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John 10:10 'Life in all its fullness'

This morning, it was lovely to gather at church for our Harvest Festival. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your generous donations. Next week, we look forward to delivering the donations to the Bognor Regis Food Bank. During this morning's service it was wonderful to hear pupils from across the school present with confidence and clarity. This morning's service provided a clear opportunity for us to be grateful for what we have and the importance of giving what we can to support others. Following a visit from the manager of Bognor Regis Food Bank, two of our Year 6 pupils wrote a prayer which we shared during Collective Worship. A copy of the prayer can be found at the end of this week's newsletter.



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COURAGEOUS ADVOCACY:

This week, our Year 6 pupils were visited by representatives from Southern Water in response to the letters they wrote at the end of Year 5. They were talked through a presentation of how the water treatment process works and what causes the storm overflows to release into the ocean, as well as how Southern Water plan to further reduce the number of cases of this happening. The children were shown a diorama that demonstrated how neighbourhoods can become more 'water friendly' in supporting the storage and drainage of water.



"I liked the ideas we were told and the model we were shown but I'm not sure how well the solution will work"

Zoe - Y6



"It was good because she explained that they were trying to do something about the sewage and dumps into the ocean"

Bridie - Y6



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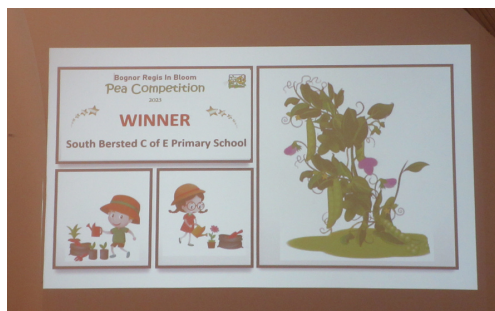
ECO AWARDS:

Last night, it was lovely to hear that the school received a number of awards at the Bognor in Bloom event. As a school we won the Gold Award for our school vegetable patch. Congratulations to Mrs Evans for being recognised for her invaluable commitment to her role at South Bersted by being presented with an award of Excellence. Congratulations also to Year 1 who were judged the winners of the Pea Growing competition during the Summer when they were in Reception Class.



"The mayor was there, he came to our school. He gave us a certificate with gold on it"

Ned - Y1



Next Thursday, we look forward to inviting parents to collective worship as we present our Eco Committee with their badges.

YEAR 6 SECONDARY TRANSFER APPLICATIONS:

A reminder that the application window for secondary transfers is open until 11.59pm on **Tuesday 31st October**. You must submit your child's application before the deadline. Applying after the deadline can seriously impact which school your child is offered.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online, more information can be found [here](#).

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INSET DAY REMINDER:

A reminder that there will be an INSET Day on Friday 20th October so school will be closed to pupils. School will re-open on Monday 30th October, after the half term break.

ATTENDANCE:

Over the past two weeks, it has been pleasing to see an increase in whole school attendance. Congratulations to EYFS who have the highest attendance across the school!

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Penguin Class	98.5%
Year 1	96%
Year 2	95.1%
Year 3	93.5%
Year 4	95.8%
Year 5	95%
Year 6	93.9%

A number of children continue to be arriving at school after the gates close. A reminder that gates open at 8:35 and close at 8:45. From 8:35 pupils engage in morning work tasks which also includes valuable time for pupils to respond to class teacher's marking.

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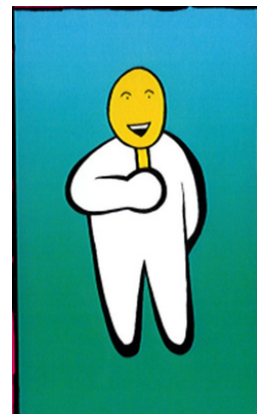
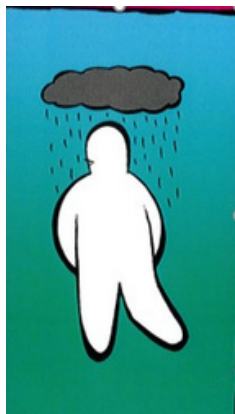


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MENTAL HEALTH DAY HOME LEARNING:

On Monday, Mrs Greateorex led Collective Worship and encouraged us all to Take A Moment for our mental health...to pause, breath, disconnect and then reconnect, so we can find clarity. A simple action that can make a life changing difference in our fast-paced world. Up until 1st November we are asking families to send us their black and white photos of them taking a moment. See the attached document for further information.

