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Dear Parents & Carers,

We have made it to half-term! Well done to all the children who have worked so hard these past 8 weeks – we are very proud of all your efforts and achievements!

Thank you to all of you too for your support – we always want to work in partnership with you to help your children achieve their very best.

Have a wonderful half-term break! We look forward to seeing you back in school on **Monday 2nd November** (after the PTA fireworks the night before where we hope to see lots of you too!)

Mrs Jo Armes

Curriculum

Following yesterday's more general newsletter, here, here are some updates of what has been happening at Bishopswood in the last few weeks....

Mrs Bellemere & Miss Daly say ...

Year R have had a fantastic time learning about different countries and religions from around the world. We explored the UK, France, Poland, India, and the Caribbean, and loved practising greetings in different languages during our morning register. Each day, we tasted foods that are native to the countries we were learning about, helping us to

experience their cultures in a fun and memorable way. We sang songs about the continents, discovered where countries are located around the world, and learnt about the animals that live there. The children also enjoyed creating a range of crafts, including flags, Mehndi designs, and crowns inspired by different traditions.



Mrs Boyce, Mrs Evans & Mr Dale say...

Year 1 have finished our topic about toys by designing and building cars using empty



water bottles. We thought about how our cars would move and then tested to see if they worked. In science, we did an experiment to find out which material would be best to protect the class bear from the rain. We tested, foil, fabric, plastic bags, tissue and paper. We found the plastic was the best material to use because it is waterproof. Finally, we had great fun on our Toytastic day. The children got to explore old and new toys and then enjoyed going out on the playground with their scooters. We made sure we were safe wearing our helmets!





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Ms Feather & Miss Okey say...



Year 2 have finished their topic on the Great Fire of London by having their own recreation of the fire. The children worked hard at home to create some incredible historical houses; the work you all put into these was absolutely amazing!

On Tuesday, the houses were packed tightly together on the school field to recreate what London streets were like in 1666, before watching the fire spread. The children were incredibly sensible and resilient during this event, which took place in the pouring rain! We have thoroughly enjoyed this topic and the children have become experts on the Great Fire. A special thank you to Mr Turner for helping us keep our fire lit and safe!



Miss Stevens, Miss Price & Mrs Lamb say...

We have had a wonderful half term learning all about natural disasters in Year 3. Over the last couple of weeks, the children have enjoyed making amazing posters and artwork to show everything they have learned about volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. We have also created our own volcanoes using Modroc and today we watched them erupt, it was great fun! In writing, to celebrate Black History Month, we learned all about Rosa Parks. We found out about how she stood up for her rights by staying in her seat on the bus and how this changed American society. We cannot believe we

have finished our first half term at the juniors already!



Miss Cullen & Mr Sargeant say ...

Year 4 have had a busy and exciting last week of term! In Science, we completed our topic on sound by making paper cup telephones. We investigated how sound travels through the string and into the cup, allowing us to hear our partner's voice at the other end of the 'phone'. It was a great way to bring our learning to life and demonstrate how sound vibrations travel. We also enjoyed making our own musical instruments out of recycled materials. The children enjoyed getting very creative with their choices!

In R.E., we have been learning about the concept of service and how we can help others within our community. As a

year group, we decided to volunteer our time by visiting Year 2 and reading with the children. Our pupils were fantastic role models, showing kindness, patience and enthusiasm, and both year groups thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories together.



Mrs Ouazzani-Yusein, Mr Hayden & Mrs Dreelan say....

Year 5 have had a very busy final week of term with their residential trip to the Sustainability Centre! They enjoyed activities such as water conservation, orienteering, den building and campfire! The children were all very resilient and the leaders at



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the centre were impressed with their attitudes and behaviour – well done Year 5! In class, they have been finishing off their Evolution unit by looking at animal habitats and adaptations, as well as writing persuasive letters trying to persuade sailors to join the crew of The Beagle! We hope all the children have a restful half term!

Mr Morris & Mr Mahony say....

Dragons, dragons, dragons ... from writing to pen work to clay, Year 6 have been going dragon mad! However, throughout all of their different activities and learning, the children's creativity has been a real highlight. They have moulded clay, practised their designs and have created a smorgasbord of some majestic, some magical and some truly monstrous dragon eyes. The designers at Lord of the Rings and Harry Potter have competition that's for sure!



Harvest Festival



This year we invited Jon from the Tadley Foodbank into both schools to talk to the children about the importance of 'giving to' and 'sharing with' others at Harvest time.

We wanted to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all the families who brought in their donations to support local families in Tadley. A special mention also goes to 'GREEN FINGERS' in Basingstoke, which is run by Mencap, as they gave us the most enormous pumpkin and many smaller vegetables for our hall displays. The children were absolutely amazed to see the giant pumpkin and enjoyed making up a wonderful display in both school halls!

We had an amazing response to the appeal and collected food and toiletries with a total weight of 311.63kg, which will provide families in our community with 742 meals! What an incredible result which will make such a difference. Thank you again to our wonderful Bishopswood Community!

Many thanks for your continuing support! Happy half-term!

Mrs Jo Armes
Head of School.