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Welcome

Dear parents, pupils, staff and governors

It's the end of term already—time really does fly and what a busy fifteen weeks it has been. As I mentioned in the October edition of the Tribute, we really did start the school year with a 'bang' when Ofsted visited in September. The report was sent home to every family and it is on our website. It was a really good report which we felt reflected the work we do in terms of helping each child to make progress in all sorts of ways and not just in terms of academic progress. Staff have also been busy completing the year's first Interim Reports and I am very pleased to see so many really good grades. The names of pupils who gained at least 25 A grades with no C's or D's are listed towards the back of this Tribute. Pupils have been busy raising money for various worthy causes including the Teenage Cancer Trust (pupils' chosen charity for 2009-10), Barnardo's, Red Nose Day and the Shoebox Appeal (Samaritan's Purse). Money was also collected for the Poppy Appeal. There has been a full programme of sports clubs and activities as well as inter-school and intra-form matches for both boys and girls in all years. This has also been a very busy time for our musicians who have performed for the local Dementia and Carers Group at The Limes Hotel, played an important part in the Needham Market Community Carol Concert and the following night led our own Christmas Concert at St John the Baptist church last Tuesday. Unfortunately, pictures from the concerts have not been included in this Tribute as there was not enough time to fit them in as we needed to start the printing process on Tuesday. However, there will, of course, be a full update next half-term. In addition to sport and music there has been a range of clubs / activities running (I won't try to mention them all in case I leave one out!) as well as a number of trips such as those to Norwich (science), Colchester (history) and Ipswich (pantomime). I am extremely grateful to our team of staff who give their time and effort to provide all these wonderful opportunities and experiences for our pupils.

Finally, I wish you a very happy holiday and that you discover the peace of the Lord in your home this Christmas and throughout the New Year. Children—take care on the roads and I look forward to seeing you all next year, on Tuesday 5th January 2010.

Mr J Neale

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Welcome
- School Clubs
- Music
- What's new?
- Achievement
- Responsibility
- Success
- Congratulations
- Tutor Group Success
- Progress
- Sport
- Certificates



Remembrance Day

It was a real pleasure to accompany our School Captains' team on November 11th at 11.00am to the service at the War Memorial in Barrett's Lane. **Jasper Bailey** and **Bella Knell** read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' and **Edwina d'Almeida** and **Thomas Cross** laid a wreath on behalf of our school. The service was brief and solemn and I was extremely proud of the way our School Captains represented our community. At the same time, the rest of the school observed a silence on the playground at 11.00am. Again, staff reported that pupils were respectful and behaved in the manner that we expect. We also thank Rosie Wright, Year 7, who made special Poppy biscuits for the occasion. Well done everybody.



Remembrance — continued



8RM Assembly

We are very grateful indeed to the members of **8RM** who led our whole school assembly on Wednesday 11th November on the theme of Remembrance. It was thoughtful and very moving and the pupils played their parts fantastically. We thank **Mr Murray** for organising this assembly.



Left to right: (back row) Alisha Watson, Amelia James, Megan Scott-Jenner, Ellie Elgood-Hunt, Zoe Bolton

(front row) Harriet Smith, Craig Jarrold, Bella Knell

Shoebox Appeal: Samaritan's Purse



Once again, pupils really did make a wonderful effort in making up and bringing in Shoeboxes packed with little presents for children who have next to nothing. As the photograph with **Daniel Aldred** (*left*) and **James Mannell** (*right*) shows we managed to send off a very full car load. As Sir Jonathan Sacks (Chief Rabbi in the UK) says, "The meaning of Life is the difference we make to other people." By giving so many very poor and often orphan children something to smile about this Christmas, pupils have most definitely made a difference to someone else's life.

Thank you very much.

Cyber bullying competition

We thank **Mrs Jackson** and **Miss Shipp** for organising this competition as part of our 'Wear Something Blue' Day during National Anti-Cyber Bullying Week. Lots of pupils entered the competition, the aim of which was to design a mouse mat showing the theme of cyber bullying. All the entries are displayed on the board near our BEST room. The winner was **Brittany Gibbons**, Year 6 whose design was made into a mouse mat. Well done to all who took part.



ALL THE SPORT THIS TERM

We give a big 'Thank you' to **Mr Cook** and **Miss Finbow** for enabling the fixtures / activities to take place and to **Mrs Rednall** and **Mr Hall** for their support.

