

“Inspiring Learning”

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

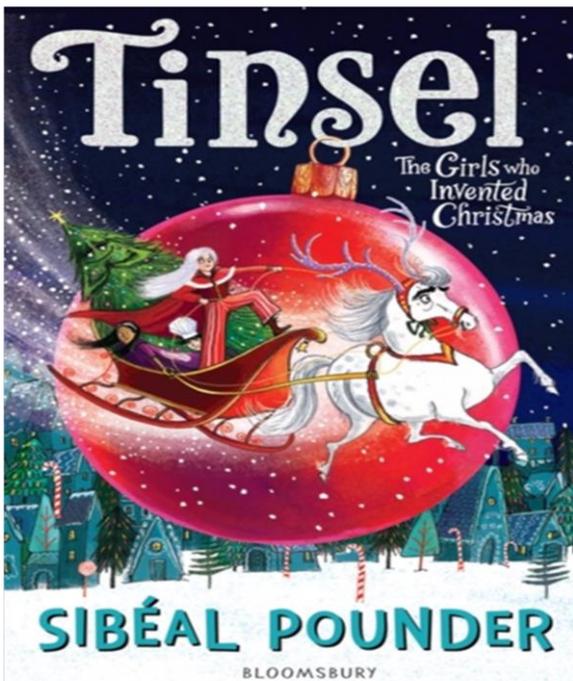
Friday again and it's been a very 'therapeutic' week here at BMS! A very large skip arrived on Monday morning and we've been having a much-needed 'clear out' all week. It is amazing how cluttered spaces can become over time and we're looking forward to fresher, clearer learning environments. We have found some amazing discoveries this week: Miss Taberham found some old staff meeting minutes from the 1960s! Our pupils have, as always, been a wonderful help in this process and staff have appreciated their helpful, sensible attitude in clearing our clutter.

I had a lovely meeting yesterday with Joyce Knudson who has been proactive in securing some local community members who will speak to our pupils about jobs and careers. She has selected some great examples and as soon as restrictions ease, we will be inviting them into school to enrich our Careers Programme! Thank you, Joyce! It will be really beneficial for our pupils to hear from local people and the work that they do within our community.

Let's hope the temperatures pick up a little over the next few days so that we can enjoy some fresh air.

Have a lovely, safe weekend!

Lindsay Hamilton



One of the greatest things we've missed this term is not having authors into school to inspire our children. Author visits are great at encouraging reading for pleasure as well as providing children with the experience of learning about the skill of creative writing. Therefore, we are thrilled to have been invited to an online festival event with Sibéal Pounder on Friday 11th December for our KS2 pupils to celebrate the launch of her brand new, gloriously Christmassy story, 'Tinsel'.

From bestselling *Witch Wars* and *Bad Mermaids* author, Sibéal Pounder, comes a perfect book for family reading at Christmas.

How did the world come to believe Santa Claus is a man?

It's all just a big misunderstanding!

This tale of friendship, sleigh rides and two formidable girls is THE Christmas book of the year - a gloriously funny, festive adventure that will delight even the biggest Grinch!

We are giving pupils the opportunity to purchase a signed copy of her new book for £9.00. Order forms are available for pupils to collect in their form rooms and need to be returned to school by Monday 7th December. All ordered books will be posted to school.

Pupils will have the opportunity at the online event to ask Sibéal some questions about being an author so get those thinking caps on Years 5 and 6!





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Skilful Sixes!

Y6 impressed Mrs Basing this week with their cutting skills in DT. Pupils were using tools to create some very complex shapes out of wood, which was no easy task! Their sensible, resilient attitude was clear to see and their hard work really paid off!



Logan, Mason, Tommy and Lucy working very hard in DT this week.



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A small plea for help! Does anyone have a trampette that they no longer use which they would be willing to donate to school? These are wonderful for our children with sensory needs who benefit from a few minutes of intense exercise to release energy. It's just the thing we need for our new sensory room! Also, does anyone have a large 'exercising ball' (the kind big enough to sit on)? Again, great for our pupils who require a sensory diet. Any help with this equipment would be really appreciated!



THANK YOU very much for your fantastic cooperation with the new system regarding our school lunches! There have been one or two teething problems, naturally, but we're so impressed with how everyone has embraced the new system so quickly. It is making things much simpler and swifter in school and means our staff are not having to handle money, which is much safer in these current times.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND KEY DATES

Thursday 10th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Crafts Afternoon

Friday 11th December

KS2 Online Author Meet: Sibeal Pounder

Wednesday 16th December

In-house treat (Enrichment Homework)

Thursday 17th December

Christmas 'Bubble' Services in church

Thursday 17th December

Christmas 'Bubble' parties in school

Friday 18th December

End of Autumn term