



St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School Newsletter

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'An inclusive Christian community, building on firm foundations for successful lives.'



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK



Last week the children came to school dressed in blue showing their support for Christian Aid week.

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations, an amazing £560.23 was raised.



Newsletter Date:
Friday 21st
May 2021

Summer Term
Issue 5

Dates for your diary:

- **Half term:** Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
- **Back to school:** Monday 7th June
- **Class photos:** Wednesday 9th June
- **Sports Day:** Thursday 24th June (AM Years 3 and 5 and PM Years 4 and 6)
- **Year 2 parents meeting new class teachers at SMAB:** Wednesday 7th July 9.00 a.m.
- **Pupil reports go home:** Friday 9th July
- **Walton-on-the-Naze Seaside Trip:** Tuesday 20th July Years 4, 5 and 6 ONLY
- **End of term:** Thursday 22nd July 1.00 p.m.

ADVANCE WARNING: FOOTWEAR

When you are buying footwear for September, please **DO NOT** buy boots of any description or trainers (except for PE).



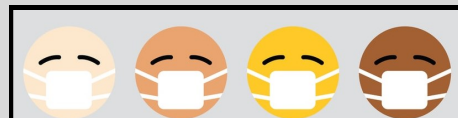
All shoes should be completely black with no visible logos.

Thanking you in advance.

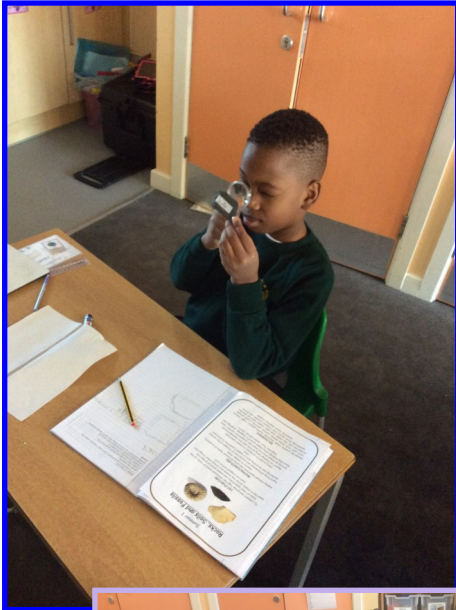
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REMEMBER TO ALWAYS SOCIAL DISTANCE AND WEAR A MASK WHEN DROPPING OFF/COLLECTING YOUR CHILD



YEAR 3 LEARNING



In science, year 3 have been observing and examining different rocks in order to describe, compare and contrast their properties.



During our art lesson, year 3 have been creating a painting of a cityscape using water colours. Children thought about contrasting and complimentary colours.



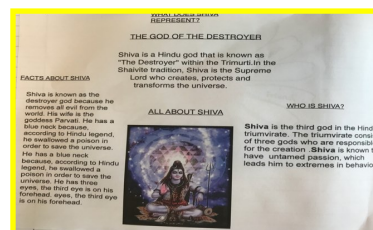
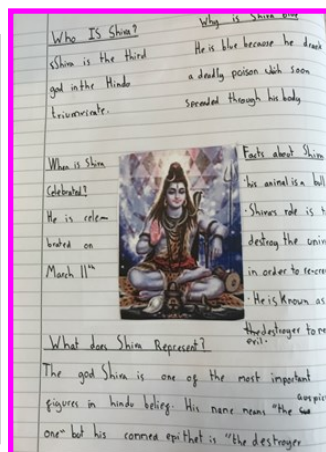
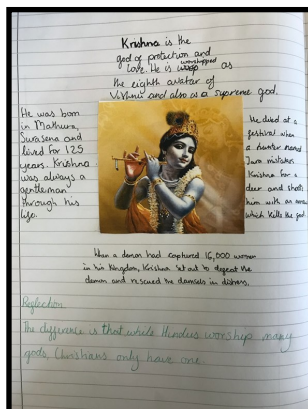
YEAR 4 LEARNING



Year 4 made clay pots this week using Roman art and design as inspiration. They focused on three techniques: a slab, a coil and a slip. Everyone was very resilient and they are looking forward to painting them soon, once they are dry!

YEAR 5

In RE, the children in Year 5 have been learning about Hinduism. They had a task to research and describe one of the many Hindu gods or goddesses. They chose how to complete the task either in writing or using iPads and computers.



YEAR 6

In Year 6, the children have been busy experimenting with watercolour and brushstrokes to create a London scene or a cityscape. They were highly successful! Well done to them all!



PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE TABLE

Which class will win next week?

CLASS	Punctuality	Attendance %
3S	3	94
3T	11	91
3M	11	91
4I	7	88
4C	4	92
4H	5	92
5A	2	89
5E	0	92
5L	1	90
6B	2	90
6O	4	92
6W	2	91

As a school we aim for at least **96%** attendance. The latest figures show that nationally attendance for primary education is 95%, which is up from the previous week. Last week SMAB was **91.5%**, which is below national, as many families were celebrating Eid. (Overall, so far for the term attendance is 96.5%)

We still need to ensure all pupils attend school unless they are showing Covid symptoms or any other illness.

A massive **WELL DONE!** to **5E** who won punctuality trophy with 0 lates and **3S** who won the attendance trophy with 94%.

FOTSA EASYFUNDRAISING

Remember next time you are shopping online, first please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fotsa/> Help us raise



PARENT PAY

Please remember to top up your dinner money account and keep it in CREDIT.

HALF TERM

Monday 31st May — Friday 4th June
CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL
MONDAY 7th JUNE

COVID RESTRICTIONS

As you are aware further easing of COVID restrictions across the UK started on Monday 17th May. Further information can be found on the government website at [Further easing of COVID restrictions confirmed for 17 May - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-easing-of-covid-restrictions-confirmed-for-17-may). Please continue to maintain social distancing when waiting to drop off/collect your child and always wear a mask if you are on the school premises.

In terms of school life, please bear with us. Although things are relaxing outside our walls, we are still working under strict government regulations and will keep you updated with any changes that need to be made in due course. We will still be maintaining **year group bubbles**. If infection rates remain low, we hope to remove bubbles altogether in June after half term, allowing for whole school collective worship and other events to resume. We will follow the local data carefully and use this to inform our decision making. We are committed to ensuring our children have the fullest experience of school during the summer term and, regardless of restrictions, we will find safe ways to celebrate and come together as a community. Where and when possible, we will begin to invite parents back into school for events and make creative use of our local outdoor space to keep everyone safe.

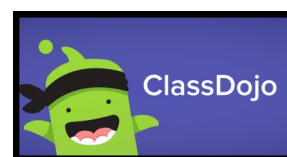
USE OF MICROSOFT TEAMS AND CLASS DOJO

I would like to clarify the use of Microsoft Teams and Class Dojo.



Teams is used for Home Learning; all work will be uploaded by the class teacher, pupils need to return their completed work via Teams. Teachers will provide any feedback using Teams.

Class Dojo is for direct communication between the class teacher and parents, as well as a reward system used by the class teacher.



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

Members of Enfield's Youth Parliament and the Young mayor worked on a short film to destigmatise mental health issues and to recognise the differing impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people. They also shared five ways to wellbeing.

'How are you?' can be viewed via the link below, which was launched this week as part of **Mental Health Awareness**.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C4GSeQvPFww&feature=youtu.be>

It was led and delivered by the young people of Enfield in partnership with Enfield's Council's Corporate Strategy Service and the Educational Psychology Service. Our Voice Parent/Carer Forum also supported this initiative.