FIXTURES / ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER

Year 6	Soccer	V	Ixworth	W
Year 8	Soccer	V	Ixworth	2nd
Year 7	Soccer	V	Beyton	W
Year 8	Soccer	V	Tournament	2nd
Year 8	Rugby	V	Stowmarket	L
Year 8	Intra-form Basketball			
Year 6	Netball	V	Ixworth	D
Year 8	Netball	V	Ixworth	2nd
Year 8	Netball	V	Competition	3rd

NOVEMBER

Year 6	Soccer Tournament			2nd
Year 8	Intra-form Basketball			
Year 7	Intra-form Basketball			

DECEMBER

Year 8	Rugby	V	Stowmarket & Beyton	
Year 6	Hockey	V	Stowmarket & Beyton	
Year 8	Girls' Soccer	V	Stowmarket & Beyton	

CHEERLEADING

We are very grateful indeed to **Mrs Higgins** for organising a number of after-school Cheerleading sessions for **Year 4 children** and to her faithful group of **Year 8 helpers**: *Back row: left to right*

Lauren Johannessen, Alisha Watson, Jade Brien, Katie Hand, Shania Douglas, Bella Knell and **Amy Felgate** (not present when photo taken)

Year 4 - Front row: left to right

Sinead Lynch, Abbie Hart, Rhiannon Cox, Ellie Burrows, Niamh Hedges-Quinn and **Molly Norman**



Cross - Country



We congratulate **Holly Davies**, Year 6, who came 3rd in the West Suffolk Cross - Country race on the 7th November at Nowton Park, Bury St Edmunds.

Sports Personalities

We congratulate **Kedeejia Stewart, Megan Westgate** and **Osten Eales** (Key Stage 3) and **Beth Ford** and **Jamal Rafiq** (Key Stage 2) for their nomination by our PE staff as Sports Personalities for this half term. Nominations are made on the basis of a wide range of achievements such as excellence, commitment, improvement, leadership, contribution to sport in some way and so on.



Megan Westgate, Kedeejia Stewart and Osten Eales
(Key Stage 3)



Beth Ford and Jamal Rafiq
(Key Stage 2)

Music

As noted in Mr Neale's notes on the cover page, we are unable to include the pictures of what has been an extremely busy half term for our musicians as we needed to start printing *The Tribute* before the major music events took place. However, having seen lots of the rehearsals for the performances to the **Dementia and Carers Group** and at the **Needham Market Community Carol Service** and our own **Christmas Concert at St John the Baptist Church** we can say with confidence that the audiences would have enjoyed a real treat. We give a big 'Thank you' to **Mr Rednall** for his work in preparing our pupils to such a high standard and to **Mr Blythe** for his support this term. We enjoyed Mr Blythe's inputs as a trainee teacher and wish him well as he joins a high school in January as part of his training. We will miss him and wish him good luck for what we believe will be a very successful career as a music teacher.

Right: Mr Blythe



London Sinfonietta

We received further good news this month when we were informed that our September application to take part in a project with the **London Sinfonietta** had been successful. This is a wonderful opportunity for some of our pupils to work with top class, professional musicians. Again, watch this space for news.

Snape Maltings

We were honoured to be invited to perform in the world-class auditorium that is Snape Maltings next March as part of Suffolk Schools' Music Festival. Watch our for reports after Easter.

Music grade success

We congratulate **Hannah Peck** and **Katharine Wright**, Year 7, who recently passed their Grade 1 Piano grade with a distinction. Well done to both of them and we look forward to news of Grade 2!

INTERIM REPORTS

It was extremely pleasing to present 160 pupils with a **Gold Star Certificate** for achieving at least 25 A grades and no C or D grades in their Autumn Term interim reports. We congratulate all these pupils. We also congratulate **Holly Davies** on the award of **Platinum Star Certificate** for achieving an interim reports containing **100% A grades**; a fantastic achievement. Well done.

Platinum Star
Certificate
Winner



Holly Davies 6AM

Gold Star Certificates

Year 5

Adam	Cross	5CR	Reuben	Bailey	5VB	Daniel	Adams	5MC
Sabrina	Douglas	5CR	Ethan	Bloomfield	5VB	Georgina	Crawford	5MC
Ruby	Hunter	5CR	Sofia	Chaplin	5VB	Jai	Gayle	5MC
Lauren	Lemon	5CR	Cameron	Clarke	5VB	Jade	Goodchild	5MC
Gina	McDonald	5CR	Trinity	Clifford	5VB	Rebecca	Hard	5MC
Chelsea	Mitchell	5CR	Jack	Damant	5VB	Victoria	Last	5MC
William	Robb	5CR	Bethany	Ford	5VB	Peter	Mackinder	5MC
George	Thrower	5CR	Eva	Gooderham	5VB	Jade	Mayes	5MC
Emily	Wigglesworth	5CR	James	Markwell	5VB	Adam	Pattison	5MC
Megan	Willsher	5CR	Nea	Matthews	5VB	Tierney	Roye	5MC
			Jamal	Rafiq	5VB	Oliver	Saunders	5MC
			Samuel	Wright	5VB	Hannah	Smith	5MC
						Lily	Southgate	5MC

