

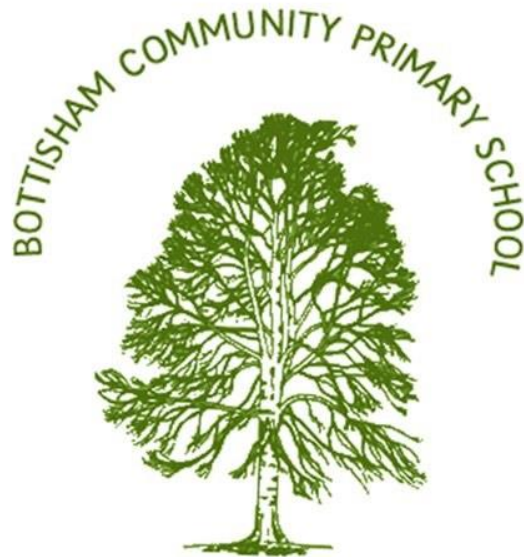
BCPS News 25.11.22



Welcome to this fortnight's edition of our school newsletter!

Friday 25th November 2022

Headteacher Update



What a rainy week it has been - lots of indoor play! The heavy rain has meant that the field has been saturated and so we took the decision to keep the KS2 children on the hard surface this week. They have been very sensible about this and we are hopeful that we will be able to go back on the field next week - fingers crossed!

It has been wonderful to listen to the children in KS1 practicing their Christmas play - I am lucky enough to be able to hear them singing in the hall from my office and I can tell you that parents and carers are in for a real treat when they come to watch! We will be sending a letter out on Monday about how you can book tickets for the KS1 Nativity as well as the Early Years Christmas Sing-a-long.

A quick reminder also to let the school office know if you are going to be late collecting your child or if someone else will be picking them up; the class teacher will not be able to let them go unless we have had confirmation from you of the pick-up arrangements. Thank you for your support with this.

Finally, a big well done to all the children who took part in the Dodge Ball competition at Marleigh Primary Academy - they played brilliantly and were wonderful representatives of the school.

Mrs Johnston

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - AUTUMN TERM 2022	
4th October	Flu vaccinations
5 th October	Hazel Class village walk
12 th October	Pine Class village walk
13 th October	Beech Class village walk
14 th October	Y3/4 E-Safety session
18 th October	Y3/4 History Off the Page – Ancient Rome Day
19 th October	KS1 Theatre of Widdershins
19 th October	Y5/6 E-Safety session
21 st October	School photos (individual)
24 th – 28 th October	Half term
1 st November	Early Years Light and Dark evening
14 th – 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
18 th November	Children in Need
24 th November	Flu vaccinations (mop-up)
30 th November	Willow trip to <u>Stibbington</u>
6 th December	Maple and Sycamore trip to <u>Stibbington</u>
9 th December	Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
12 th / 13 th / 14 th December	KS1 Nativity (afternoons)
13 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at Bottisham Church (evening)
15 th December	Early Years Christmas Sing-a-long
19 th / 20 th December	Y5 residential trip to Burwell House
21 st December	Last day of term

