



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 8th November 2024

Upcoming events

Diwali Assembly

On Tuesday, our children and staff were treated to a special assembly celebrating Diwali, the festival of lights!

What a celebration it was!

We got to see a fabulous performance from a group of our children who performed a traditional Indian dance, and some of our Hindu children shared how their families celebrated Diwali during the holidays. Mrs Bhogal read a story which explained how Sikh people celebrate Diwali and we had a very talented Indian drummer who played whilst the children led in and out of assembly.

It is so lovely to celebrate the different festivals of our children and we hope that all our Hindu and Sikh families enjoyed their Diwali celebrations at home.

- WB 11th Nov – Maths Week
- Mon 11th Nov – Dress up day for Maths Week
- Tue 12th Nov – Parents' Evening (Y6) over TEAMS
- Fri 15th Nov – Children in Need day (own clothes)
- WB 18th Nov – Y5 swimming
- Tue 19th November – Y5 science workshop
- Thu 21st Nov – Parent book look @3.15pm
- WB 25th Nov – Y5 swimming



Children in Need Day

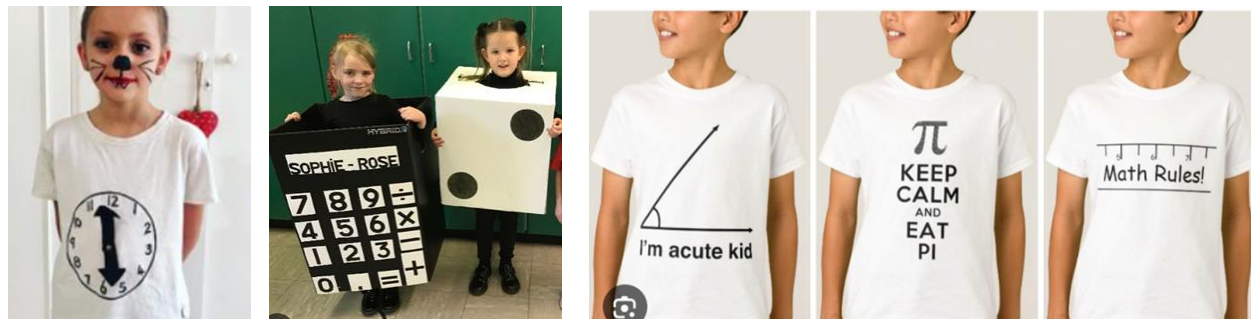


Next Friday (15th November) is Children in Need Day. For this day, children can come to school in their own clothes.

Donation buckets will be on the gates in the morning for families who wish to donate to this worthwhile cause.

Maths Week dress up day

Just a reminder that dress up day for Maths Week is on Monday (11th November). Children can come dressed in a maths themed outfit. There are some examples of simple costumes shown below to help you with ideas.



Year 3 Rocks Workshop

Our Year 3 children got to enjoy a science workshop all about rocks, minerals and fossils. The workshop allowed the children to handle different minerals and fossils, experience how they are found in the ground or from rivers. Some of the activities included, looking at and handling small fossils of ammonites, trilobites and belemnites; excavating fossils from plaster of Paris and using some sand based enclosures to find hidden gems. The children had a great time and were able to take home small bag of gems.



Reception Lidl Visit

Our Reception children were given the important job of going to Lidl to buy the ingredients to make Fred the phonics frog a birthday cake. The children were so sensible when walking across the road and behaved impeccably in Lidl. They enjoyed the challenge of finding the ingredients and putting them in the trolley, then they all waited patiently whilst Mr Davis paid. We are sure that they will have a lot of fun making the cakes and even more fun eating them.



Year 4 Gurdwara Visit



Year 4 enjoyed a trip to our local Gurdwara this week!

During their visit, they got to see the Guru Granth Sahib and learnt all about the ten gurus. They were also lucky enough to hear some beautiful singing from one of the members.

All the children were beautifully behaved throughout the visit and demonstrated our school virtues.

Prayer and Reflection

This coming Sunday is Remembrance Sunday, when we remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

In the spring of 1915, shortly after losing a friend in Ypres, a Canadian doctor, Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae wrote his now famous poem after seeing poppies growing in battle-scarred fields. It was this poem which inspired the use of poppies as a symbol of remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict.

In Flanders Fields by 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 singing, fly

Scarce heard amid the guns below.

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 up our quarrel with the foe;

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch; be yours to hold it high,

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep, though poppies grow

In Flanders' Fields.



Let us pray together:

Ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

