

The Buzz



12th November 2021



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



Yesterday, the whole school took part in the Remembrance Day service at the memorial outside St Mary's Church. They made us very proud for the way they conducted themselves so sensibly, and sang so beautifully, during the commemorations. Representatives from each class also laid wreaths that their classes had made. We welcomed Reg Hunt and Craig Eccleston-Todd into our Collective Worship before the service, who told us about what the piper represents, as well as telling us about the new memorial bench in the churchyard, that depicts soldiers returning wearily from war to be greeted by a nurse. The silhouette of the nurse depicts a local lady who was a nurse during the First World War, and the silhouette of the horse is that of Warrior, the horse from Mottistone. The children enjoyed finding out about this. Thank you to all those who took part in the commemorations yesterday, and to those who have donated money for the Poppy Appeal.



Next week, we will be celebrating Inter Faith week. As part of this week, we will be welcoming some Christian, Jewish, Muslim and Hindu visitors into school, and finding out about their faith, different religious celebrations and more. Look out for photos on Facebook.

This week, the local community is very excited because Brighstone is in the international news! A new dinosaur species has been discovered and named (*Brighstoneus simmondsi*) following the find in 1978 by Ila's (Y3) grandad, Keith Simmonds. Y3 are particularly excited as they are currently learning about rocks and soils in Science, and will be visiting Dinosaur Isle and taking part in a fossil hunt later this month. Maybe they, too, will discover some dinosaur bones! You can read more information about this online, including: <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2296987-new-species-of-uk-dinosaur-was-8-metres-long-with-a-bulbous-nose/>



Friday 19th November sees us celebrating and raising money for Children in Need. One of the suggested themes is 'Strictly', Children are invited to go all out with the theme or just wear mufti/Pudsey items for a donation to the Children in Need appeal, suggested minimum of £1.00. Some ideas: ball gowns/black tie, glitter and sparkle, bow ties, sportswear (training sessions), movie week fancy dress, be a judge or presenter, glitter and sparkle! There will be activities throughout the day in classes and as a whole school. More info about the appeal can be found here: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Our Eco-Committee received their new badges this week. Here they are proudly wearing them! They are currently carrying out research as to what they think we need to focus on first as a school. We will keep you updated.



I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship - Trust

This week's Collective Worship focus is: **Remembrance**



This week we focused on the theme of Remembrance. We found out why we have Poppy Day, and what the poppies represent. The children offered thoughtful responses as to why we still remember those who died, and continue to die, in conflict. Reverend Jackie also came in to talk about the act of remembering.



"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you."

Philippians 1:3

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Mac 'n' cheese	Garlic chicken	Roast pork	Beef meatballs	Fish fingers
Option 2	Veggie sausages	Cheesy risotto	Vegetable pastry	Veggie lasagne	Soft taco
Dessert	Oatie biscuit	Muffin	Ice Cream	Choc cake	Rice pudding

Poetry Corner

For the Fallen
By Laurence Binyon

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,
To the end, to the end, they remain.



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

A **verb** is a word that expresses an **action** or a **state of being**.

Action



State of Being



VERB MEANING

YOURDICTIONARY

Reminders

Only plain water (no squash or flavoured water) in reusable water bottles.

Long hair must be tied back (both boys and girls), and hair must be kept away from eyes.

Only fruit provided for snacks, and healthy items in lunch boxes.
No dogs allowed on the school grounds, unless carried.

Golden Book

Koala	Holly and Bethan - for their enthusiastic reading!
Polar Bear	Fred C - for working really hard since coming back after half term and taking on new challenges.
Lemur	Issy - for a fantastic piece of writing in English.
Chimpanzee	Alfie L - for a fantastic explanation and beautiful piece of writing in English.
Orangutan	Jack - for very careful listening and understanding of sensitive discussions in PSHE lessons.
Sports Bee	Jax - for his great listening and determination in PE.
Bee-Haviour	Elin - for showing wonderful courage this week and being proud of herself.

Whole school dates

W/C Monday 15th November: Inter Faith week

Friday 19th November: Children in Need

Friday 10th December: BSA Christmas Fair

Tuesday 21st December: Last day of term

Tuesday 4th January 2022: Back to school



SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Caring Christmas Competition for children

THE CHALLENGE

Children to think of a present from their family that cannot be bought. This could be a walk, fishing, football, board game, picnic etc. Where can your imagination take you? Something that will be fun and that all of their family can enjoy.

(It cannot be internet or IT dependent.)

Draw and/or write to present ideas on either A3 or A4 paper.

Judges will be looking for:

- Practicality - can it actually take place?
- Sustainability - how much will this cost our planet?
- Fun - will everybody involved have fun?
- Presentation - care taken to produce a beautiful piece of work.



PRIZE GIVING EVENT

To be held at 1:30pm on Monday 29th November 2021 at The Riverside Centre, Newport.

Prize winners and their family, family support and prize donors will be invited.

RATIONALE

An opportunity to move on from COVID-19 restrictions and look positively to the future, a reason to plan some fun family time that does not cost money and an opportunity to encourage families to spend time together, showing the benefits of building strong, happy and loving bonds between family relationships, emphasising that this is how healthy brains and strong, secure personalities are grown. Creating happy childhood memories.

An opportunity to highlight the true numbers of Island children growing up with challenging and difficult lives.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/child-health-development/childhood-trauma-brain-development>

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- showing love and care for our families
- creative thinking/planning
- planning an activity that can actually take place, thinking of the realities of life, practicality
- sustainability, materialism, consumerism
- what is truly fun for everyone, thinking of others, empathy
- conservation of materials, climate crisis
- the true value of money

Please hand in to school by **Monday 22nd November 2021**. Entries will be collected from schools.

Schools will be required to select the three best submissions from each year group.
A prize will be awarded to the winning submission for each year group across the Island.

Prizes kindly donated by Island businesses.

Please get in touch with Trish Wray, organiser, with any queries.
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