Dodge Ball at Marleigh Primary



ANGLIAN LEARNING

DODGEBALL

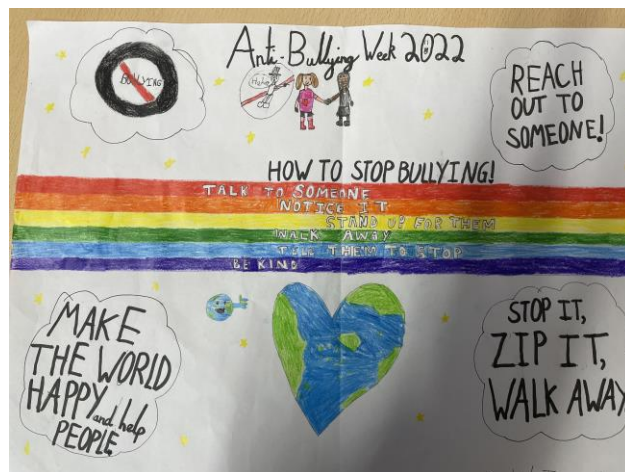
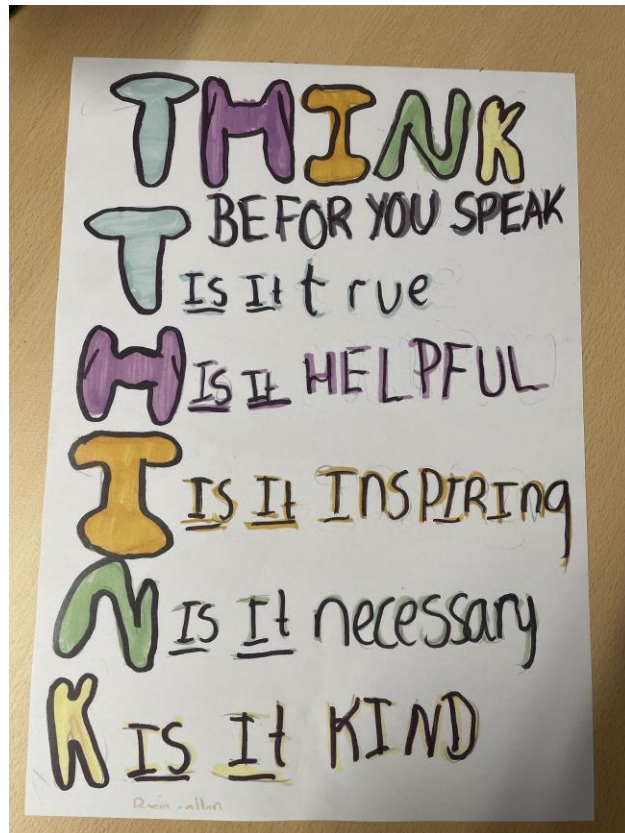
14TH NOVEMBER 2022
MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY

TODAY WAS A FANTASTIC DAY FOR SCHOOL SPORT WITHIN ANGLIAN LEARNING AS THREE SCHOOLS CAME TOGETHER FOR SOME HEALTHY COMPETITION IN DODGEBALL. THE TWO SCHOOLS OF FENLEIGH WELCOMED BOTTISHAM PRIMARY TO MARLEIGH PRIMARY ACADEMY, WHERE THE VENUE HOSTED THEIR FIRST SPORTS COMPETITION WITH VISITORS OUTSIDE OF MARLEIGH OR FEN DITTON. 20 STUDENTS IN TOTAL PLAYED AN ARRAY OF DODGEBALL GAMES WITH EACH GAME EARNING POINTS FOR THEIR SCHOOLS. AT THE END OF THE GAMES, BOTTISHAM CAME OUT AS WINNERS WITH A SCORE OF 11-7. CONGRATULATIONS BOTTISHAM. AT THE END OF THE EVENT, MR PARKER AND MR GREEN AWARDED SOME STUDENTS MEDALS FOR THEIR RESILIENCE, PASSION AND DETERMINATION DURING THE GAMES. WE'LL DONE TO ALL 20 COMPETITORS FOR REPRESENTING YOUR SCHOOLS, AND ANGLIAN LEARNING, WITH PRIDE!



Anti-Bullying Week





Last week, the whole school took part in Anti-Bullying Week 2022. The theme for the week was 'Reach Out' and focused on building the children's awareness of what to do if they or someone they know is being bullied. We started the week with a wonderful assembly led by our School Council who did a fabulous presentation all about bullying and launched a poster competition. In class, the children had PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) lessons about bullying and teachers have commented about the through-provoking discussions that the children had. Here are just three examples of brilliant posters which will be copied and displayed around the school.

A message from the Office Team - thank you








For those of you who may not be aware, we started the school year with a completely new team in the office - Mrs Sanders is our Receptionist, Mrs Keech is our Finance Administrator and Miss Cooper is our HR and Admissions Administrator. The team would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers for your patience whilst they have been getting up to speed on the processes and routines of the school which has also included the introduction of My Child At School, which we know had technical issues when it was rolled out at the start of the term. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with them or pop in to see them - they love the opportunity to meet parents and carers in person!

Remembrance: Blackout Poetry

We love these beautiful poems created by Y5/6 as part of a special English lesson focussing on Remembrance.

