**CHOOSE RESPECT!**

Worship and Citizenship have come together this week as we address the issues of bullying along with schools across the country. It is National Anti-Bullying Week and the theme this year is “Choose Respect”. This fits perfectly with the key core Christian values of our school: Service Excellence RESPECT Faith! Pupils from 8/4 helped Mr Welsh present some of the key questions about bullying through the vehicle of a cheesy Quiz Show while on Wednesday Rev Pete focused on the damage that can be done through hurtful or mean comments and how you can build a person back up through kind words and encouragement. 5/1 presented an engaging and thought-provoking assembly on the key idea of what it means to show respect.

**Remembrance**

November is a time for fireworks and bonfires and the religious festival of Diwali was explained and illustrated in assembly on 5th as part of our understanding of the major world religions and anticipating ‘Inter-faith week’. At the end of the week it was time for remembrance and the whole school gathered to reflect on the sacrifice of our service men and women since 1914. Charlie Kingsford in Year 7 played the Last Post on the trumpet and children representing each different year group led readings and prayers. The whole school observed a two-minute silence and were respectful throughout. Thanks to Mrs Millington for organising this important event.

**Council Visit**

We also entertained a visit by Local Councillor, Natasha Airey. The school invited the Borough’s Lead member for Education following its inclusion in this year’s Parliamentary Review. Cllr Airey toured the school with Year 8 Ambassadors, Ollie Teale and Annie Highton, visiting classrooms, meeting teachers and pupils and finding out about the broad curriculum the school offers. She then met with School Councillors and took part in a Q&A session exploring a range of issues about schools, learning, the Local Authority and career opportunities for young people.

Cllr Airey explained about the setting up of the ‘Girls’ Policy Forum’ to try and encourage greater involvement and engagement in politics and community issues with young people and girls in particular. School Council member Hannah Irving (Year 8) said: “Cllr Airey was really inspiring especially when she talked about being one of very few women on the Local Council. She was really interested in what we had to say and in finding out about the school. I think she was impressed. I’d never really known about all the problems the Local Authority has to sort out and how you get to be elected.”

**Public Speaking**

Six of our students from Years 7 & 8 represented us in this year’s ‘Youth Speaks’ contest. Organised by the local Rotary Club, this year’s event was held in the awe-inspiring venue of Jaffar Hall, Eton College – in the debating chamber! Many of the speeches were on the theme of the media, the school curriculum and teenage mental health: all hot topics for our wonderful young people. Congratulations to Josh Wagstaff, Sam Gibbard, Hannah Al-Hashimi, Daisy Fazackerley, Luke Conlon, Jake Longstaff and (reserve) Charlie Kingsford for their extremely confident and polished performances. A great experience for them to remember! Good to see so many former pupils representing Windsor Girls too in the Senior competition.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

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**Parents’ Evenings**

Year 8 Parents’ Evening is next week when we look forward to important conversations about progress with teachers; some extra appointments have now been arranged for Monday night with maths teachers previously booked solidly for the Wednesday. Advance notice too for Year 5 parents that your curriculum information evening will take place on Wednesday 5th December at 7pm. A letter inviting you with a reply slip will be sent out next week but please have the date in your diary – we look forward to seeing you there. Thank you to all Year 6 parents who attended parents evening before half-term; the results of the parent survey have been collated and are attached for your information. It is really encouraging to see such a positive response to those big questions about enjoying school and about being happy with the overall experience: 96% & 99% respectively with more than half strongly agreeing. Thank you. School leaders and governors will look at and respond to other feedback as we go along through the year.

**Welcome**

Finally, we welcomed this week Mrs Alison Price who joins our teaching support team. We wish her much happiness and every success in her new role.

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Meet Margot Mackenzie!

![Margot and a baby](image)

Here’s the lovely Mrs Mackenzie with her beautiful bundle of joy Margot!

Margot came in to the world on the 10th October weighing a healthy 8lb 2oz. Mummy and Baby both doing very well.

Accelerated Readers—Congratulations go to:

**Millionaires:**
- Olivia Gimeno Browne 7/4, Ellie Leamon 6/3, Eryn Meeuwissen 7/4 and Jenny Compton Williams 7/2.

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Leaders Award

We are running a STEM challenge in school for pupils #leadersaward for budding engineers and designers. We are on the lookout for some engineers who would be happy to pop into school one lunch time or skype us to answer some questions about engineering. Please contact the school office if you are able to help us with this. https://leadersaward.com/

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Sports & PE Update

The Year 8 football team have played in two matches over the last couple of weeks. The first was against Wexham where Stefano, Antuan and Marcus all scored making the final result 3-0. As well as the goal scorers Alfie and Harry played particularly well and were a big influence on the final result.

The second match was played against Slough and Eton. St Edward’s Royal Free dominated both halves and finally won 2-1. As the evenings get darker we unfortunately don’t have as many fixtures for football but these will resume in March.

On Tuesday our Year 6 netball teams competed in their first tournament of the year at Dedworth. The teams came up against some tough competition and finished 7th and 8th out of 15. Ellie was the top scorer with 4 points, closely followed by Lucy and Martha with 3. Well done to everyone involved.

Over the next couple of weeks our Year 7 and Year 8 netball teams have tournaments at Furze Platt. We wish them good luck with these as they have been training really hard.

** PSA NEWS ** ** PSA NEWS **

In case you hadn’t heard, it is two weeks to go until our biggest fundraiser of the year. The Christmas Fayre. It is also a fun packed evening to get everyone into the Christmas Spirit!

Thank you very much to all the parents who have bought raffle tickets in advance. This is really appreciated. Please hand in any unused tickets as well as sold tickets to the office as soon as possible. Thanks too for the chocolate, bottles and other donations - they are also very gratefully received. Thanks too for signing up to help, there are still some slots left, in particular with the set up after school on fayre day and clearing up afterwards.

Year 8 French trip — Final payment was due on 1st November and all outstanding balances were to be paid at this time. Please arrange for all balances to be paid as they are now overdue. Please contact Mrs Blanchard if there is a problem making this payment.

Year 6 Liddington, Wiltshire trip — Payment was due on 1st November.

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Year 5 Places—September 2019

Important reminder: If you are applying for a Year 5 place at our school for September 2019 for a younger sibling, in addition to completing a Common Application Form on the RBWM website, you must also complete a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) available from our school website. Once completed, the SIF should be returned to the school by 23rd November 2018.

Coming soon to Sterf

We are currently testing and piloting a new parent app in school. This app will allow you to see your child’s timetable, attendance information and enable you to amend personal details and contact information via the app. Further information will be sent out via email, Serfboard notices and texts. Please look out for these and follow instructions carefully. We hope this will improve information sharing and communication between home and school even further.