

St Michael at Bowes CE Junior School Newsletter

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School vision: 'Helping each other to live successful lives in the world of tomorrow'

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back after half term. I hope you all had a lovely week.



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Newsletter Date: Friday 6th November 2015

Dates for your Diary

Reminders:

- Year 5 swimming— Fridays
- Parent forum re handwriting—Wednesday 11th November
- 3M class assembly— Friday 13th November
- Online Safety Week— Monday 16th—Friday 20th November
- Parent workshop re Online Safety Wednesday 18th November at 6pm
- National anti-bullying Day— Friday 20th November (dress in blue)
- 6W class assembly— Friday 20th November
- Please remember to top up your child's Parent Pay Account. This should always be in credit.
- Please put your child's name on all items as we have lots of lost property.
- Children need to be at school at 08.45am in time for registration.



OUR SCHOOL VALUES

This half term's value is <u>MR RESILIENCE</u>. We have linked the **Beatitudes** to each value. This half term's are "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice for your reward is great in heaven; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way."

The Rights Respecting **Articles** are:

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education
Article 29: Your education should help you develop your talents and abilities
to the full Please try to reinforce the values, Beatitudes and articles when
talking to your child.

ONLINE SAFETY

The week beginning the **16th November** is our Anti-bullying focus week. During the week your child will be learning a great deal about how to keep themselves safe online and how to use the internet and social media (if appropriate) responsibly. The person who trains all teachers nationally will be spending the day at our school on **Wednesday 18th November**. He will be delivering workshops to pupils and staff.

He will also be delivering a workshop for parents and carers at **6pm** on that day for one hour. **It is vitally important that you attend this meeting** as online safety is becoming more and more of a concern for children of all ages. As the content is not suitable for children, we will be running a crèche for parents who are unable to arrange childcare.

OUR LOCAL ACTION TEAM

Our amazing SMAB Local Action Team managed to raise £151 today during their visit to Wood Green! This money will be used to buy cans and tins of food for Haringey Food Bank. We are so proud of all of our team as they were very polite and



informative when interacting with the public, which also led to people going into supermarkets nearby and purchasing cans and tins to donate! We would also like to say a big thank you to friends and family who have already donated cans and tins. The deadline for donations is Friday 13th November.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

Last week 60 won the attendance AND punctuality trophies with 1 late and 100% attendance! The winner of the Balloon Race for Reading was 6B with 93%!



YEAR FOUR VISIT TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM



This week, Year 4 went to visit the Ancient Egyptian gallery at the British Museum to enhance their learning on our IPC Topic: Temples, Tombs &

The children had an opportunity to learn more about the lifestyle and afterlife rituals of the Ancient Egyptians. Mummies, pharaohs, sarcophaguses and sphinxes were just a few things they saw while on their fact-finding tour of the museum.

After a spot of lunch, the children had an opportunity to take in the sights and sounds of Holborn and the surrounding area.

A big thank you to parents who accompanied the children on this visit; your support was greatly appreciated!



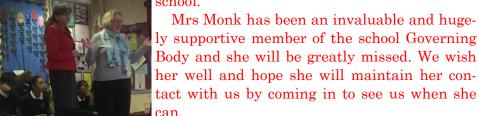
A SAD FAREWELL — THANK YOU MRS MONK

Last half term we said goodbye to Mrs Val Monk, who retired from her position as a governor at SMAB after an incredible 20 years! In fact, her association with the school goes back even further than that as she was supporting individual readers here 25 years ago!

> We invited Mrs Monk to a special assembly on Thursday 22nd October. Our school choir sang Abba Father to her and Mrs Jay presented her with flowers and a card signed by every pupil and staff member in the

school.





READING CORNERS

For the third year running, we held a competition to design and create a lovely and inviting reading corner in classrooms. Before half term our governors came and judged each classroom. They were impressed with the creativity they saw. The winning classes were 4I and 6B. Second place went to 3S and third place to 5L.

Representatives from the winning classes will be accompanying Mrs Ozkan to Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop to purchase new books for their classrooms with their prize money. Reading corners will be further developed over the coming months as we have an artist in

residence, Ella, working with the school from now until Easter. Watch this

space for more information soon.





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