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Week 10

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From Mrs Clifford:

A special Remembrance Day Assembly was held in Upper School this morning. As well as learning about the origin of the traditional poppy symbol, the girls were asked to reflect upon happy memories that they have. They were asked to appreciate the sacrifice made by others during war time so we are free to enjoy the things that we love. During the assembly the Year 6 girls sang "For the Fallen" by Peter Thompson and Mr Hayes played "The Last Post". The Drama Prefects, Lola and Elise, recited "The Crosses" by Bill Minton and two groups of Year 6 girls recited poems written by Eliza and Sofia. Year 6 then attended a special Remembrance Day Service for all the local schools at St Mary and All Saints Church in Old Beaconsfield at which the two Head Girls, Iris and Chloe, laid a wreath at the war memorial.

On Wednesday the girls in Upper School were treated to a special assembly prepared and written by two Year 4 pupils, Ishani and Anjali, on the topic of Diwali. Ishani and Anjali looked resplendent in their saris and they had prepared thoroughly with a display of lights and a PowerPoint which included a short film telling the story of Rama and Sita. The girls enjoyed participating in the quiz which they had prepared and everyone came away with a greater understanding of the Hindu Festival of Diwali. Well done Ishani and Anjal!

Many congratulations to the following girls who have received a Headmistress' award this week:

Alice in RD Mia in 1D Suri in 2GS Ishani in 4C Anjali in 4C

Congratulations to the following Junior House Stars of the Week:			Congratulations to the following Upper School Stars of the Week:		
NCR	Amaya		3E Eva		
NWR	Manahil		3G Betty		
RD	Siya		4C Juliette		
RT	Xenia		4W Megan		
1D	Amber		5BH Clementine		
1M	Saachi		5J Annabel		
2GS	Jessica		6K Sofia		
2HN	Madeleine		60 Erika		
House Points					
	Daffodil 709 Rose 746		Shamrock 633 Thistle 689		

Diary Dates for week commencing Monday 12 Nov				
Mon 12 Nov	16:00 – 17:30	NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS OR SUPERVISED PREP IN UPPER SCHOOL		
	18:00 - 21:00			
Tues 13 Nov	18:00 – 21:00	Junior House Parents' Evening Form NCR Surnames N to W Form NWR Surnames K to W Form RD Surnames M to W Form RT Surnames L to S Form 1D Surnames N to W Form 1M Surnames P to W Form 2GS Surnames M to W Form 2HN Surnames M to V		
	15:00 – 17:45 16:00 – 17:30	Year 5 (U10 A and B) Netball (a) v Maltman's Green		
Wed 14 Nov	12:30 – 17:00 16:00 – 17:30	Year 5 (U10) Netball Tournament at Berkhamsted NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, SWIMMING OR SUPERVISED PREP IN UPPER SCHOOL		
	18:00 - 21:00			
Thurs 15 Nov	16:00 - 18:00	Year 6 (U11 A and B) Netball (a) v Maltman's Green		
Fri 16 Nov	08:45 – 16:00	Children in Need Fundraising Day		
Sporting Notices				
Mon 12 Nov	16:00 – 17:00	NO YEAR 6 NETBALL TRAINING DUE TO PARENTS' EVENING		
Tues 13 Nov	15:00 – 17:45 16:00 – 17:00	Year 5 (U10 A and B) Netball (a) v Maltman's Green NO YEAR 5 NETBALL TRAINING DUE TO FIXTURE		
Wed 14 Nov	12:30 – 17:00	Year 5 (U10) Netball Tournament at Berkhamsted NO SWIMMING SQUADS, NETBALL TRAINING OR WATER POLO CLUB DUE TO PARENTS' EVENING		
Thurs 15 Nov	16:00 - 18:00 16:00 - 17:00 16:00 - 17:00 17:00 - 18:00 18:00 - 19:00	Year 3 Netball Training Free Swimming Year 4 Swimming Squad		

Notices

For the month of November, Upper School girls are being asked to focus on expressing their gratitude. Each day the girls will be encouraged to reflect on one thing they are thankful for and each week they will be asked to write a short message, some of which will then be displayed. As they enter Prayers, an inspirational quote (such as the one seen here) will be on display. Research has suggested that the act of practising gratitude on a daily basis can lead to an improved sense of well-being and connectedness with their community and has also been linked to decreases in anxiety. We hope that the girls will embrace this opportunity to reflect on and express their thanks this month and that they will feel the benefits of doing so.