Also, during this week's P4C Worship, Mrs Bush introduced 'blob cards' which help children articulate emotions. Children then came up with some questions they would like to discuss. This included: 'Why do we feel we have to hide our emotions?' and 'Can sharing how we feel make us feel better?' Some children even went home and created their own blobs.



PRAYER SPACE ACTIVITIES:

Over the past week, I have been pleased to see the number of children engaging in our indoor prayer space. Mrs Lambert, a foundation governor, spent some time meeting with our new School Councilors to find out more about what activities they would like to engage in within the prayer space. It is lovely to read a number of the children's prayers and reflections on what makes them unique and celebrating the achievements of their friends.



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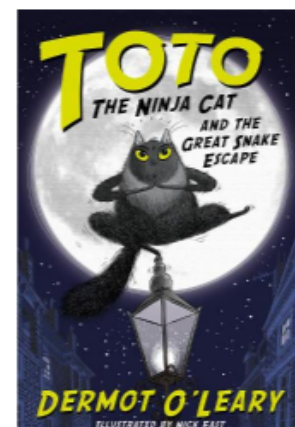
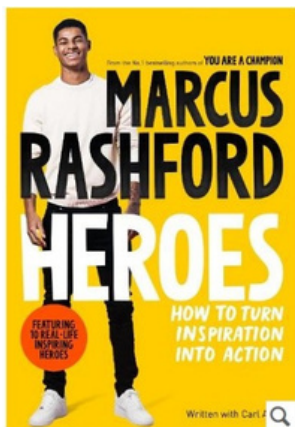


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READING RECCOMENDATIONS:

Reading each day is proven to have a significant impact on pupil's progress. It is fantastic to see so many parents and grandparents writing in pupil's reading records. So far this academic year, pupils across Key Stage 2 have read just over 5,000,000 words! Congratulations to pupils in Year 6 who are just leading the way in reading 1,586,830 words!

See below for this week's reading recommendations. Next week, we look forward to presenting books as part of our half termly book raffle!



MCAS APP:

If you have not yet created your MCAS account please can I ask that you do this as soon as possible as this is the way in which we now send all communication to parents and carers.

To create your account, you will need to download the free MCAS app (search MCAS in your app store) and when prompted to log in select 'Forgotten Password'. You will then be guided through adding your email address and creating a password for your new account. Please be aware that the email address you use in this app will need to be the same one that we have on our records. If you need any assistance with this please speak to the office.

Please note that you must select 'allow notifications' in your phone app settings for MCAS otherwise you will not receive our communications.

If you have already created your MCAS account you will still need check your phone settings to ensure notifications are allowed for the app.

If you do all of the above and still are not receiving our communications please delete the app and re-install it, ensuring notifications for it are turned as this seems to be correcting the issue for some parents.

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TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS:



Congratulations to Year 4, who beat Year 5 with 16,000 points and Year 3, who beat Year 6 with 10,000 points! Well done to **Theo T (Yr 3)** and **Tommy P (Yr4)** who were the most valuable players (MTP).

The next battles for TT Rockstars are slightly longer than previous to include half-term so please ensure we are logging in at home and gaining as many points as possible for our teams.

The battles see the two winning houses from the last competition pitted head-to-head with Year 3 facing Year 4. In the other battle, we see Year 5 and 6 competing to be the highest earners in Key Stage 2.

Good luck!

LETTERS SENT HOME:

Monday 9th October - Phonics Parent Information Session (Year 1)

Wednesday 11th October - Bognor Regis Food Bank (All Years)

Thursday 12th October - World Mental Health Day (All Years)

Friday 13th October - Brighton Toy Museum (Year 1)

Friday 13th October - Autumn Day (Reception)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday 16th October - Year 5 Chichester Planetarium Trip

Monday 16th October - Year 1 Outdoor Learning (2-3pm)

Tuesday 17th October - Flu Vaccinations (All Years)

Tuesday 17th October - Year 1 Phonics Parent Information Meeting (2.30-3pm)

Tuesday 17th October - Year 1 Parent Reading Afternoon (3-3.15pm)

Wednesday 18th October - Open Morning - Starting School September 2024 (9-10.30am)

Thursday 19th October - Eco Committee Collective Worship

Thursday 19th October - Autumn Day (Reception)

Thursday 19th October - Finish for half term (3.15pm)

Friday 20th October - **INSET DAY**

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HARVEST PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for our local food banks that help support those in need. We appreciate the wonderful God you are, the wonderful world you have created and the delicious food we have on our table. Thank you for the luxuries that you provide us with.

Sadly, there is not enough for everyone, God we pray to help those in need who struggle across the world. We ask for your never-ending love and guidance in this journey of kindness. Thank you for the visitors that've come in today to teach us the importance of food banks.

Amen