

The Lantern

St. Boniface said of St. Bede that 'he shone forth like a lantern.'



Dear Everyone

I hope you have had a good week.

As I drove to work ten days ago, the radio presenter said to expect snow in the second half of March – this morning, I was told instead that a particularly warm spell was on the way. Go figure! - as an American might say. As someone who likes the heat, I am thinking that things may well be looking up...

Indoor PE

As you are aware, pupils have indoor PE sessions from time to time. Children may do this in bare feet or plimsolls. If you wish your child to wear plimsolls, we ask that they keep a pair in school at all times. We do not allow children to wear trainers for indoor PE for two reasons: trainers mark the polished floor; and if a child steps on a classmates bare feet in trainers it will hurt. From next September, we would ask that **all** children wear plimsolls for indoor PE. I am aware that we have flip-flopped on this issue in recent years. This is because different teachers have led PE in the school in recent years, each with their own preference. From September, the position will continue unchanged. It is always helpful if such plimsolls are Velcro fastening to aid the speed of footwear changeover. A reminder for those families in Reception, years 1 and 2 who have yet to send in a change of clothes, please do so as soon as possible (underwear, socks and a change of bottoms).

International Women's Day: 8th March 2022

We are grateful to have such wonderful women in our school community and acknowledge that we all need to do more to #breakthebias which is part of this year's message. So many opportunities are open to all of our young people and we are currently planning exciting DT and Science experiments to promote such subject areas to both boys and girls.

Book Fair

We will be hosting a book fair from the 25th to 31st March. Pupils will come home with a 'Wish List', after they have looked at the books and families can place orders on-line. We will receive notification from the company of any orders and will give the children the ordered books from the supply issued to us in school.

School Council Fundraising for Table Tennis Table

We are delighted to confirm that £384.40 was finally raised from the recent non-uniform day for the above. We are sending letters to local businesses hoping to secure the rest of the funds we need (approximately £650). If you know of any business that might be able to help, please feel free to share the attached letter with them. Thank you for your support.

Red Nose Day—18th March 2022

We are inviting pupils to dress as their favourite superhero (fictional or real life e.g. nurse, doctor etc) for Red Nose Day. Alternatively, your child can wear an item of red clothing. Please donate what you can towards this. We will have a small number of red noses for sale for £1.50 each. but realise many families will have purchased theirs elsewhere and of course, we will be delighted to see them on the day!

Donations for Ukraine

We will be collecting goods at the front gate next week for Ukraine. Mrs Spinks, one of our learning assistants, has kindly offered to deliver what we collect to Brentwood Cathedral, where parishioners are working with The Polish Red Cross (via The Polish White Eagle Club in Balham). They have asked for the following goods:

Baby items—nappies, wipes, dried formula, baby food
Dried goods—cans, tea, coffee, long shelf life goods
Toiletries—soap bars, sanitary products
Medical—first aid kits, bandages, plasters
Batteries, torches, flash lights, candles
New bedding—blankets, duvets, sheets, sleeping bags, pillows

Mr Peter will be at the front gate each morning Monday to Thursday, with his trolley to collect any donated items.

Mrs Mackie would like to extend her thanks to those families who gave up their time to support the St Cedd's coffee morning last Sunday, which raised money for the cause too.

Parking

A reminder that, to ensure the safety of all, there should be no cars parked on the zig zag lines outside school at any time, this includes collection after clubs. Following a complaint from a parent, I would be grateful if the owner of LS60 ZXD could make contact with me via the office.

Assembly 2L—14th March

We are delighted to invite parents of 2L into school on Monday 14th March at 2.45pm to watch their child's class assembly.

Choir Performance—21st March

We will welcome parents of choir members to join us to watch a performance at 4pm on 21st March in the school hall.

Readathon

As you know, pupils in years 1 to 6 we are taking part in the Readathon with Go Read, so please remember to continue to log your reading sessions. Thank you for your continued support.