Christmas Holiday Intensive Swimming Course 17 – 19 December

There are a few spaces left on the Intensive swimming course run by Neil Bailey Swimming from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 December. Lessons will be at 9:30am for Nursery aged children and their siblings and 10:30am for Reception age and above. Please email swimming@highmarch.bucks.sch.uk to book places.

Extra-curricular Swimming renewal

We shall be sending the renewal letter for extra-curricular swimming out next week. Renewal is automatic; if you do not wish you child to continue with these lessons please email <u>swimming@highmarch.bucks.sch.uk by Friday 30 November.</u>

BBC Children in Need

The Head Girls, Iris and Chloe, are organising a Children in Need charity fundraising day on Friday 16 November - please wear colourful or spotty mufti and donate \pounds 1. We have lots of fun activities lined up and will be selling merchandise at both Upper School and Junior House before and after school on Thursday 15 November and before school on Friday 16 November.

Junior House activities

Colour Pudsey competition to win a prize – 20p to enter. Please check your daughter's school bag for the colouring sheets.

Pudsey will be hiding in the playground. Guess how many Pudsey bears you can find hiding to win a prize, 20p to enter.

Upper School activities

Competitions to guess the number of sweets in the jar and guess the name of the bear – 50p per guess.

Cake sale at little break and fun spotty themes games in the playground at big break.

Notices

Eco Committee and Switch Off Fortnight



Eco Committee

We will be forming an all new and exciting Eco Committee this academic year! They will oversee our progress towards the Eco School awards and encourage our community to care for our school environment and the wider world. The committee will be led by our Eco Prefects, Sophie and Sofia. Joining them will be a member from each class (Years 1 to 5) who is passionate about saving the world! Interested children should nominate themselves and let their Form Teacher know. They should write between 1 and 3 reasons why they would be good in the role. They will share their reasons with their class and within that week there will be a vote in each class. In Junior House this will be in Week 12 and in Upper School this will be in Week 13.

Please note this committee will meet after School in the first and last week of each term (dates will be in future calendars) and every other Tuesday lunchtime (Upper School) and every other Wednesday during Big Play (Junior House).



Switch Off Fortnight

We will be joining thousands of schools in participating in Switch Off Fortnight from 19 to 30 November. During these two weeks we will be encouraging children to save energy. This will include a photo competition. Children should take a photo of themselves saving energy in some way (e.g. turning off the lights at home) and hand them in to Miss Eardley or the Eco Prefects (Upper School) or Miss Dale (Junior House). Each entry will receive a sticker/house point and the most inventive will receive a special certificate. We look forward to seeing your energy saving efforts!

Miss Dale and Miss Eardley

Social Group Notices

Panto Tickets

If you haven't collected your Pantomime tickets yet, please do so as soon as possible from the School Office.

Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We collected 62 boxes for this year's Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Thank you to everyone who took part.

School Discos

The Upper School Discos (Years 3-6) will take place this evening. Tickets are priced at £8 and can be purchased at the door. Please note that there will be a selection of fun/luminous items available to purchase at the discos and the girls may wish to bring some pocket money for this.

Elf Training School

The Social group will be hosting an Elf Training School at the year's Christmas Fayre on the 24 November. Details of how to book your slot will be sent out on Monday 12 November and booking will open at 9:00pm. Tickets will be priced at \pounds 12.

Christmas Brunch

This year's Christmas Brunch will take place at The Beech House on Friday 7 December from 9:00 am-11:30 am. Details on how to book will be sent out in due course and places are limited. Tickets will be priced at £20.

Christmas Fayre Notices

Christmas Fayre

The House Captains and NSPCC Prefects have spoken to the Upper School girls in Prayers about their stalls for the Christmas Fayre. All proceeds will go to the NSPCC and we should be grateful if donations can be placed in the relevant boxes in the Upper School Hall or left in the School Office. The girls have requested new or items in excellent condition as follows:

- Daffodil Stall yellow, gold, orange or white items
- Rose Stall red, pink or white items
- Shamrock Stall green, white or black items
- Thistle Stall blue, purple or white items
- NSPCC stall anything in good condition

Times of the Christmas Fayre

Please note that the Christmas Fayre is taking place from 10:00am to 12:30pm.

Request for Bottles for the Christmas Fayre

As in previous years, we would be very grateful for contributions towards the **Tombola Bottle Stall**. Please leave bottles of alcoholic and soft drinks, bubble bath, beauty products etc., which you may have lingering unopened at the back of a drawer, in the School Office. Thank you.