Year 6

Amber	Butt	6JS	Matthew	Boulton	6AM	Sophie	Cotton	6EA
Alina	Cison	6JS	Kia	Brett	6AM	Georgia	Elgood-Hunt	6EA
Natalie	Crane	6JS	Elizabeth	Cope	6AM	Katherine	Firth	6EA
Maria	Fallon-Gleeson	6JS	Tia	Dartnell	6AM	Benjamin	Mayes	6EA
Brittany	Gibbons	6JS	Anna	Euston	6AM	Lauren	Mitchell	6EA
Lucy	Holt	6JS	Matthew	Mitson	6AM	Mebeena	Rai	6EA
George	Mannell	6JS	Roma	Radziunaite	6AM	Jennifer	Sheath	6EA
Fraser	May	6JS	Thomas	Roberts	6AM	Daniel	Smith	6EA
Ewan	McDonald	6JS	Lucas	Stones	6AM	Kate	Sparkes	6EA
Ben	Mills	6JS	Connor	Thomas	6AM	Jade	Squires	6EA
Raimundo	Norman	6JS	Kerry	Thurkettle	6AM	Ellie	Stones	6EA
Hannah	Peck	6JS	Emily	Tilbrook	6AM	Lori	Tyson	6EA
Heather	Pittaway	6JS	Georgina	Walton	6AM			
Lily	Potter	6JS						
Lewis	Rampley	6JS						
Elise	Tatterton	6JS						
Nadine	Watt	6JS						

Interim Reports — Gold Star Certificates (continued)

Year 7

James Alcock	7SD	Aaron Thrower	7SD	Joseph Walton	7LB
Elisha Brinkley	7SD	Bailey Warren	7SD	Brooke Wesson	7LB
Rachael Crawford	7SD	Katharine Wright	7SD		
Saffron Dunlop	7SD	Rosie Wright	7SD		
Harry Euston	7SD			Phoebe Atkins	7JR
Benjamin Ford	7SD	Amy Arfi	7LB	Lucas Cantwell	7JR
Alexander Lancaster	7SD	Amy Bugg	7LB	Maisie Frost	7JR
Crystal Leeks	7SD	Osten Eales	7LB	Madeleine Gooderham	7JR
Luke Mallett	7SD	Adam Fuller	7LB	Megan Harold	7JR
Ellie McGlade	7SD	Shannon Goatham	7LB	Benjamin Last	7JR
Marco Palmieri	7SD	Elise Law	7LB	Elizabeth Ludbrook	7JR
Aisha Rafiq	7SD	Laura Parker	7LB	Alice Norman	7JR
Alex Simpson	7SD	Amy Phipps	7LB	Matthew Rolfe	7JR
Cherry Southgate	7SD	Ethan Sillett	7LB	Samuel Sheldrake	7JR
Caitlin Stones	7SD	Megan Smith	7LB	Lauren Thomas	7JR
George Symonds	7SD	Jade Tymon	7LB	George Wesson	7JR

Year 8

Jasper Bailey	8JF	Daniel Aldred	8RB	Taylor Thorpe	8RB
Ella Barrett	8JF	Liam Cadge	8RB	Taren Webb	8RB
Thomas Cross	8JF	Thomas Coomber	8RB	Lois Wilkes	8RB
Edwina d'Almeida	8JF	Shania Douglas	8RB		
Ellena Euston	8JF	Bethany Elmy	8RB	Emily Allard	8RM
Jack Garrod	8JF	Shane Finbow	8RB	Eleanor Elgood-Hunt	8RM
Molly Jarrold	8JF	Benjamin Gawne	8RB	Mei Li Foden	8RM
Alice Oliver	8JF	Sophie Goodchild	8RB	Craig Jarrold	8RM
Melissa Saunders	8JF	Lauren Green	8RB	Annabel Knell	8RM
Georgina Suffling	8JF	Lauren Johannessen	8RB	Jemma Mortimer	8RM
Charlotte Suter	8JF	James Mannell	8RB	Calvin Richardson	8RM
Louise Tarling	8JF	Samuel Mills	8RB	Megan Scott-Jenner	8RM
Rianna Tobin	8JF	Alex Pun	8RB	Harriet Smith	8RM
Bobby Lee Warner	8JF	Shenice Thorpe	8RB	Alisha Watson	8RM

ATTENDANCE

We congratulate the following pupils who managed 100% attendance for the whole of the Autumn Term. Each of them received a **100% Attendance Certificate** in assembly for the period 3rd September — 11th December 2009. Will they manage the whole of next term, or better still the whole year?

