

Friday 19 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

### Remembrance Sunday

The Trust marked Remembrance Day in school on 11 November, with our pupils paying their respects through a two minutes silence.

Pupils from the school and students from Kimberley College took part in, and laid wreaths at, various locations on Remembrance Sunday.

~ *Lest we forget* ~



### AMSP Regional Maths Competition – Congratulations!

On Monday 8th November, our top set year 10 maths pupils took part in the AMSP regional problem-solving competition. It was an opportunity for the pupils to test themselves against teams of other pupils from schools around the region. They were set a variety of problem-solving questions which were then submitted live online. Our pupils competed brilliantly, and we had two of the teams from Wootton amongst the top performing teams on the day. They were:

Group 7: Imun Sembhi, Karanpreet Sidhu, Alex Smith and Owen Stringer

Group 5: Shenali Liyanage, Emily Mann, Tristan Masterton and Tom Meadows

We hope this opportunity will encourage our pupils to explore maths beyond their GCSE curriculum and inspire them to go on and study mathematics at KS5 and beyond.

**Mr Murphy - Head of Mathematics**

## Lost Learning Time

We are currently focusing on reducing lost learning time, with pupils arriving on time to lessons and working hard for the full session. Some pupils are not prioritising a prompt arrival in class.

Lateness interrupts the learning of others, as well as meaning that late pupils have missed the introduction with key information. We want all our pupils to use their learning time well, to make excellent progress.

Our pupils know this is a key focus. Lateness is logged on ClassCharts. Lateness is arriving to class after the lesson changeover time has passed. Persistent lateness will be followed up with detentions.

## Christmas in a Box

All tutor groups are preparing a Christmas in a Box. This means they are donating items that can be passed on to local families in need, and each tutor group will submit one box of food. If you feel able we would be delighted for you to support this initiative. Food should be submitted by 1st December and have a use by date later than 28th December.

Please see the end of this newsletter for further information.

## Thank you for a Tesco Donation



Hannah Sexton brought a large donation of school supplies in from Tesco - pencil cases, stationery, cards, frisbees, bags, revision cards and so on.

We have been using these to support and reward our pupils. They are much appreciated!

**Mrs Rydeheard – Safeguarding Officer**

## Sporting Success

This week was very busy for the PE department with a number of fixtures and training sessions across both Wootton and Kimberley.

The U15 football girls played their final group match in their football league on Wednesday against Kempston Challenger Academy. After 3 draws in their previous matches against Mark Rutherford, Etonbury and St Thomas More, the girls put in a magnificent performance to finally get a win and what a win it was with a 10-0 victory at home! They now face a nervous wait on the outcome of other fixtures to see if they have made the semi-finals. A special mention must go to **Chloe Brimley** who scored 6 goals on her return after a lay off.

### U15 Football



### U14 Netball



Also, on Wednesday the U14 Netball girls took part in the county tournament at Bedford Academy. The girls have really grown under the tutelage of Miss Halliwell this term with girls playing in new positions and they demonstrated this by finishing 5th overall out of the 10 teams in their league. Their biggest win was a 14-1 victory against Bedford Green Acre. Well done to **Camilla Raja** and **Jess Jimenez** for their amazing support throughout both in attack and defence. Player's player was captain **Hannah Bushell** who turned over possession numerous times and the coaches' player was **Evie Atkins** who worked the circle well and scored at will.

The U16 girls played their tournament last week and also came 5th overall. Player's player was **Lottie Owen** with Miss Halliwell giving her coach's player awards to **Amelia Carter** and **Jess Norman**.

### U16 Netball



**Riley Evans** in Kimberley College colours

Another special mention must go to Year 11 pupil **Riley Evans** who represented Kimberley College on Wednesday in their league match against Samuel Whitbread. Riley who was recently selected for the Bedfordshire Schools County squad was playing in his second match for the college. After being 3-1 down at half time the team put in a huge second half performance with Riley scoring 4 goals to seal a 6-3 win which the team will savour for the rest of the season. This highlights the opportunities available to our Year 11 pupil that if they work hard in training and matches there will be chances to play for our 6th form sports teams and get a real feel for the Kimberley experience. Thank you also to Mr Durcan for refereeing the match.