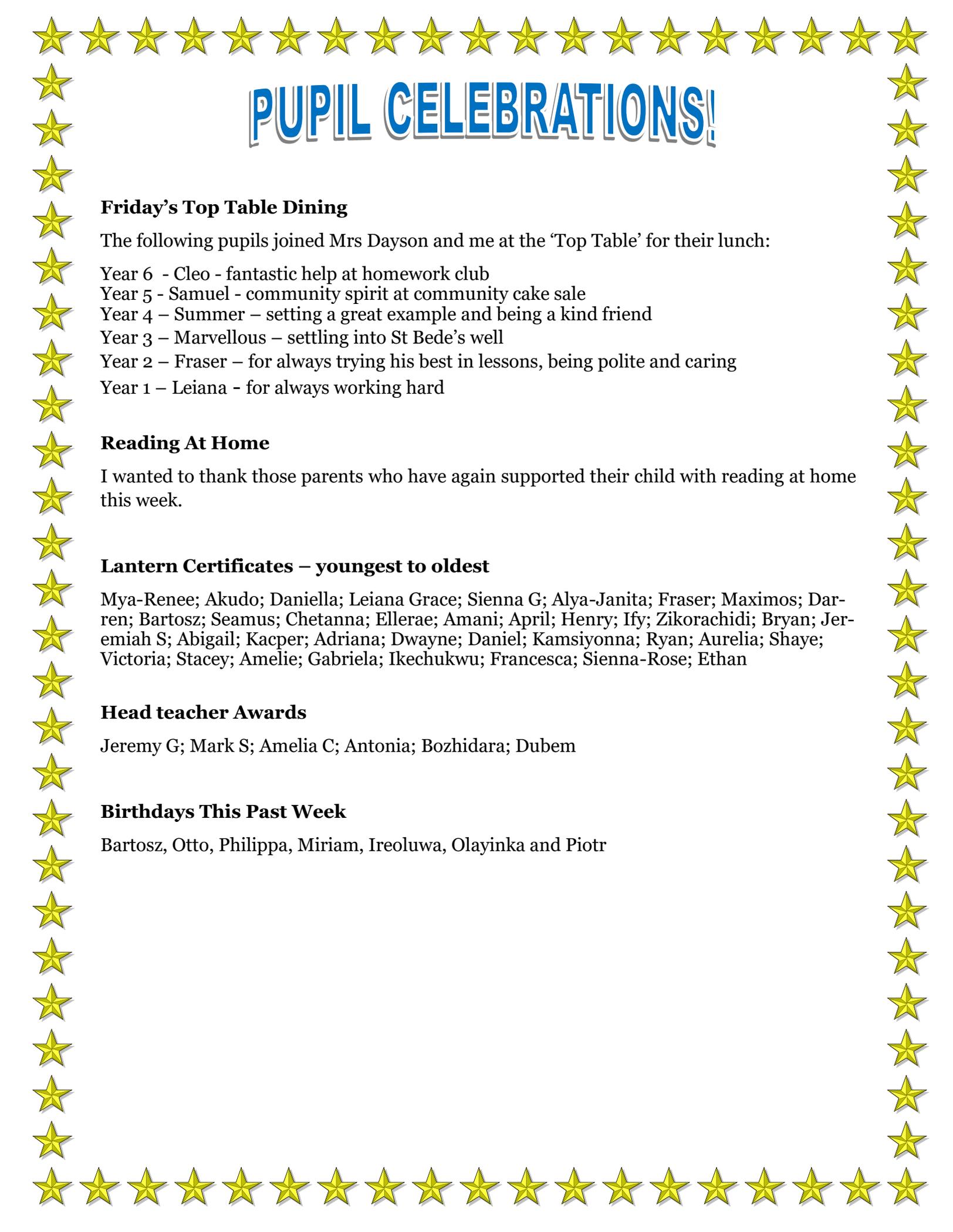
Drinks in School

We are so grateful to those of you who send your child to school with a bottle of water each day. This should contain **only COLD water** (no juice, squash or warm water please). Water bottles should not be glass on the inside or outside—we have had a couple of breakages recently.