Adam Cross	5CR	George Thrower	5CR	Madison Hastings	5VB
Sabrina Douglas	5CR	Lee Wheatley	5CR	James Markwell	5VB
Joshua Fayers	5CR	Emily Wigglesworth	5CR		
Ruby Hunter	5CR	Megan Willsher	5CR	Georgina Crawford	5MC
Lauren Lemon	5CR			Finlay Hawkins	5MC
Gemma Mackinder	5CR			Caitlin Ashton	5MC
Jordan Manning	5CR	Ethan Bloomfield	5VB	Victoria Last	5MC
Gina McDonald	5CR	Sofia Chaplin	5VB	Peter Mackinder	5MC
Chelsea Mitchell	5CR	Cameron Clarke	5VB	Adam Pattison	5MC
Tyler Reynolds	5CR	Trinity Clifford	5VB	Hannah Smith	5MC
Jack Wilding	5CR	Jack Damant	5VB	Lily Southgate	5MC
Elleston Stewart	5CR	Bradley Gooding	5VB	Adam Webb	5MC

ATTENDANCE — continued

Matthew	Boulton	6AM	Jake	Andrews	6EA	Joshua	Beaumont	6JS
Rhys	Charlton	6AM	Millie	Bennett	6EA	Alina	Cison	6JS
Holly	Davies	6AM	Leah	Clark	6EA	Nicole	Elmy	6JS
Ella	Henke	6AM	Billy	Cottrell, Billy	6EA	William	Fitzpatrick	6JS
Matthew	Mitson	6AM	Georgia	Elgood-Hunt	6EA	Sophie	Jenkins	6JS
Roma	Radziunaite	6AM	Katherine	Firth	6EA	George	Mannell	6JS
Sean	Richardson	6AM	Adam	Mackintosh	6EA	Ewan	McDonald	6JS
Bethan	Stephenson	6AM	Benjamin	Mayes	6EA	Ben	Mills, Ben	6JS
Lucas	Stones	6AM	Lauren	Mitchell	6EA	Raimundo	Norman	6JS
Georgina	Walton	6AM	Mebeena	Rai	6EA	Lily	Potter	6JS
			Daniel	Smith	6EA			
			Marina	Spilman	6EA			
			Ellie	Stones	6EA			
			Lori	Tyson	6EA			

Georgia	Barker	7LB	Toby	Anthony	7JR	Elisha	Brinkley	7SD
Osten	Eales	7LB	Lucas	Cantwell	7JR	Harry	Euston	7SD
Adam	Fuller	7LB	Matthew	Hill	7JR	Alexander	Lancaster	7SD
Shannon	Goatham	7LB	Benjamin	Last	7JR	Luke	Mallett	7SD
Rhys	Griggs	7LB	Elizabeth	Ludbrook	7JR	Daniel	Manning	7SD
Dominic	Large	7LB	Riku	Matthews	7JR	William	Marney	7SD
Laura	Parker	7LB	Kudzai	Mzondo	7JR	Ellie	McGlade	7SD
Martin	Pryke	7LB	Adam	Sewell	7JR	Marco	Palmieri	7SD
Benedict	Sadler	7LB	Samuel	Sheldrake	7JR	Aisha	Rafiq	7SD
Ethan	Sillett	7LB	Lauren	Thomas	7JR	Cherry	Southgate	7SD
Megan	Smith	7LB				Caitlin	Stones	7SD
Jade	Tymon	7LB				Aaron	Thrower	7SD
Joseph	Walton	7LB				Bailey	Warren	7SD
Oliver	Wenman	7LB				Rosie	Wright	7SD
Brooke	Wesson	7LB						

Luke	Bloomfield	8JF	Joseph	Beaumont	8RB	Joshua	Clark	8RM
Jodie	Brien	8JF	Jade	Brien	8RB	Adam	Hutchins	8RM
Edwina	d'Almeida	8JF	Charlene	Brown	8RB	Amelia	James	8RM
Alice	Oliver	8JF	Shania	Douglas	8RB	Samuel	Kennard	8RM
Jordan	Row	8JF	Amy	Felgate	8RB	Joshua	Morgan	8RM
Georgina	Suffling	8JF	Sophie	Goodchild	8RB	Calvin	Richardson	8RM
Charlotte	Suter	8JF	Katherine	Hand	8RB			
Rianna	Tobin	8JF	Danielle	Verdi	8RB			
Laura	Walker	8JF	James	Mannell	8RB			
Bobby Lee	Warner	8JF	Samuel	Mills	8RB			
			Casey	Rostern	8RB			
			Taylor	Thorpe	8RB			
			Megan	Westgate	8RB			

Ten Star Certificates

We congratulate the following pupils on the award of a **Ten Star Certificate** or a **Twenty Star Certificate**.