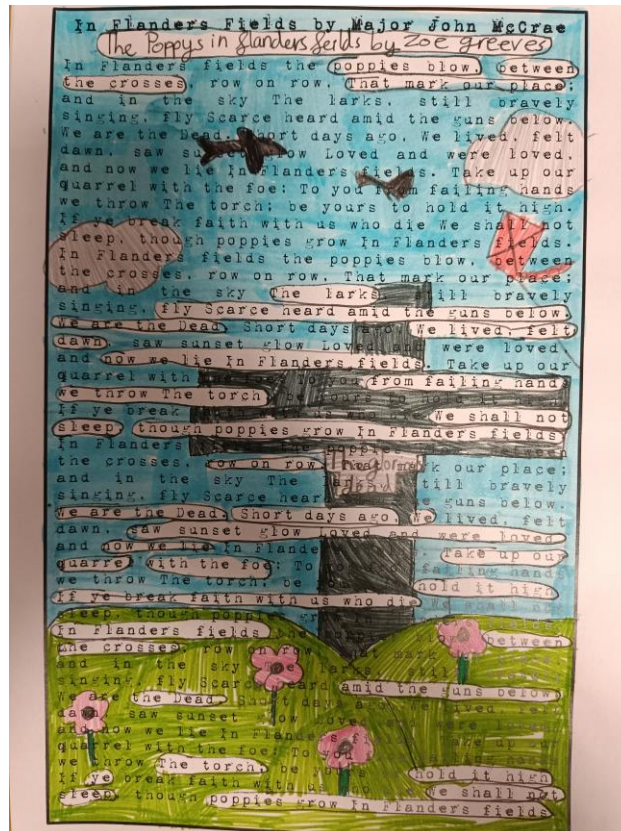
In Flanders Fields by Major John McCrae

poppies blow
in the sky
and now we lie in Flanders fields,
be yours to hold it tight.
who die we shall not sleep.
in Flanders fields the poppies blow,
we are the dead, who lived
dawn, sunset glow, and were loved,
from failing hands
we throw the torch;
between
the crosses,



In Flanders Fields by Major John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place
and in the sky the larks, still bravely
singin', fly scarce heard amid the guns.
We are the Dead. Short days ago We lived,
felt Dawn, saw sunset glow loved and were loved,
and now we lie in Flanders fields.
Take care you quarrel, take care
that from this fatal hour
our quarrels deep with you and your kind
grow deeper than ever since we lay
down and sleep.
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Children in Need - Thank You



A huge thank you to everyone who donated to BBC Children in Need last week. Our non-uniform day raised £220.00!

Staffing Update



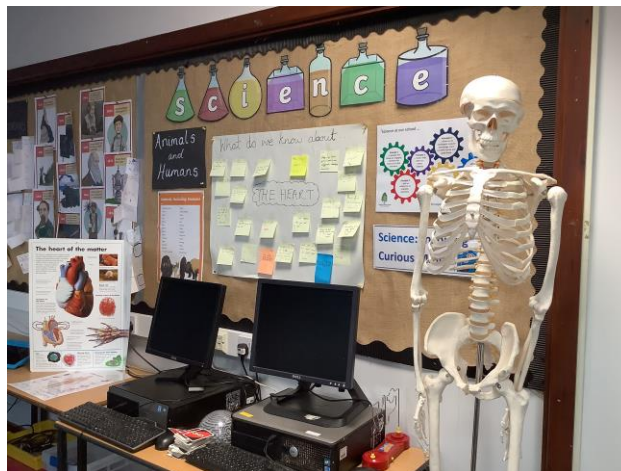
We are pleased to share with you the news that Mrs Sands, is expecting another baby in the summer term. Plans are underway for the maternity cover in Sycamore Class and we will let parents and carers know as soon as possible what the arrangements will be.

Christmas Jumper Day - Fri 9th Dec



A reminder that we will be fundraising for Save the Children with a Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 9th December. The children may wear non-uniform as well as / instead of a Christmas jumper.

Thank you to the PTA



We are incredibly grateful for all the hard work that our PTA do in fundraising for our school. Last year, the provided funding for the school to purchase some new Science resources which have already been put to great use in lessons. One of the purchases was our new full-sized skeleton which has certainly brought the unit of work on bones to life! A huge thank you to the PTA and all those who have made a donation - it really does make a big difference.

Applying for Reception 2023



If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2022 then you are now able to apply for a school place for them in Reception from September 2023. The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023.

We are offering school tours for prospective parents and carers who would like come for a visit to see what our school has to offer. If you would like to visit, please contact the office on 01223 811235 and we will be very happy to arrange a date and time to meet with you.