Have a super weekend

God Bless

Gary



PUPIL CELEBRATIONS!

Friday's Top Table Dining

The following pupils joined Mrs Dayson and me at the 'Top Table' for their lunch:

Year 6 - Cleo - fantastic help at homework club

Year 5 - Samuel - community spirit at community cake sale

Year 4 - Summer - setting a great example and being a kind friend

Year 3 - Marvellous - settling into St Bede's well

Year 2 - Fraser - for always trying his best in lessons, being polite and caring

Year 1 - Leiana - for always working hard

Reading At Home

I wanted to thank those parents who have again supported their child with reading at home this week.

Lantern Certificates - youngest to oldest

Mya-Renee; Akudo; Daniella; Leiana Grace; Sienna G; Alya-Janita; Fraser; Maximos; Darren; Bartosz; Seamus; Chetanna; Ellerae; Amani; April; Henry; Ify; Zikorachidi; Bryan; Jeremiah S; Abigail; Kacper; Adriana; Dwayne; Daniel; Kamsiyonna; Ryan; Aurelia; Shaye; Victoria; Stacey; Amelie; Gabriela; Ikechukwu; Francesca; Sienna-Rose; Ethan

Head teacher Awards

Jeremy G; Mark S; Amelia C; Antonia; Bozhidara; Dubem

Birthdays This Past Week

Bartosz, Otto, Philippa, Miriam, Ireoluwa, Olayinka and Piotr

Weekly Reflection, with Mrs Mackie

“As Jesus was praying, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became sparkling white.” (Luke 9:29).

This Sunday, we will hear again the amazing story of Jesus’ transfiguration, when the Lord appears transformed before his disciples on the mountain. Jesus had gone up to the summit with three of his disciples, when the transformation happened. They witnessed him standing with Moses and Elijah, two of the great prophets and then God was heard to say about Jesus, ‘This is my Son, Listen to Him’

Through our prayers this Lent, we can hope for wonderful changes too. We can ask God to help us to act differently, to treat others as we would wish to be treated—all in order to make the world a fairer place, and

God asks us to listen to his Son. Do you think you could listen to God and Jesus more often this Lent?

How do you think we can best listen to Jesus and ask him for help?

One thing we can do is pray for peace in the world and most importantly, at the moment, for those in Ukraine. I am setting up a section on the Fronter Reflection Page for peace, and we would love to see your prayers posted.

Through our actions we can make huge changes that can change the lives of ourselves and others; our transformation can begin today!

God our Father, help us to see your Son in all people and to treat them as we would wish to be treated ourselves. Help us to listen and to live our lives as you ask us to

Amen

God Bless

Mrs Mackie

Famous Mathematicians



Dr. Gladys West was born in 1930, on a small farm in Dinwiddie County, Virginia. From a young age, she saw getting an education as her ticket to freedom and a life away from the tiring farm work that consumed most of her childhood. In high school, she was awarded a scholarship to attend Virginia State College. After receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees in mathematics, she accepted a job offer to work at a naval base in Dahlgren, Virginia. Throughout her career, Dr. West manifested exceptional steadfastness – she never stopped learning and kept pushing herself to do the hard work. Her accomplishments laid the groundwork for the invention of one of the most indispensable technological wonders of the modern world, the global positioning system (GPS)—from our phones to our cars, where would we be without it

What an inspirational figure!

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Dear Sir/Madam

We are proud members of our school council team within school.

We have a new fundraising idea in school – raising funds to buy a ping pong table and equipment for use on the playground. We are very excited about this as we know this will give us all lots of enjoyment and will also keep us all fit.

We are hoping you can help us with this. We need to raise £1,000 and would really like it if you could donate something towards our total. We have included a picture of the table so you can see why we are excited to buy one for us to use.

Thank you for helping our primary school in making our dream come true.

If you are able to help us please contact Mrs Roberts, our Deputy Headteacher or call/email the school on the above contact details.

Best wishes

Yours sincerely

The School Councillors