Year 5

Adam Cross	5CR	10
Sabrina Douglas	5CR	10
Joshua Fayers	5CR	10
Ruby Hunter	5CR	10
Lauren Lemon	5CR	10
Gemma Mackinder	5CR	10
Jordan Manning	5CR	10
Gina McDonald	5CR	10
Chelsea Mitchell	5CR	10
Luke Pattison	5CR	10
William Robb	5CR	10
George Thrower	5CR	10
Lee Wheatley	5CR	10
Emily Wigglesworth	5CR	10
Megan Willsher	5CR	10
Oliver Saunders	5MC	20
Lily Southgate	5MC	20
Daniel Adams	5MC	10
Scott Balaam	5MC	10
Georgina Crawford	5MC	10
Jai Gayle	5MC	10
Jade Goodchild	5MC	10
Rebecca Hard	5MC	10
Victoria Last	5MC	10
Peter Mackinder	5MC	10
Jade Mayes	5MC	10
Adam Pattison	5MC	10
Hannah Smith	5MC	10
Sofia Chaplin	5VB	20
Bethany Ford	5VB	20
Eva Gooderham	5VB	20
Madison Hastings	5VB	20
Ethan Bloomfield	5VB	10
Cameron Clarke	5VB	10
Trinity Clifford	5VB	10
Jack Damant	5VB	10
James Denim	5VB	10
Bradley Gooding	5VB	10
James Markwell	5VB	10
Nea Matthews	5VB	10
Olivia McCormack	5VB	10
Samuel Wright	5VB	10

Year 6

Lauren Mitchell	6AM	10
Liam Bennett	6EA	10
Mebeena Rai	6EA	10
Jennifer Sheath	6EA	10
Jade Squires	6EA	10
Ellie Stones	6EA	10
Joshua Beaumont	6JS	20
William Fitzpatrick	6JS	20
Heather Pittaway	6JS	20
Brittany Gibbons	6JS	10
Fraser May	6JS	10
Ewan McDonald	6JS	10
Raimundo Norman	6JS	10
Hannah Peck	6JS	10
Bradley Wade	6JS	10
Nadine Watt	6JS	10

Year 7

Samuel Sheldrake	7JR	20
Toby Anthony	7JR	10
Jordan Dean	7JR	10
Megan Harold	7JR	10
Matthew Hill	7JR	10
Dominic Large	7JR	10
Benjamin Last	7JR	10
Riku Matthews	7JR	10
Matthew Rolfe	7JR	10
Adam Sewell	7JR	10
Lauren Thomas	7JR	10
Amy Arfi	7LB	20
Cameron Green	7LB	10
Elise Law	7LB	10
Amy Phipps	7LB	10
Martin Pryke	7LB	10
Brooke Wesson	7LB	10
Alex Lancaster	7SD	10
Cherry Southgate	7SD	10
Caitlin Stones	7SD	10
George Symonds	7SD	10
Aaron Thrower	7SD	10

Year 8

Edwina d'Almeida	8JF	20
Jodie Brien	8JF	10
Thomas Cross	8JF	10
Georgina Suffling	8JF	10
Rianna Tobin	8JF	10
Jade Brien	8RB	10
Charlene Brown	8RB	10
Thomas Coomber	8RB	10
John Francis	8RB	10
Katie Hand	8RB	10
Megan Westgate	8RB	10
Bella Knell	8RM	10
Mileena Nunn	8RM	10
Ali Watson	8RM	10

Make sure to ask your form tutor to send in the information when you get 10 stars, 20 stars and so on.



Tutor Group Success

We congratulate the leading tutor groups as follows:

Class Points Award

- Year 5: **5MC**
- Year 6: **6JS**
- Year 7: **7LB**
- Year 8: **8RM**

(For the most class points from this term)

Attendance (to half term)

- Year 5: **5CR** 98%
- Year 6: **6JS** 95.9%
- Year 7: **7SD** 96.6%
- Year 8: **8JF** 95.5%

As you can see, in each year group, the attendance figures are very close indeed. The average attendance for the school for the Autumn half term was **95.3%** - well done!

Good Friend Posters

Charlene Brown

8RB