[Apply for a primary school place](#)

Click [here](#) to view our term dates for 2022-23

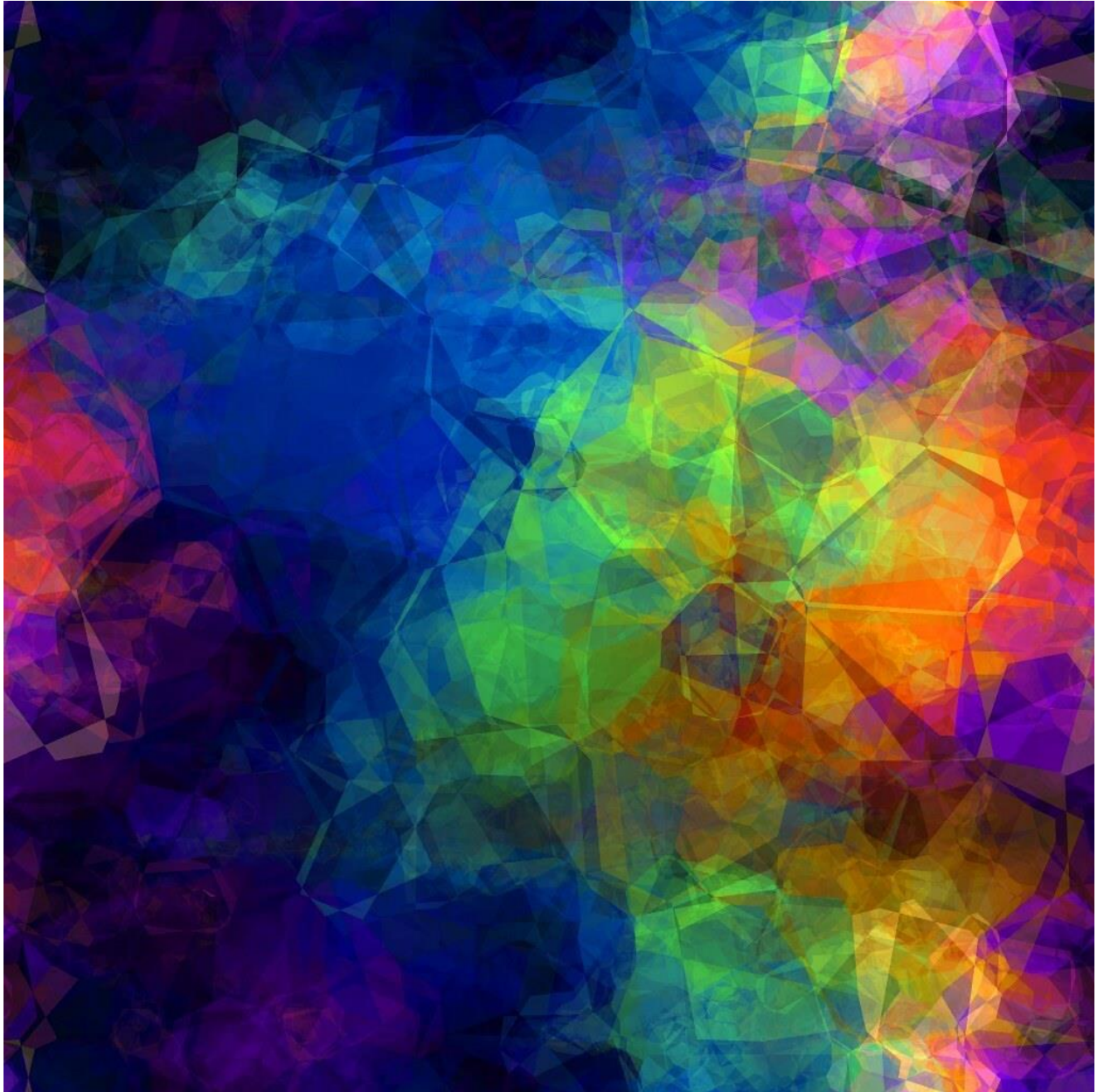
Are you worried about a child, family or friend?

Child Protection involves taking steps to safeguard children and young people at risk of, or suffering from neglect, physical, emotional or sexual abuse. It also means protecting children from witnessing Domestic Abuse and Violence as well as supporting families who are in financial or medical difficulties. It is vital that **everyone** takes personal responsibility to look after children, families and friends and report their concerns. If we all watch out for each other then we will ultimately support and protect the future lives of our children.



If you have a concern about the safety and welfare of a child at our school, you can email our confidential address on safeguardingconcerns@bottishamprimary.org.

Term Dates 2022-23



Autumn Term 2022

Thursday 1 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Friday 2 September - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 5 September - Start of term

Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October - Half term

Wednesday 21st December - End of term

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4 January - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 5 January - Start of term

Monday 13 February to Friday 17 February - Half term

Friday 31 March - End of term

Summer term 2023

Monday 17 April - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Tuesday 18 April - Start of term

Monday 1 May - May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June - Half term

Monday 5 June - Professional Day (school closed to pupils)

Wednesday 19 July - End of term

Contact Us



Please get in touch if you have any queries - our office team will be happy to help

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