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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE BOARD

October, the month of Mary, the Mother of God.



'But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart' (Luke 2:19). As we approach then of this month, I invite you to make time to pray The Rosary, a meditative prayer to

Headteacher: Miss Parker

Mary, the Mother of God. You can hold rosary beads or a crucifix and start by making the sign of the cross. Say the Apostle's Creed, recite the Our Father on the first bead, followed by three Hail Mary's on the next 3 beads, and followed by the Glory Be. This now leads you to the decades of The Rosary. Decades are one single bead on which you recite the Our Father followed by 10 beads on which you recite the Hail Mary, ending each decade with a Glory Be. The Mysteries of the Rosary are stories about Jesus and Mary that we think about: The Joyful Mysteries, The Mysteries of Light, The Sorrowful Mysteries and The Glorious Mysteries. Offer some time in prayer to Mary to bring our world healing and love to all of us at this time.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Thank you, to Eleanor and Dominik, who led the whole school in prayer to celebrate the month of Mary, yesterday. They helped us focus on Mary's example to say 'yes' to God's call and think about our own Mum too. Year 6 sang a song in praise of Mary, please see the video clip on St. William's twitter account. Ash Class participated in a very respectful way even though some of those pupils have only been in school half a term! We are so proud of them!

Homework Projects

There have been some truly remarkable projects completed this half term **WELL DONE** everyone!



Oak – The children had to create a piece of work about themselves. Some children decorated a box and filled it with photos and special things to them.

Some children made a fact file about themselves.



Beech – Have studied why and how the Romans invaded and expanded their empire to include parts of Britain. They have thought about the legacy of

their invasion and how the Roman way of life has helped to shape the world we know today.



Lime – The pupils have designed and made their perfect garden, as part of their learning of the story of Creation.



Holly – The children created models of the world and explained how we all need to protect our planet, Earth.

November, the month we remember the 'Holy Souls'

Throughout November, children and adults will try to pray The Eternal Rest, a prayer for all those whom have died, every day. It is an expression of love to pray and to remember those that have died and it a very important part of our Catholic Faith. When I talk about death with children, I always use the image of a ship sailing away, into the distance, slowly becoming smaller and smaller until our eyes tell us it has 'disappeared'; we cannot see the ship but it exists in a different place that we cannot see; and death of a loved one, is similar. Catholics believe that there is life, eternal life in heaven, with God, after our life on earth. During this month join us as we pray for all those in our families that have died and pass any names that you wish to be added in our school Remembrance Book. Together, let us remember and show our love, as we pray, Eternal rest, grant to them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Poppy Appeal

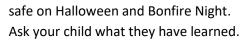


After the half-term holiday, poppies will be available in school. All donations will go to the charity, The British Legion, which provides lifelong support to serving and exserving military personnel and their families. On 11th November we remember those who lost their lives serving in the armed services

in all conflicts; from the beginning of the First World War up to the present day. We give thanks for the freedom and peace we enjoy today and pray for those still suffering in war-torn countries.

Keeping children safe

PCSO Sharpe visited pupils so they know how to be





BONFIRE NIGHT





Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank are appealing for people in the local community to drop off dry food donations for a day-long Big Food Bank Drop-off on Saturday 30th October at Morrisons Victoria (Girlington) supermarket car park.

You can leave donations with volunteers from the Food Bank at the car park between 9am and 6pm on the 30th.

More information about the Big Food Drop-off can be found on the Bradford Metropolitan Food Bank website at https://tinyurl.com/p8sz8jes

Thank you in advance for your support.



THE BIG FOOD BANK DROP-OFF 2021

With the generous support of Morrisons
Supermarkets



Council to issue supermarket vouchers to lowincome families for half term

Bradford Council are giving low-income families with school-age children, supermarket vouchers to help with the cost of food over the October half-term break.

The vouchers are being given to families with schoolage children and in receipt of Council Tax Reduction. Vouchers are for £20 per school-age child.

If a family is eligible, they will receive a letter from Bradford Council with details of how to redeem the voucher.

Letters are being posted over the next few days and should be received by families by October 27. If, after October 27 a family hasn't received a letter but thinks they should be eligible, they should contact foodvouchers@bradford.gov.uk with their full name and address.

Please advise do **not contact them until after October. 27.**

What parents and carers need to know about social bots

Free Online Safety Guide

Around one in every three people has been fooled (even if only briefly) into thinking a social media bot was a real person. Evidence suggests that bots are increasingly being used on social platforms to artificially amplify the popularity of a person or movement, to influence political outcomes and as accessories in phishing scams – so their ability to deceive us is becoming more of a concern.

Twisting public debate, disrupting online courtesy and – in some cases – jeopardising human wellbeing are among the more worrying threats that bots can pose. In our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week, you'll find useful tips on how to identify bots on social media – including giveaways like odd usernames, unusual patterns of posting and dubious profile pictures.

According to cyber security company Imperva, bots account for almost a quarter of all internet traffic. Social media organisations in particular are grappling with this growing issue: Instagram is implementing measures to reduce the number of bots on its platform, while tech industry site TheNextWeb reports that Facebook deactivates more than a billion fake accounts every year.

