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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the **Remembrance Service** in Beaminster on Sunday afternoon, I wanted to thank the many people who have taken the time to contact the school and commend our senior prefects, Herbie Bluck, Tilly Teasdale, Tom Baker, Kitty Rumens and Sam Chassar-Hesketh, for the way that they represented the school. Whilst we all recognise that some of our young people do not always get it right, it is always heartening to be reminded that so many of them do.

This positive attitude was clearly in evidence today as our Year 7 provided lots of fun and activity to raise money for **Children in Need**. Alongside being a non-uniform day, there was a rich supply of cakes, guessing the number of sweets in a jar and the Pudsey games board! Thank you and well done to everyone involved for their efforts, the non-uniform and cake sales have raised a fantastic **£748.94!**

Year 7 were also very fortunate to all be given a reading book and bookmark of their choice in a special assembly on Thursday. Thanks to the organisation of Miss Rollick, and the support of **The Book Trust and BSPTA**, each student was presented with their book by Mrs Fleming of the BSPTA, with their name inscribed inside.

The BSPTA were very grateful for your generosity with donations last Friday. With the **Beaminster Christmas Fair** on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> (poster attached) I hope that have you all now received your **raffle tickets**, which students should have come home with yesterday, and will be able to support their fundraising efforts. There are still a couple of stalls/tables available at the Christmas Fair, for anyone who would like to sell gifts, crafts, food, clothes, books... so please do contact Sam Gunning at [treasurer.bspta@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer.bspta@gmail.com) if you would like to book one.

Please note that the ever-popular **Xmas Bake Off Competition** is taking place again this year, so start practising those bakes (details attached). There are prizes to be won, and all entries are then sold off at the Xmas Fair to help raise funds.

We are getting excited about the formal launch day of our **F1 in Schools** project on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November. In the mean time, students only have until Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November to get their slogans in to win a fantastic Lego McLaren Formula 1 Team 2022 car, worth £130! Students simply need to complete the sentence: "**F1 in Schools is great because ...**" and submit their slogan to Mrs Gibbs or Mrs Da Costa by Monday. To find out more about F1 in Schools visit: [Secondary - F1 in Schools UK](http://Secondary-F1inSchoolsUK)

As well as providing really worthwhile mock interviews for the whole of Year 10, our friends at Rotary gathered on Wednesday evening for the annual **Rotary Photographic Competition**. The theme for this year's competition was 'The Beauty of Architecture', and the school's entries were judged by members of Brit Valley Rotary club and local professional photographers, Neil Barnes and John Tilsley, who have kindly offered to print a selection of work for an exhibition. After much consideration of the excellent 23 entries, **Darcie Childs** won the Intermediate category and **Archie Pitt-Pladdy** took the prize in the Senior age category; they both take home a very generous £50 voucher from Brit Valley Rotary.

Our Year 9 Sports Leaders have had another busy day, welcoming our pyramid of schools for a **Primary Netball tournament**. After much fierce competition Broadwindsor were the worthy winners with Salway Ash in second place. Meanwhile, our own students showed their Netballing prowess against Colfox with Year 10 gaining a strong 8-5 win and Year 8 narrowly losing 4-3 in a really good game.

Year 11 have shown great fortitude and a very positive approach to their first set of full examinations this week. As well as providing essential practice and honing examination techniques, we hope that this week will help to normalise the experience by familiarising students with their examination environment.

It was also a pleasure to join the Year 9 assembly, today, and pass on my congratulations for the high standard of their reports and the extremely low rates of detention across the year group. They also heard from Sylvie Lord who works as part of a West Dorset NHS outreach team, providing services for young people to help meet their mental and physical needs; further information about **Social Prescribing** can be found on the attached leaflet.

A reminder that we are currently seeking a **Science Technician** to join the team, full post details are available on both the Dorset Council and school websites, the closing date is Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November – please do share with anyone who may be interested.

Have a good weekend.

Mr Hales

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