we all had to Share a Skill e.g. netball, art, football, golf, tap dance and all sorts of talents. I shared my skill of drawing.

Alice

It was very enjoyable to see the whole class taking part and sharing their many skills to a partner. From golf to magic tricks, piano to recorder playing. Well done Year 5.

Mrs Clement

Year 4

Year 4 worked very hard practising and sharing our skills last week. We shared skills with a partner and enjoyed learning a range of skills from playing musical instruments to roller skating. The best part was teaching people the skills and learning new things.

Year 3

I shared my violin with the class and played 'Off to Paris'. It was hard but I did it. I enjoyed showing the class.

Louisa

We shared the piano. We didn't get to share all of it but it went well. We played the 'Bells' song, 'Can Can', and 2 other ones.

Miriam and Jake

Year 2

Year 2 shared their skills in our PE lesson. Children rotated around a variety of activities and were taught a number of new skills.

Louis taught the group Yoga.

Keir taught the group backward rolls.

Adam taught the group press ups and fitness.

Olivia and Saara taught a pair forward roll.

Hannah, Gabrielle and Tilly taught some ballet skills.

All our teachers were fantastic, lots of new skills were learnt and the children worked well in their groups.

Mrs Tizzard

Year 1

Year 1 talked about the fact that everybody is good at a variety of things. We then spent an afternoon sharing with our friends what we thought we were good at in the classroom.

Miss Lynch

Year 2 Trip

First we climbed off the coach then we clambered up a very steep hill. When we got up the hill we went to the village hall. We put all our stuff in it apart from the camera. Next we went to the cottages. The first cottage was called Petts Farm House. We think we saw a shoe cleaner, and Victorian scales. Next my group went to a chapel. There was a very strict teacher called Mr Branch. He organised us into lines, one for the girls and one for the boys. There was a very big black board. After that we went to the Lenham Cottages. There was a bomb shelter and a bath outside. Eventually it got late but we still had two things to do. So we went to Sandling Farm House. It was very big and interesting. Then we went to the play area.

Daniel

Chess Club

On 11th November Bishops Down Chess Club played St James school. As we arrived we sat in their hall and had a practise against one another. Then we got our partners. Daniel was our team captain. We had a few chess matches each and as Daniel was our captain he picked black out of a box of chess pieces. As it got near to the end we finished our last games, then we had a drink and biscuit, and finally we shook hands and then went home wondering who had won the overall tournament.

Ollie and Freddy

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing in Christmas boxes filled with toys. We have 26 boxes at present and our target is 50, so if you would like to send one in it is not too late. The deadline is 20th November.

Football Report

We played Brenchley School. We had a good start, Josh scored by an amazing header, 1-0! At half time it was 3-0! We scored to make it 4-0, and Brenchley had a penalty which hit the post and then went in to make it 4-1. Just after that, Tom made a great kick: it came off the goalie and Sam cracked a great volley to make it 5-0! Their player then headed it into their own goal to make it 6-1, and then Brenchley scored to make it 6-2. After this Daniel scored a whopping goal to make it 7-2 at the end.

Elijah and Sam

Book Fair Help

The Book Fair arrives in school on Wednesday 26th November. If you are able to help sell books before or after school please can you contact Miss Powell or the office.

PSA Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who has brought in toys, books and Secret Santa goodies. The big yellow bag will be in the courtyard every day next week if you still have things to bring in.

Your children will be bringing home a paper bag today for the Children's Tombola. These need to be decorated and filled with small items such as sweets, fruit, toys (old and new), craft items etc. There will be a prize for the best decorated bag in each year group, so please put your child's name and class on a piece of paper inside the bag if they wish to enter.

Next Friday will be our final 'Own Clothes' day. Please bring in cakes, mince pies and Tombola bags. Thank you.

From the PSA

School closed - Development Day

Just a reminder that school will be closed on Monday 17th November.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Olivia	Patrick
Year 2	Christian	Owen
Year 3	Lucy	Amy
Year 4	Kerensa	Conor
Year 5	Taran	Jacob
Year 6	Alex	Fran

Yours sincerely,

Miss Powell