

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

19th May 2023



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KEY DATES

- Half term—29th May—2nd June
- Inset day—School closed to pupils—5th June
- Term 6 starts—6th June
- PSA School Summer Fair—10th June 12.30pm-3.00pm
- Last day of Term 6—20th July
- Inset day—School closed to pupils—21st July
- School holidays—24th July - 31st August
- Inset days- School closed to pupils—1st and 4th September
- Term 1 starts (Years 1-6) — 5th September

(Term dates for 2023-2024 attached)

Tunbridge Wells Literacy Festival

On Tuesday afternoon, Year 5 and 6 pupils joined a crowd of 1000 excited school children at the Assembly Hall Theatre to watch a talk by David Walliams. This was incredible. He spoke about how he came up with the ideas for his characters and stories. Did you know that 'The Boy in the Dress' was inspired by the fact that his sister use to dress him in women's clothes when he was in primary school? As well as this, he read extracts from his books 'Gangsta Granny' and 'The World's Worst Children'. David Walliams came into the crowd with a microphone to speak to children and even gave away some signed copies of his book, one of which went to one of our year 6 pupils. David Walliams spoke a lot to the children about the process of failing in order to succeed and that ideas can come from anywhere. A wonderful time was had by all.

Sporting Achievements

Last week, a child from Bishops Down took part in a ski race. The top 3 racers were invited from each region to race each other in the National Schools League Finals in Gloucester. Our representative came 2nd out of the 17 finalists in her category and has now been invited to join the national squad. Amazing news. Well done!



On Monday evening, our school cheerleaders performed at the Stag Theatre. They performed with grace, skill and enthusiasm. Some of the team were a little nervous before the show began but they all shone with confidence on stage and were really proud of themselves.

The team enjoyed meeting the other dancers and forming friendships in the dressing room. Well done team.



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!

Learning Legends— 19th May

Mila, Holly, George, Amelia—
Rose, Hazel, Ocean, Holly



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Mini Marathon

Last Friday saw the whole of Bishops Down come together and take part in the Mini Marathon to try and break the world record for the most number of children pledging to take part in physical activity in one month. The weather stayed kind to us and the rain held off. The children all had an amazing time and ran brilliantly. The support from staff and children to the runners was fantastic, a true team effort. As soon as I hear from the London Marathon about whether our attempt was successful I will let you all know! Thank you all to those who have sponsored their child. We really appreciate your continued support.

Mrs Parks



Perrols Pop School—Children's Choir

There are currently spaces in our wonderful Choir that runs on Wednesdays from 3.30—4.30pm for Years 3-6. The club is led by pro singer, Debbie Perrols. If you would like to find out more, please email debbieperrols@hotmail.co.uk



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Plea from Mrs Parks

On 24th September this year, I am taking part in the Berlin Marathon to raise money for The Cats Protection League. In order to try and reach my target of £750 I am cycling 100 miles on 28th May (cycling is not my sport so I am very nervous about this!). If you would like to sponsor me for this event and help me raise some much-needed funds please see the link to my Berlin Marathon Just Giving page below. Thank you all in advance for your support, Mrs Parks.

[eleanor parks is fundraising for Cats Protection \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/eleanor-parks-is-fundraising-for-cats-protection)

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