In worship this week we gave thanks for the work of a charity called The Leprosy Mission. Jesus made a particular point of helping people with leprosy and we encouraged the children to be thankful for Christian charities that try to continue His work around the world.

3rd February 2023

Healthy Eating – Healthy Children!

All our Reception and Key Stage 1 children are given a free fruit or vegetable snack in the morning, so it's unlikely they'll need anything before lunch. In Key Stage 2 children can bring in their own healthy snack to take onto the playground. This must not be sweets or chocolate and needs to be kept separate from lunchboxes please! Teachers will be checking and if such unhealthy snacks are found, children will not be allowed to eat them in school. Please also avoid sending squash in water bottles.

Thank you Miss Eddy

This term the Woodpeckers have been very lucky to have hosted Miss Eddy as a student teacher in their classroom. Bodsham regularly offers training opportunities to people starting their careers as teachers, because we can offer a unique experience of what is a challenging, but hugely rewarding job. Miss Eddy's placement with us comes to an end next week, so we would like to thank her for all her hard work with our children and wish her all the best in her future career!

Drop In Zone on Thursday, 9th February

We like to give parents chances to see what the children have achieved throughout the year, so on Thursday next week we are having another Drop In Zone. Children's work will be on display in their classrooms straight after school until 4:30pm and parents are invited to come and see what they've been up to. It is a good chance for them to show you work they are most proud of. There's no need to book an appointment, just drop in!

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 7th February

Tuesday sees the 20th Safer Internet Day, which will be marked at Bodsham with a special Assembly and lessons in each class. This year the theme is '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'– encouraging children to work together to be more responsible and risk-aware while online.

Woodpeckers See The Light

Last week the Woodpeckers thought about how they could design and make a lighthouse. They learnt that the light goes on and off, to warn passing ships of dangerous rocks. They used their prior knowledge of circuits to make an electrical circuit to light the bulb. They investigated how to make a switch, so that the light could be turned on and off. Our school is now adorned with wonderful examples of their work and I am no longer worried about boats crashing into the building!

NSPCC PANTs lessons soon

Every year at Bodsham we deliver a special lesson to the children about the PANTS rule:

- Privates are private,
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means No
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up – someone can help.

This message is delivered in a fun and age appropriate way in each class. It is a great time for you to be having similar conversations with your children at home. Lessons will take place in the week beginning 6th March with a visit from KIC Theatre to help the children explore this theme.

Industrial Action Update

The strike action called by the National Education Union this week did not impact directly on either of our schools. We work well as a team across the Federation and I was grateful to our teachers who helped to make their intentions clear in advance. The next day of planned action by the NEU is **Thursday 2nd March.** I will, of course keep you posted as this date gets closer.

This is the last newsletter before we break up for half term on Friday 10th February. I hope you have a happy and restful break. We return to school on Monday 20th February.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

WHAT'S ON

February Half-Term

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Please book at: whitecliffscountrysidepartnership.eventbrite.com

Green Gang events are for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

GREEN GANG: SAMPHIRE HOE BEACH ART

12TH FEBRUARY 10:00-12:00

Get creative making natural works of art on Samphire Hoe beach

Location: Samphire Hoe

GREEN GANG: FORT BURGOYNE BIRD BINGO

17TH FEBRUARY 10:00-12:00

Join a walk around Fort Burgoyne and Coombe Hole and try to achieve a full house in bird bingo

Location: Fort Burgoyne

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