With these automated accounts implicated in spreading dangerous conspiracy theories and attempting to influence political opinion, our #WakeUpWednesday guide this week examines social media bots in more detail. It will help parents and carers learn how to recognise bots, how to deal with them and how to educate children about the potential hazards that bots can cause.



Breakfast Club

To confirm places, please speak to Mrs Gadd each Friday for the following week.



Secondary School Applications.

Secondary School Applications to be completed by 31 October 2021 online.

Warning: No Holidays in Term Time

Please book holidays for when school is closed. We do not authorise any holidays in term time <u>and fines will</u> <u>be issued for taking your child/children out of school during term time.</u>

Attendance & Punctuality

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts!

This week's Trophy Winners!

Class	%	•	through	Number of pupils on time			
Ash	91.1%	6	1hr 10mins	21			
Oak	95.8%	3	45mins	23			
Beech	90.2%	4	2hrs 30mins	22			
Lime	94.6%	2	1hr 25mins	24			
Holly	92.4%	0	0	29			

92.8% Overall school attendance
93.6% Overall school attendance to date

Congratulations...Bravo...Well done!!!



Class teachers' Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to these fabulous award winners: Moyin, Enoch, Pawel, Rumaisah, Cassidy, Sofia, Ruby, Ahmad, Rayhan and Shanel.

Hot Chocolate Friday:

Prince, Sylvaine, Monika, Oskar, Suzanna, Romana, Fabian, Kevin, Femisola and Patryk

Virtue Certificates this week:

Harper – Respect, Katrin – Love, Ranaya – Love, Adela – Love and Tiana-Marie – Love

Golden Table Monday:

Daniel, Karolina, Keyaan, Win and Patryk

'Golden Mention to our lunchtime stars'

Connor, Sylviane, Isla-Grace, Dennis, Vojtech, Amaya, Fabian, Ayra, Colin and Eleanor.

100% Attendance Autumn Term 1

Muhammad, Marcella, Abubakar, Jibrael, Lochlan, Darina, Amelia, Rumaisah, Jeremiah, Monika, Eesah, Oliver, Vivienne, Kyle, Leo, Karolina, Isla-Grace, Oskar, Vania, Sofia, Eva, Lola-Mae, Konrad, Kathrine, Ranaya, Ahmad, Hashim, Iylah, Adela, Win, Ruby, Klaudia, Rayhan, Ushara, Fatima, Nikola, Saif, Patryk, Arsenijs, Zain, Eleanor, Sofia, Leodette, Julia, Adam and Kevins.

Homework Project Certificates this week:

The following children have completed their homework project — well done and keep up the good work!

Monika, Abyan, Rumaisah, Hakeem, Eesah, Vivienne, Alan, Karolina, Amelia, Jeremiah, Dennis, Darina, Kacper, Oskar, Kiamy, Pawel, Zoe, Mia, Keyaan, Jozsef, Sofia, Ranaya, Oliwia, Abdul-Baasit, Vania, Kayla, Nicola, Danish, Muntaha, Raksana, Ahmad, Ali, Hashim, Adela, Fabian, Kristians, Faiza, Julie, Ayra, Win, Emilia, Klaudia, Ruby, Ingrid, Femisola, Ushara, Julia, Zain, Rayhan, Shanel, Sofia, Colin, Jaden, Nikola, Patryk, Sofia, Filip, Fatima, Eleanor and Leodette.



Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear

Oliwia, Ralfs, Dominik, Jaden, Julie, Fabian happy birthday to you! Hope you have a special day.

Dates for your diary:

22.10.21	School Closes at 3.15pm and re- opens on Tuesday, 2 November 2021
02.11.21	Flu Immunisation
05.11.21	Reception – School Nursing Team to Measure Weight & Heights

After School Clubs

Monday Music Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in

Oak Class

Arts & Craft Club 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Pine Class

Tuesday Minecraft Club 3.15pm – 4.00pm in

Lime Class

Movie Club 3.15pm - 4.00pm in Ash

Class

Thursday Team Games 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Outside/Hall

Homework Club 12.25pm - 12.55pm

in Lime Class

Friday Choir Club 12.25pm – 12.55pm in the

Hall

Thank you!

A sincere thank you to all the staff for their tremendous hard work this half term. As always, the staff have risen to the challenge to return to normal school life and keep pupils, parents and staff safe; but I am sure you agree with me, they have done a marvellous job! I am grateful to the staff who have worked hard to organise Tea and Cake Afternoons for the MacMillan Charity; provided a range of After School Clubs; and hosted parent/carer workshops to inform parents of the teaching of phonics and reading; as well engaging the pupils in exciting learning opportunities to help them further develop and progress.

The children have settled really well and there is a very calm atmosphere in school. The children play, work and learn happily together and the standard of work displayed around our school is truly exemplary. Congratulations and thank you to all the St. William's staff, for all you do, to help and support our pupils.

Covid-19 Risk Assessment

Please look on the school website for the reviewed risk assessment. As we close for half term please keep your children and families safe and protected from Covid-19. Please see www.gov.co.uk for travel information in around our country and abroad.

School Dates 2021-2022

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Have a lovely break and see you all Tuesday 2 November, at 8.45am



HOW TO CONTACT US



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Use class dojo to send home learning work back to your child's class teacher to be checked.

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