



The Botwell Bulletin

Friday 13th October 2023

OFSTED

It already seems like an age ago that OFSTED graced us with their presence. We look forward to receiving their report within the next couple of weeks with some advice on what the next steps are for the school as well as confirmation of what grade they believe the school to be at currently.

I can't say much but the children were a credit to you all!

Mrs O'Mahony



Mrs O'Mahony retired last summer having been a devoted member of staff since 1998. Maria was a real advocate for the children and relished the opportunity to help children progress with their learning. We were shocked to hear of her sad death recently and have her family in our hearts, minds and prayers. She will be missed by us all as staff members immensely as she had such a lovely caring character. Her family

flew back with Maria early this week to Ireland so that she can be at rest with her family in Cork.

Year 6 Football



Well done to the Year 6 Football Team for the fantastic performances over the past 2 weeks. Their scores are below:

Botwell 2 Lake Farm 1

Botwell 3 Guru Nanak 1

Congratulations



We love to celebrate our children's achievements out of school and would like to give a massive congratulation to Roisin and Noah who took part in the Irish Dancing World Championship.

Roisin finished in 3rd and 6th Place in the Intermediate and Open Championships and Noah finished in 2nd and 12th place in the Beginner Championships

This is such a huge achievement for both of them and we are so very proud of them both! Well done!

Upcoming

- Tue 17th Oct – Parents' evening for 1B 3.30-5pm
- Wed 18th Oct – Parents' evening 3.30-7pm
- Thu 19th October – Parents' Evening
- 23rd – 27th Oct – Half term
- Wed 1st Nov – All Saints Mass
- WB 13th Nov – Maths Week
- WB 13th Nov – Year 5 swimming
- WB 20th Nov – Year 5 swimming

Zoo Lab Visit



This week Year 4 enjoyed a classification workshop from the amazing Zoo Lab! The children were hands on with a number of different animals including a snake, a frog and a gerbil! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed taking part and learnt lots of new and interesting facts about each animal.

Hayes Town Treasure Hunt



Want something to keep your children occupied this half term? Then why not take part in the annual Hayes Town Treasure Hunt. For this event, children and their parents are required to visit 30 shops in order to identify images displayed in the windows. This year's theme is 'Cartoon Characters.'

This year, prizes include: 2 laptops, £100 in cash and a silver bracelet worth £100.

- Entry forms will be given out in class before half term.
- All entries must be completed in **CAPITAL LETTERS**.
- When doing the marking, particular credit is given to good spelling and to forms which have been completed in the children's own handwriting.
- All completed entries must be received at **Botwell Green Library by noon on Monday 30th October** at the latest.

Special Prayer

Let us pray for the many people whose lives have been torn apart by conflict in Gaza and Israel.

We remember especially those who have died, those who are grieving, the injured and those now without food, shelter or medical supplies.

We pray also for those who have the power to bring peace. May they be touched by a spirit of compassion and kindness.

Lord hear us.

Prayer and Reflection

The Gospel reading this weekend is from Matthew 22:1-10

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying,

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops,

destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests."

Like the king in the Gospel, God sends out numerous invitations: friends who want you to join them at an event or activity, someone encouraging you, or someone recognising an act of kindness towards family or a neighbour. Each of these moments are invitations from God, challenging us to stretch beyond the comfortable, to live into the amazing life he has planned for each of us.

Let us pray that we are ready to accept God's invitation:

Gracious God, you welcome us to your heavenly banquet,

where we may celebrate your love and mercy.

May we always open our door and welcome

The stranger, the hungry and those in need.

May our hearts be full of love and generosity

For all we meet

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

