

# MALMESBURY NEWSLETTER



## COMING UP...

**EYFS playground equipment official opening:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:10am

**Remembrance Day:** Monday 10<sup>th</sup> assemblies, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Minutes Silence marked by our Y2-6 children.

**Children in Need:** Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November (see overleaf)

**Parent-teacher consultations:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. We are looking forward to meeting with you to discuss children's learning.

**Anti-bullying week:** Week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

Please keep checking schooling important information and dates.

## OUR NEW EYFS PLAY EQUIPMENT....

This week, our nursery and reception children returned to their new playground equipment. This equipment supports children with problem-solving, working creatively and taking safe risks. It is also hugely important in strengthening children's core, developing shoulder and arm stability, and improving the fine motor skills needed for controlled pencil use as children move through school. Our PTFA contributed £5,000 towards this £40,000 build. We are incredibly grateful for parents' donations. Next up is our main playground: info to follow shortly.



## Y4 DIWALI ASSEMBLY

Yesterday, our Y4 classes performed their Diwali assembly to a packed audience of parents. Our children were amazing: it was a really high quality performance of songs, dances, sharing Diwali RE curriculum learning and we even had a play about the story of Rama and Sita.

Our children's performance skills were outstanding: they were loud, clear and confident throughout. Our Y4's really lived our values of: perseverance, collaboration and pride.

Our year group assemblies are a great way to develop children's confidence, oracy and performance skills as well as showcase key learning about special aspects of our school curriculum.



## CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday 14th November, we are encouraging children to wear something yellow, or spotty or dress up as a superhero to mark Children in Need.

This is a great chance to raise funds for important local causes that our children and families can access. This interactive map shows you projects in our locality:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/changing-lives/changing-lives-near-you>



We may also get active with Joe Wicks throughout the day.



**Dr Bike** will be in school on the afternoon of 10<sup>th</sup> November. Parents can ask him to do a FREE check on adults'/children's bikes. He can do very simple repairs or give parents an idea of what's wrong if it looks like a more complicated fix that can't be done on the spot.

Please **come to the area outside of the school office between 2pm and 4pm**. If busy, you may need to wait but we'll have tea/coffee on hand.

## THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

This Week: 94.4%

A bit of a low one as some families took term time leave. We were back on track by the end of the week.

Y5 Stuarts: 98.4%

Y4 Georgians: 98.3%

Reception Green Dinos: 97.9%

We finished our first half term this year with one of the lowest levels of 'persistent absenteeism' levels (that's children with attendance below 90%) in Tower Hamlets.

This is great - it reflects parents' commitment to giving children the education they are entitled to.

Thank you!

