



# The Bede Buzz



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## Dream Big—Make The Future Yours



Hello everyone. We hope that you are all well, safe and happy. You might recognise the young man in the picture to the left here—it's William Nicklin, an ex-pupil of ours and still a local lad, who recently popped into school to let us know how he is doing. We were totally blown away by the young man that William has become and how he has taken something that he first tried out at school and made it into a dream come true. William has no doubt put in the hours and hard work necessary since leaving Bede, but here he is now with the opportunity to join the army and with hopes of representing them in Rugby in the 2027 Army Rugby World Cup. WOW! William's whole attitude was exemplary: he spoke to the y5 and 6 boys in their PHSE lesson about 'being a boy', telling them that he has had to make sacrifices, work hard, listen and train to get where he is and that he knows he still has a great deal to do to get where he wants to be. We are sure that William has an incredibly bright future ahead because he is thinking through all his options, making good choices at every step and ensuring he takes all the steps to carve out a place for himself in the world. We are so very proud of him and wish him all the best. William embodies what we hope for for all our children in Bede: find something you like, enjoy it and do your very best with it; work hard, don't let setbacks stop you, always remember those around you and help them to rise with you; enjoy your success but stay thoughtful and kind. William seems to be

We try to show the children many different things so that they can think about their possible futures and know what is out there in the world for them. This half term, the Y5 and 6 girls were lucky enough to work with some females, who have gone into jobs in the science sector. They used their skills as imaginative iguanas and designed transport of the future. Perhaps some of them will be employed in work like this when they are adults.



Maleen is one of our hopeful writers, who has entered the BBC 500 words competition. There are other equally determined KS2 young people with wonderful stories who have been coming to writing club with Mrs Smith on Tuesday evenings to put their thoughts into words. We wish everyone entering all the best of luck. Perhaps we have



While the girls were thinking about their future careers, the boys were thinking about 'who' they might be rather than 'what' they might be. Mr Riley did some fantastic work with them, looking at the qualities that they have currently and which they feel it will be important to keep as adults. They talked about stereotypes and how difficult it can sometimes be to be a young boy. We hope that all of our wonderful boys will be strong enough not to follow the crowd and to be able to make good choices that will help them to



Mr Wright has been working with some KS2 children in a fabulous after school robotics club. Although this is huge fun, it also requires a lot of imaginative iguana, cooperative cat and perseverant pug skills. The world of robotics is growing and this could definitely be future employment! For now, the children are building robots and game boards for the robots to work in and they will soon begin to code to get the robots working. In November, the children are attending a friendly competition in Whickham to test out their robots and then the competition starts... Winning teams of the whole competi-



Here are our first winners of the Bronze Super Learning Power awards this year. A very big well done to Ezra, Dana, Zema and Emily all from Y1. It is great to see the children thinking about how they can improve in all of the ways our animal super powers show us. The

**Attendance:** our whole school attendance so far has been 94%. This is below the government's expected target of 96%. Many children have suffered from colds and sickness bugs so can not come in but please do ask if there is anything other than illness causing you not to get your children to school. We will help wherever we can.

**Message from the Office:** We have introduced a new school communication and payment system called Schools Com, which will be how we contact you, take payments and generally communicate with you going forward. So far, only 41% of our families have joined it. Another email will be sent in the first week back to remind

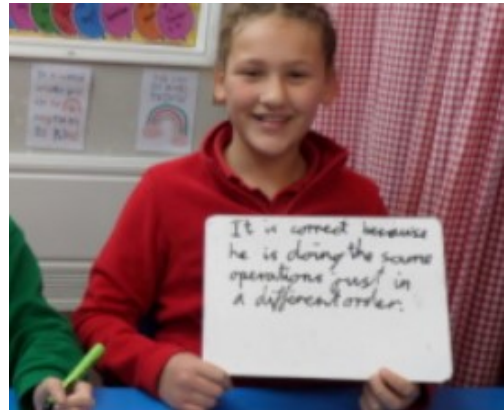
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# News from Class 5

## Numeracy

This half term, in maths, we have focused on place value. We can partition numbers up to 1,000,000 and can use a range of methods including a place value chart or number line. This has helped us to compare and order numbers all the way up to one million! We have really focused on using mental strategies for addition calculations and have started to work with numbers up to four digits. We are really looking forward to continuing this next half-term.



## Poetry

We have been fortunate to enjoy a live online poetry performance with the published poet, Ian Bland. He had us laughing and joining in with his amusing poems. Afterwards, we took part in a workshop, where he taught us how to write a puzzle poem. Like him, we performed our poems for our classmates' pleasure.

*I have a big yellow logo*

By

*Lots of people like me*

Phoebe

*I'm everywhere and I'm big!*

Wang

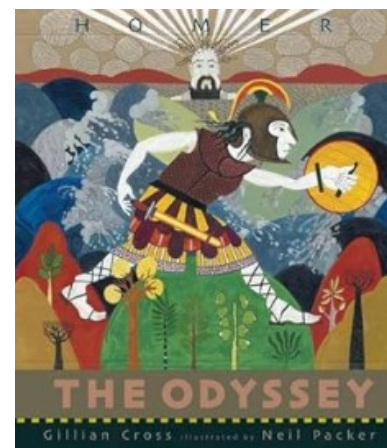
*What am I?*

## Literacy

In literacy, this half term, we have been writing a narrative based on Homer's amazing story about Odysseus and ancient Greek mythology, 'The Odyssey'. We have been developing our use of vocabulary, using a range of adjectives and adverbs to create tension and a sense of danger. We have really enjoyed reading 'The Odyssey' and learning about the grand adventures of Odysseus and his great escape from a man-eating Cyclops to name a few.

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We have had a really exciting history filled half-term. We have loved exploring the fantastic world of Ancient Greece, and diving head first into researching historical events during this timeframe. We have looked at a range of primary and secondary sources to support our research and findings. The children created an exciting flipchart showing the expansion of the Greek Empire from 1000BC onwards and its relation to the Roman Empire.



I have also been super impressed by the children in Class 5 during their swimming lessons this half-term. I have been amazed by the courage, bravery and perseverance of every single child. It has been lovely to see the children's enjoyment and positive engagement every week. Well done to all of Class 5!

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