



# St. Benedict's Primary School

## Newsletter 27.10.23



*Enjoying our rights, fulfilling our dreams. Ambition, Resilience, Respect.*

### Messages from Mrs Nott

What an incredible half-term we have had! This week has been such a celebration of the wonderful work going on in school.

**We want to really thank you as parents for making this possible:**

- Engagement in workshops
- Supporting children with home reading
- Supporting children with homework
- Improved uniform
- Support at Wake-up, Shake-up

#### Parents' meetings

After half term, on Tuesday and Thursday, we have our first parents' meetings of the year. This will be an opportunity to come into school, see your child's books and to discuss their progress with their teachers. Every child has been given an appointment time, so we do hope you can attend.

#### Diwali Celebrations

We do hope parents can join us on 13th (Y3,4,5,6 and Hub) and 14th November (Rec,Y1,2) for our Diwali workshops.

On 13th November we are having a colourful, Diwali-themed lunch: chicken biryani, shish kebab, samosas and sweetcorn, followed by sweet carrot and ice cream). If your child is usually packed-lunch but would like to participate in this, then please let the office know by Wednesday 8th November and make the payment in advance on sQuid.

#### Remembrance Day

From Tuesday 7th November to Friday 10th November our History Squad will be selling poppies at playtime for Remembrance Day. Suggested donation:

Poppies – 50p  
Other items - £1



### What's on?

6th Nov	INSET day – school closed
7th Nov	Pupils return
7th/9th	Parents' meetings
8th Nov	Y5 Trip Compton Verney
8th Nov	Coffee morning
9th Nov	Y1 Trip – Eco Park
10th Nov	Y2 Reading workshop
10th Nov	Remembrance Day focus
13th Nov	Diwali workshop Y3,4,5,6, Hub
13th Nov	Diwali themed lunch
14th Nov	Diwali workshop Rec, Y1,2
17th Nov	Children in Need day – colourful clothing.

### Spotlight on reading

4N achieved 86% for home reading. 25 out of 29 children read four or more times this week! Well done!

This week's reading stars are:

Year Group	Name
Reception	Ahelam
Year 1	Safa
Year 2	Ayman & Zakariya
Year 3	Nawaz & Ziyaan
Year 4	Yacqub & Tasnima
Year 5	Yaquub & Mysha
Year 6	Zainab & Salman
Hub	Jawad

## Attendance

This week's whole school attendance:  
**92%**

Congratulations to **5R** for reaching **98%** Attendance this week, what a way to end this half term !

Huge well done to **6A, 6J, 5H, 4P, 3A, 2P, 2D and the HUB** for reaching our whole school target of **96%!!**

Please ensure that children are attending school everyday that it is open, we check attendance on a daily basis and the local authority will fine parents whose children are below the expected % of attendance.



## Rights Respecting School

Article 6: Every child has the right to life

### Harvest Foodbank Collection

A huge thank you for your generosity this harvest-time. We held a celebratory Harvest assembly to mark the end of term and what a fabulous spread of food we have, to donate to Nechells and Aston foodbank.

### Morocco Earthquake Appeal

On behalf of School Council, we would like to thank you for donating money - **£189** -towards UNICEF's crisis appeal. The Inclusion Hub and School Council enjoyed collecting money this morning by banging their drums and shaking their bells. Your money will go towards helping those affected by the Morocco Earthquake.



Article 22 Refugee Children



## Festival of Sanctuary

St. Benedict's is a Gold Rights Respecting School and we are committed to being a safe and welcoming place for all, especially refugees seeking a place of sanctuary. In partnership with **Charis McRoberts** from the **Birmingham Rep Theatre**, we held our first Festival of Sanctuary. Well done to Classes 6A, 4N, 4P, 2P and the Inclusion Hub for their amazing performances.

# the Rep