We have had over 30 Year 9 boys attend football training both last Wednesday and this week as Mr McTernan prepares the squad to take on Sandy in the first round of the County Cup. This game is still to be fixed with the winners of this match to play St Thomas More in the next round. Training will continue every Wednesday until Christmas in preparation for the league games in the New Year.

Next week our U15 Netball girls get their chance to play in their county tournament on Monday again at Bedford Academy and we wish them the best of luck. The Kimberley Football teams have fixtures on Wednesday where the girls play a 5 a side tournament also at Bedford Academy and the boys play The Football Education Academy at home on Wednesday (2:30pm) where our Y9-11 boys training can watch and aspire. Finally, the U16 rugby team travel to Sharnbrook on Thursday to play their return match after a good win at home in September, KO 2:45pm.

As we approach the end of the month and with fixtures now being played earlier due to lack of light at 4pm can I politely request that while parents and family are more than welcome to spectate at fixtures they arrive after school at 3pm due to the current restrictions on site.

### Science Stars of the Week – Well done!



**Year 9**  
Isaac Rexworthy  
Ali Iqbal

**Year 10**  
Arhum Syed  
Lucy Ahearne

**Year 11**  
Issy Castleman  
Morgan Roach

## Assessment weeks

I would like to pass on congratulations to all Year 9 and 10 pupils for their mature approach to their assessments, last week and this week. These help us capture a 'working at' grade for each pupil, and you will receive this in a grade sheet which we send home around three weeks after the end of the assessment week.

All our pupils have a Minimum Expected Grade (MEG) which tells pupils what they should be achieving by the end of Year 11, in the GCSEs. Many pupils beat their Minimum Expected Grade, and these MEGs shouldn't stop anyone striving for higher grades.

Most pupils make stepped progress over the time they are with us, and should aim to steadily improve their grades. Pupils do this by responding to the advice and feedback of their teachers and using tasks, including homework, to revisit topics and subjects. We all have to revisit knowledge and ideas lots of times so that it 'sticks'!

## Upcoming dates for your diary:

Teacher training day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 10 Parents Evening	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Last school day of the autumn term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December

Kind regards



Mrs McMorn  
Head of School

# FOR OUR COMMUNITY



Over many years we have been privileged to provide local people in crisis with hampers. For 2021 we are building on the success of last year's Christmas in a Box where we distributed over 860 boxes, reaching over 2,100 people in Bedford.

Locally Bedford foodbank is seeing an increasing number of clients on a regular basis. Here at All Nations Church, we want to further support the foodbank's work, helping their clients and other vulnerable people at Christmas.

For more information and other ways to get involved visit our website, [www.allnationsbedford.org/christmasinabox](http://www.allnationsbedford.org/christmasinabox)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR YOUR BOX

1. Make your flat pack into a box. Make sure the base is very secure - if needs be, put some extra card in the bottom of it.
2. Wrap the box leaving the top open.
3. Use the shopping list to decide who will get which item(s). If you are doing multiple boxes, people may want to buy the same item for more than one.
4. It may sound strange, but please only buy the items that are on the list.
5. When your box is complete, attach the shopping list to the side of the box, ticking off all the items that are included. Please do not seal the box.
6. Include a card from your group. Whilst there are no gifts in the hampers, if you wish to include a gift card, that is fine.

## FAMILY SHOPPING LIST

- Tinned Potatoes (lge)
- Tinned Carrots (lge)
- Tinned Peas (lge)
- Tinned Ham (lge)
- Tinned Tuna
- Tinned Fruit
- Coca-cola/Lemonade
- Squash
- Tea/Coffee
- Soup
- Christmas Pudding
- Carton of Custard
- Gravy Granules
- Mince Pies
- Stuffing Mix
- Mayonnaise
- Savoury Biscuits
- Box of Chocolates
- 2 Selection Boxes
- Crisps

