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Religious News

Our first Collective Worship of the week introduced the children to the season of Lent which started on Wednesday. We reminded children about the Foodbank Hamper and how that could be a focus during Lent whereby we do something for others. On Tuesday, we looked at the origins of Pancake Tuesday, what different countries call it and how it is celebrated as well as its link also with the season of Lent. We looked at the origins of the word 'Shrove' which means to be listened to and forgiveness which is also the Christian Value which we are focusing on this Lent. On Wednesday, we welcomed Canon Sandra to school to lead a short service to mark Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Thanks to the faith council pupils who led the prayers at this service. In recognition of the liturgical colour in the church for Lent, we have now replaced our green cloths with purple ones which will be in place until Easter. In hymns we have started learning the hymns for our Easter services which will take place on 3rd April at 9.15am in school for early years and Key Stage 1 and at 10.15am in St John's Church for Key Stage 2.

"It's one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself, to forgive. Forgive everybody."

READING MATTERS

On Monday, we are delighted that the celebrated author, Virginia Clay, author of Warrior Boy, will be in school and host a number of interactive workshops for pupils in Years 4,5 and 6. All parents should have received the letter earlier in the week about our celebration of World Book Day which will take place on Friday, 6th March. Please note that this is one day later than the national day due to the fact that our Year 5 children swim on Thursdays. In a change to recent years, we are not having a Shakespeare theme so children are invited to come dressed as any book character and to bring a book that they want to 'brag' about. They will be asked to share details of the book that they have chosen and why.

We have also been notified that Bradford Council have launched a public consultation exercise about the future direction of the Libraries Service. As part of the consultation, the Council is presenting proposal for a new library "vision" and "library services model" to residents, staff and stakeholders as part of this consultation exercise.

Further details are available on the Bradford Council website at - <https://bradford.moderngov.co.uk/mgConsultationDisplay.aspx?ID=228>

Achievers Of The Week

In recognition of the importance of reading, our certificates this week were awarded to children for reading in the half term holidays. Congratulations to the following children who were awarded certificates:

Nursery: Esther N

FS2 Joseph P, Olive N

Y1 Archie N, Caitlin E-J

Y2 Neve W, Sam D

Y3 Amelie H, Ethan B

Y4 Sebi L-O, Noah W

Y5 Lucy E-H, Lexi N

Y6 Freddie W, Oscar C

Our certificates next week will be awarded to children who demonstrate resilience which is one of our key characteristics of effective learning.

DRAGONBOAT FUNDRAISING

Our two Year 6 School Councillors, Lucy and Charlie, were very busy on the last day of term running a raffle for Years 1 & 2 and a tombola for Year 6.

Many thanks to everyone who sent in gifts for these activities which raised a wonderful £110 which is a great start to the fundraising for the two charities which are being supported this year - 'Child Bereavement UK' and 'Pot of Gold Appeal'. Year 6 are planning a number of other fundraisers in the coming weeks which will be communicated to parents.

ATTENDANCE Week of 3rd February

FS1am 95.71%

FS1pm 100%

FS1 (30)98.33%

FS2Q 98.67%

FS2M 96.61%

Y1S 98.33%

Y1P 98%

Y2F 98.39%

Y2D 97.67%

Y3W 99.33%

Y3FH 99%

Y4M 98.62%

Y4AW 99.67%

Y5B 99.33%

Y5G 96.55%

Y6V 99%

Y6B 98.28%

Our whole school attendance was a wonderful 98.37%.

Congratulations to FS1pm who, with 100%, won the EYFS/ KS1 cup and to 4AW who won the KS2 cup.

CREATIVITY IN ACTION

To link with their History topic of The Greeks, our Year 4 children undertook a technology topic to create Greek masks. Following the design stages in school, they visited The Hive in Shipley before half term where there were shown a range of different design techniques using clay. We are looking forward to seeing the finished products once they have been fired.

PARENT CONSULTATION

Parents are reminded that consultation will take place this half term on 18th and 19th March. The booking system will open this evening to allow parents to book an appointment. Please can we remind parents of children in Year 6 and in Year 5 to check their letter and also with their children as they may need to make more than one appointment due to children being taught by teachers other than their class teacher.

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

Following the information in the newsletter before half term, please be advised that I will be sending out a letter with more details asking for nominations next Monday, 2nd March.

OUR READERS RECOMMEND

It is the children from LKS2 who have provided the recommendations for readers this week:
Diary of A Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes and The Creakers by Tom Fletcher.

PTFA UPDATE

6th March – KS2 Feet Up Friday – tickets for this must be purchased using the online facility by Wednesday.
20th March – Quiz Night £1 a head
27th March – Year 1 Bun Sale

OPEN DAY

Following the success of our inaugural 'Open Day' last March, we have identified a similar event to take place this year on 2nd April. This is an opportunity for parents to observe the school in action and we will organise to showcase a wide range of activities across the key stages. Parents will receive information about this in the week of 16th March with further details and information on how to book onto one of the sessions.

SPORTING NEWS

Our last day of term was an extremely busy one on the sporting front but, due to timings, we were unable to share with you the details from the Bradford finals. On that day, we had teams competing in, Girls and Boys football, Boccia and Sportshall Athletics. Staff and parents who were present were extremely complimentary about the manner in which the children conducted themselves and their excellent sportsmanship. Congratulations to everyone who competed and represented school.

Well done to the Sportshall Athletics Team and Under 11 Girls Football Team who won their competitions, are now the Bradford Champions and have qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals. Congratulations also to the Boccia team who, by finishing second, have also qualified for the West Yorkshire Finals which will take place in March.

I can't emphasise enough how grateful I am to the staff who give freely of their time to train the children to achieve such sporting excellence. Thank you.

We will be celebrating 'Sports Relief' in school on Friday, 13th March. On that day, children are invited to come in any sports kit and bring a suggested donation of £1. Year 5 and 6 children will run sporting activities for each class on the day.