

Bishop Winnington-Ingram

Church of England Primary School

Newsletter: Week 16

Our Vision - 'My Cup Overflows' Psalm 23:5

A community that gives each child an outstanding spiritual, academic and practical education and instils an awareness of the overflowing joy, love and peace that comes from God's love for us, so that they are able to achieve their potential and truly experience 'life in all its fulness.'

John 10:10

Update from Mrs Rodenas

Firstly to those of you I have not seen in person, Happy New Year! What a busy first week of 2024! We have enjoyed visits from Active travel and Road Safety by the Riot Act in Years 5 and 6 and the Metropolitan Police in Years 3 and 4.

Years 1, 3 and 5 have all had their first Forest School session for the Spring Term. The children enjoyed thinking about new beginnings and what they would like to get better at during the year. The children carried out a range of activities including tying knots, racing log dogs and making dens.

A huge well done to Volcanoes who were the winning house for last term. They will enjoy a special non-uniform day next Friday.

We have a new section in our newsletter called 'Community Heroes.' Our community hero this week is Oliver in Year 6. He went with his Mum on Christmas Day to Harefield Church Hall to make Christmas dinner. He wanted to spend the day with people who did not have anyone else to be with. Oliver said that the part he enjoyed the most was meeting Arthur who was 86 and used to play cricket for Harefield Cricket Club. Well done to Oliver!

If your child does anything interesting in the community then please do let me know and they will be featured in our newsletter.

Have an enjoyable and safe weekend.
God Bless, Mrs Rodenas



Dates for the diary

- 15th January Parents Association Penny War Begins
- 15th January - Year 5 Internet Safety Presentation
- 15th January - Year 6 Future Life Presentation
- 19th January - Non- uniform reward day for children in VOLCANOES
- 1st February - St Paul's Service (Specific children)
- 2nd February - Openbox Workshops - Nursery, Year 2 and Year 3
- 2nd February - Young Voices
- 7th February - Year 4 Assembly
- Please see our website for full details of our dates

Attendance Champions!

1. Ground Breakers	96.9%
2. Explorers	95.3%
3. Investigators	93.8%
4. Pathfinders	93.7%
5. Discoverers	92.6%
6. Adventurers	91.4%
7. Trail Blazers	91.0%

Notices

- Please note that the deadline for your Reception place for September 2024 is **15th January 2024**. Please apply at: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/schooladmissions.
- The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people and parents across the country. Please use the link to the survey here: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.

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Nursery

In Nursery this week we've been busy settling back into the rhythms and routines of Nursery. We read the Gingerbread Man and enjoyed re-telling the story. We have been practicing our counting this week and playing lots of games counting to 5.



Adventurers

In RE and history we have been looking at special people in our families. We then painted our family and completed a family tree. In English we are focussing on the book 'Lost and Found' and have been looking at the characters emotions.



Discoverers

The children have had a positive start back to Year 1! This week we have introduced our new story, 'The Bear and the Piano' and wrote sentences around the beginning of the story. In Maths, we are learning place value to 20, focusing on 'ten' and 'ones'.



Explorers

It has been lovely welcoming the children back after the Christmas break. In English we have started our new text, 'Milo imagines the World,' and in Maths we have begun our new topic on Money.



Investigators

We have started the new year by 'digging' into our Rocks and Soils topics which we are learning about in Science and English with our new book, 'The Street Beneath My Feet'. We have been sorting out aerial photographs & OS maps.



Pathfinders

Year 4 have settled back into the school routine brilliantly this week. We have been revisiting place value and biomes of the world and we have also started investigating states of matter.



Groundbreakers

Year 5 have settled well into the new term. They really enjoyed their first session of Forest School this term and racing their log dogs. In English, we watched the film - The Snowman and have been using our descriptive writing to plan and write a narrative.



Trailblazers

This week in maths we have been exploring ratio. Within art and design we have had fun creating our own photo montage art using old magazines.



Thought for the week

For you, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have made this revelation to your servant, saying, "I will build you a house"; therefore your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to you. And now, O Lord God, you are God, and your words are true, and you have promised this good thing to your servant; now therefore may it please you to bless the house of your servant, so that it may continue for ever before you; for you, O Lord God, have spoken, and with your blessing shall the house of your servant be blessed for ever. - 2 Samuel

Something to think about

Do you find it easy to ask for favours? Some people are good at being direct and clear about what they're asking for. Others find themselves hedging, apologising, falling over themselves to give the other person an easy way to say no. I find it really depends on who I'm asking: it's easier to ask my mum for help with childcare than a friend I don't know so well, because my mum has told me clearly that she loves to spend time her grandchildren!

Today's reading comes from a prayer of David, in which he acknowledges that his requests are bold! Praying for the blessing of God on his family forever seems presumptuous to say the least. But there is a crucial reason that David can pray with courage: God has just told him that this is exactly what he intends to do.

Our prayers for a just world free from poverty and

inequality, sometimes seem too big, too daring, too

far-fetched. But like David, we can find the courage

to ask God for such great things because we know

that this too is God's intent. Asking for what we know

God also wants doesn't feel nearly so audacious; no

hedging or apologising required.

Something to pray

Thank you, great God, that we can approach you with confidence as your children. Amen.





Attendance at School

All children are expected to achieve 96% attendance.

- *Attendance of 96% is regarded as good by Ofsted.*
- *Attendance below 96% is cause for concern and needs improvement.*
- *Children with attendance below 90% are regarded as persistent absentees and can be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer.*
- *Every day counts!*

Holidays

Requests for holidays or requests for travelling to visit relatives will **NOT** be authorised under any circumstances. Please note this includes requests to visit relatives who are unwell.

Families who take holidays or travel in term time will be issued with a penalty notice.

Every day counts!

If your child's attendance during the school year is:	Your child will have lost:	Or they will have missed:
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons

Exceptional or special leave

In exceptional circumstances, parents/carers must make a request to the Headteacher. Please note that it is very unusual for the Headteacher to be able to authorise absence from school.

It is vital that requests are made before making any bookings and documents must be provided to support the application.

In making the decision, the Executive Headteacher will consider the reasons for the absence, your child's current attendance percentage and any previous applications and absences.

Children whose attendance falls below 90% are classified as persistent absence and are regularly referred to Education Welfare service who will then contact parents/ carers.

In serious cases penalty notices (fines) are issued for unauthorised absence. These are currently £120 per person.



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