



# Newsletter

*“Forward thinking and creative; valuing faith, tradition, community and achievement”*



You shall love your neighbour as yourself. MATTHEW 22:39

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have had another busy week and it has been lovely to have our Year 5 and 6 children back and to share their adventures. In school this week we have spent time learning about and preparing for Remembrance. We have been proud of the children's involvement; as always, they have been thoughtful, reflective and respectful. We have been proud of our children for leading the service at the church and the war memorial, and we thank all those parents who joined us today.

We would like to give a special mention to Emma Simpson for her truly beautiful solo, and for all those children who made individual contributions to our service. Thank you to everyone.



Thank you to Heather and Alan Lowe for their involvement with our school; it felt lovely to hold our Remembrance service in church and to share it with the school and village community. We have left some of our poppy stones in church and we have taken some to the memorial garden. Any that are left on our bank can now be taken home if you would like to keep your own stone.

## **Year 1 Problem-Solving**

Mrs Hill took three of our Year 1 children for a special afternoon of problem-solving at Hazel Leys Primary School. She was very proud of their effort and commitment- and the children really enjoyed the challenges of the afternoon.

Emily said, “I loved playing the skittles game and working out the answers by adding and taking away. I did my own sums!”

## British Values

We are having a special day in school on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. We will be thinking about what it means to be British, and the children will work on a range of creative activities throughout the day. The day has been specially chosen as it is the 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of the Queen and Prince Philip, and we will be finishing our day with tea parties in the classroom. You are welcome to join us in the classrooms from 3pm on that day to share our celebration and to look at some of the lovely work that the children have done in the classrooms. We will send out a letter next week to confirm arrangements for the day.

## Art Club

Our Art Club have been working with such commitment and focus and have had so many wonderful ideas for our window this year. We can't wait to share the finished window with you all! Here is a sneak preview...



## SPECIAL MENTIONS...

There has been lots of excellent work around the school this week, and we would like to give a special mention to Jamie Keyworth for working so hard to improve his reading. We have also given some certificates for improvement and effort in writing to Chloe, Nell and Anna who have been working so hard and with such commitment.

We also want to say well done to all of our Year 5 'Playmakers' who have been awarded certificates this week. They were praised highly for their efforts, and have been making a real difference to our play-times.

Thank you to everyone for working so hard this week,

S.Ettridge and V.Bull



### Upcoming Events

13<sup>th</sup> November – Anti Bullying Week

17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need Day

20<sup>th</sup> November – British Values Day

20<sup>th</sup> November – Road Safety Week



### Attendance

Attendance in school last week was 71.7%. Well done to **Reception** class who had 100%



### Headteacher's Awards

The class teachers have selected the following children this week:

- Reception – Darcey Hunt for being a wonderful member of our class, kind, thoughtful and helpful.  
Also for working so hard on her bonfire poem and firework picture
- Year 1 – Autumn Huggins for working very hard on her writing
- Year 2 – Ethan Cloono for working very hard on his maths
- Year 3 – Jamie Keyworth for working hard to improve in Maths, Writing and Reading
- Year 4 – Charlie Kidd for producing some fantastic Maths work
- Year 5 – Raphi Harrow for altering and improving her writing to create powerful emotive sentences
- Year 6 – Sophie Ettridge for her excellent long division and presenting her work to an extremely high standard



### Awards and Certificates outside of school

Well done to Emi McGuire for achieving two certificates for her gymnastics this week.

Lauren Hunter has been named 'Player of the Month' by Hotshots Basketball- well done, Lauren!

Well done to Asher Hodson who was named 'Player of the Month' at Dodgeball.



### WILLOW CLASS

The children in Willow class have been so excited about November 5<sup>th</sup>. Therefore, this week have been enthusiastically learning about Guy Fawkes and his plot to blow up King James I and the parliament. The children have made beautiful firework pictures and written amazing poems about the fireworks, having been inspired by the work that year 3 and 4 have completed. We also acted out the story with lots of volunteers wanting to be the guard who chops Guy Fawkes' head off!



We have also been learning about the days of the week; singing our days of the week song, counting forwards and backwards to 7 and thinking about what we do that makes each day different.

### **MAPLE CLASS**

The children have had lots of fun this week, and have worked particularly hard on their writing. This week, all the activities have linked to the story of 'The Gruffalo', and the children have had a particular focus on using accurate punctuation. They have been writing questions and statements about the characters and their homes, and we have seen lots of improvement in their writing. The children have also been building on the descriptive work they did last week. They have been describing characters and learning how to use commas accurately in lists.

In Maths, everyone has been working hard on their times tables, with particular focus on counting in twos and quick recall of number facts.

Our Science work has been lots of fun and everyone is learning about materials and their properties in lots of experiments.

### **CHERRY BLOSSOM**

Another busy week in Year 3 and 4. Our Literacy lessons have been the highlight of the week for me and the children. They have really enjoyed reading different fantasy stories and then retelling them. We have been using Harry Potter, Alice in Wonderland and many other well-known stories to help our writing. Year 3 have been focusing on using noun phrases while Year 4 have been using different sentence opener; adverbs and verbs.

In Maths, Year 3 have been looking at the place value of 3-digit numbers. They have had to compare and order numbers up to 1000 thinking carefully about which number they need to use to help them. Year 4 have been looking at written methods to multiply. This has been a challenge for them but they have just about got it. Expanded multiplication is a very useful method for the children to know.

In RE we have started thinking about Christmas in Christianity. We started this topic off by looking at different special events that happen through the year; Easter, Birthdays, Mother's day etc. We then thought about how these special events give structure to our lives.

We read the story of the Trojan Horse in our History lesson, this sparked some debate about the facts of the story which helped the children to understand Legends. The children then had to write a letter home, imagining they had been a soldier in the horse. There were some thoughtful and creative letters.

## **OAK CLASS**

In literacy this week we have begun our new focus on persuasive writing. The children were given a letter stating the school's decision to stop all future year 5 and 6 residential trips offering an off site individual day as an alternative. This obviously caused some discussion and disappointment across the class. We analysed the letter and discussed its content and our personal response to the reasons raised. As the session went on some children realised that this was a fictitious letter and the rest of the class were relieved to hear this at the end of the lesson. We went on to think about emotive language and worked in pairs to edit sentences and enhance them through utilising emotive vocabulary.

Long division has been our focus this week and we have also looked at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100, 1000 as well as thinking about multiplication facts that can help us to complete questions mentally.

In RE we have used the internet to help answer questions about the charity Islamic Relief and identified how their work makes a difference.