



Newsletter 18
24th January 2020



Dear Parents,

Support for animal rescue in the aftermath of the Australian Bushfires was overwhelming today with £334 raised from our themed non-uniform day. The money raised will go to WIRES – Australia’s Wildlife Rescue Organisation – www.wires.org.au. Today’s assembly was supported by two excellent presentation by Daniel Messulam and Madeline Murphy and included a special prayer for all those who have suffered. Our School Council decided that the money raised should go to support this cause.



Monday’s assembly focussed on our Dominican heritage including the Four Pillars of Dominicans – Prayer, Learning, Community and Mission/Service – and we looked at how we supported these through our mission statement and in our daily actions. Today’s focus is another example of how we support others in what we do and in our prayers and reflections.

NSPCC Assembly – Monday, January 27th

The NSPCC is visiting us on Monday as part of its Speak Out / Stay Safe nationwide programme. All parents have been sent a letter regarding this assembly with details of where to find additional information should you wish to. The NSPCC will be using the help of their friendly mascot Buddy when presenting an assembly to the children as well as returning for a workshop for Years 5 and 6 the following week as part of our Mental Health and Well Being week activities. Please note that Year 3 will be having a different, age appropriate, assembly.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher:

3Anning	Skye Ivory	For her excellent effort and enthusiasm in her learning. Great acting in the Shakespeare workshop.
3Nightingale	Max Stevenson-Hewitt	For his beautifully presented work in English and Maths. He consistently challenges himself to produce a high standard of work.
4Jemison	Ethan McHugh	For his excellent answers in the Shakespeare workshop. He was enthusiastic and enjoyed learning the story of the Tempest.
4Attenborough	Oscar Smith	He is a pleasure to have in the class – he works hard, contributes in class learning and is always challenging himself while always being helpful.
5Mandela	Tom Patel	He has been trying hard in every aspect of his work. He actively engages with feedback and strives to improve.
5Einstein	Shawn Joseph	A lovely member of the class. He has a positive attitude to learning and tries hard at all times.
6Johnson	Calum Walsh	For fantastic effort during writing lessons and for his growing confidence and contribution in class.
6Martin Luther King	Anushka Jana	For developing careful editing to improve her writing which ensures a higher standard.

Citizenship Stars

Daniel Messulam and Madeline Murphy for their presentations on the Australian bush fires.

Sports fixtures

Good luck to the Boys Football team who are in action this afternoon at Kings Langley in a league fixture. The following games have been arranged:

Boys football - Broadfield (Home) Weds 5th Feb

Girls football - Broadfield (Away) Wed 12th Feb
Broadfield (Home) Wed 26th Feb

Netball - Bovingdon (Venue TBC) Friday 31st Jan
Kings Langley (Home) Tues 4th Feb
Micklem (Away) Mon 2nd March

PA AGM

There was a small but dedicated group of parents who attended the PA AGM on Tuesday. My thanks to the Chair (and Treasurer) Mrs McDonnell and Vice-Chairs Mrs Fordyce and Mrs Robson along with all the committee members. I cannot over emphasize the valuable contribution all parents make when they support the PA. Last year £11,000 was spent on enriching the learning of the children including purchasing laptops; funding visitors such Paul Sturgess (tallest Basketball player in the world) and supporting trips for all year groups.

I would appeal, particularly to Year 3 and 4 parents, to consider joining the PA Committee. Mrs McDonnell will be stepping down as Chair and Treasurer in September and other parents whose children are moving to secondary school will also be leaving us. As other members of the committee may take on these roles, the PA is in need of more committee members to help organise events. Without new members it will be difficult to continue the wonderful programme of events.

The PA will shortly be launching a logo competition. A template will be given to each child along with details of how parents can offer support to the PA.

Head Lice

There have been a few cases of Head Lice in the last few weeks. Please could you check your child this weekend and treat if necessary. I would also ask that children with long hair ensure it is tied back for school each day.

Reminders for the coming week

Mon	NSPCC Assembly
Wed	Fr Brian visiting 5Einstein Yr4 to visit Metro Bank
Thurs	Year 4 Swimming
Fri	Netball v Bovingdon (venue to be confirmed)
Sat 1 st Feb	Cross Country County Finals

Have a wonderful weekend,
Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher