



# Bladon Buzz

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## A note from the headteacher

On Tuesday our brave netball team were faced with what must have felt like a team of giants, when a group of year 8 children from Kingham stepped off their mini-bus ready for a netball match. The children, however were not worried. They gathered around Matt and listened carefully to his advice leading them to win the first game. It was great to see our children playing with such enthusiasm and skill. There was a wonderful team of supporters standing on the side-line cheering everyone on. This prepared the children for the partnership netball tournament at Marlborough where our netball team won every game that they played. Well done! We are very proud of all the children that represented Bladon.

On Wednesday afternoon we held our Ash Wednesday service at St Martins Church. We walked up to St Martins, where Alice, alongside the children, delivered the service. It was wonderful to hear the

children sharing the readings and poetry that they had created in addition to singing beautifully. A special well done to Martha, Georgia, Ben, Lubos, Ameila, Matteo, Olly, Zac and Alfie. I would also like to thank Mrs Jenkins for all of her hard work in putting the service together and to Richard Briggs for his wonderful musical accompaniment. Our children, were as always, an absolute credit to the school. Thank you to our parents and grandparents that were able to join us.

***It is lovely to see so many children eager to come to school so early but can I please just remind everyone that school starts at 8.30am.***

***Behaviour and Manners....***

***Theo Carvell O'Keeffe and Ben Parsons***

If you have any questions or queries concerning the school or your child/children, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher or contact me at school. Alternatively, you can email me at [head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:head.3146@bladon.oxon.sch.uk)

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day. It was fantastic to see all of the children dressed as their favourite character from a book. We saw the BFG, Primrose, The Hungry Caterpillar, Puss in Boots, Cinderella (before and after the ball), The Cat in the Hat, Fantastic Mr Fox, a mermaid, Greg from the Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Hermione from Harry Potter and Harry Potter himself.

One child even dressed as all of the characters from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; yes, even including the wardrobe. Thank you to parents and children for making World Book Day such a success.

Our winners for best costumes were Mila from Cherry class who was dressed as Primrose the nature mouse; Poppy from Apple class as The Queen of Hearts; Eloise from Oak class as the Demon Dentist and Agnes from Willow class dressed as Hermione. The teachers and support staff looked equally amazing when they dressed up as characters from traditional and fairy tales. We had a great day celebrating books, with teachers reading to different classes and the children buddy-reading together.



Last week Bob Taylor (Bladon's Vice Chair of Governors) and Chris Wallworth from the Woodstock and Kidlington Rotary Club visited school to present an assembly about the Purple4Polio Programme. They spoke to Oak and Willow classes about what they could do to make a difference in helping to eradicate this dreadful disease. The children, as ever listened beautifully asking many questions to find out as much information as they could. Hopefully, very soon we will see the crocus bulbs that we planted in support of the charity start to bloom. Can I please encourage you to help the school in supporting the Purple4Polio charity by purchasing a crocus from the office.

**FOBS Update**

Many thanks to Julie for organising the Valentine's Quiz. It was good to see so many parents, staff and friends of the school taking part. A great time was had by all including a nail biting tie breaker! The quiz followed a fantastic disco organised by Amie. The children really did seem to enjoy themselves. Thanks also to everyone who contributed and bought cakes at the last sale. We have now raised over £500 since Christmas - thank you.

The next FOBS meeting will be held on 13th March at 7.45. We will be discussing activities for terms 5 and 6. Everyone is welcome so please do come along if you have the time. We love to see new faces and get different ideas. If you would like more information about FOBS please speak to your class rep or email [bladonfobs@gmail.com](mailto:bladonfobs@gmail.com).

**Important dates:**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March- Willow trip to Oxfordshire Museum (Letter to follow)**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March- Parents Evening**

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March- Parents Evening**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April- Break up for Easter Holidays at 1.30pm**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April- Return to School.**