



NEWSLETTER

10th November 2023

A message from Mrs Harris and Mrs Willington...

This week we have had the opportunity to celebrate Parliament Week as both a whole school in assembly and in completing work as a class. Children have enjoyed learning about the Houses of Parliament and finding out what types of discussions go on inside these important buildings.

It has also been a super week for sport. Our Y5/6 Football Team headed out on Thursday night to play in 5 league matches at Parkside, Willington. Mrs Garnett reports that despite a loss, the children work so hard as team, singing their hearts out on their return to school. Well done to everyone who took part.

Our Key Stage 2 pupils also had the opportunity to take part in annual cross county event today. There were 172 children in each of the year group races (3, 4, 5, and 6). Well done to all of those who took part, representing our school. *(see photo attached on the last page)*

Lastly, the whole school observed a minute's silence at 11am today. Four of our pupils were accompanied up to the Cenotaph and laid wreaths, which had been made in school, and held a minute's silence whilst there. *(see photo attached on the last page)*

Reminders and Messages

- Please remember to bring water bottles into school every day.
- Next Week is Anti-Bullying Week. Children are asked to come into school on **Monday** in their brightest odd socks to represent our differences.

A Message from The Friends (FOMS)

Polar Express Movie night! (Over 2 hours Child-Care!)

Friday 8th Dec, 3:15 until 5:30pm

Perfect opportunity for some Christmas Shopping/Prepping!

Children will come straight to the Dining Hall at pick up time to enjoy a Christmas Movie, Christmas Crafts, snacks and milkshakes, as well as a special gift.

There are limited spaces: To book places, please make payment by BACS putting your child's name as the reference:

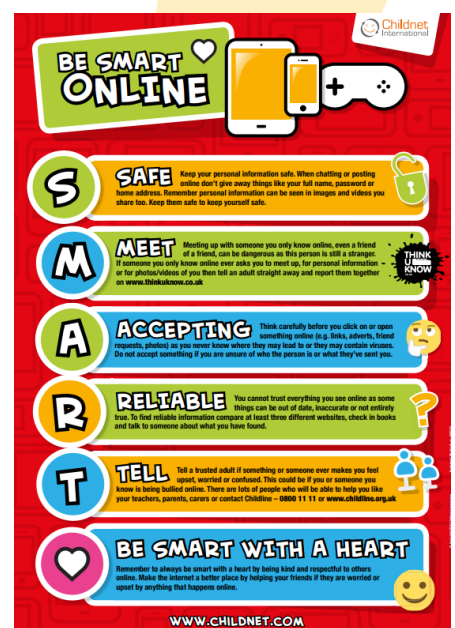
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What have we been up to?

EYFS – Mrs Willington, Mrs Dobson, Miss Spenceley & Mrs Warde

Nursery have had a busy week learning about our new topic, 'Frozen Land'. We have made ice pictures by blowing into paint to create bubbles, then placing pieces of paper over and watching the different imprints appear. We have also explored our sensory sides, by feeling ice, seeing if it was smooth and if it was hot or cold. Nursery then were provided with paint so they were able to paint the ice themselves, and watched carefully as different areas began to melt first.

Reception have been learning all about people who help us. This week's story has been 'Emergency'. The reception pupils have loved learning about all the different types of emergency services who help us and what they do. They have even had their very own fireman costume to dress up in, which has been very popular.

Together, Nursery and Reception celebrated bonfire night on Monday afternoon. We had hot dogs, hot chocolate, marshmallows and made our own sparklers by dipping bread sticks in chocolate and sprinkling sprinkles on top. We made our own bonfire by collecting sticks and put these in our fire pit, which we sat around.

We have also been learning about Remembrance Day and why this is so important. We have all painted a poppy to make our own wreath with, this has been placed at the cenotaph to show our respect to those who fought for our country.





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Year 1/2 - Mrs Garnett, Mrs Aislabie and Mrs Niven

This week in English, we have been writing a diary entry, based on our work on 'The Squirrels Who Squabbled'. The children produced some brilliant diary entries, based on a first-person point of view, Cyril the Squirrel!

In Maths, Year 1 have been looking at fact families, when we have a number sentence we can find other related facts using the same numbers. Year 2 have been continuing with subtraction by exchanging. We then moved onto adding 3-digit numbers together by finding number bonds first.

We have also been preparing for Remembrance Day by making a poppy wreath to lay at the Cenotaph, to remember all those who fought and died in the war.

During the week, we also made lanterns to add to our decorations for the Hindu festival, Diwali.

In History, our new topic is childhood. Many children brought in their baby and toddler photos to share with us all. They were so cute! We talked about the stages we have in life. A big thank you for bringing them in to share with us.

As part of UK Parliament week, we discussed how the country is run and where the members of parliament meet, The Palace of Westminster. We also discussed the restoration of the Elizabeth Tower and talked about the bell – Big Ben.





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Y3/4 – Miss Humpherson and Mrs Peacock

It has been a great week back, after half-term, and the children have been very busy learning.

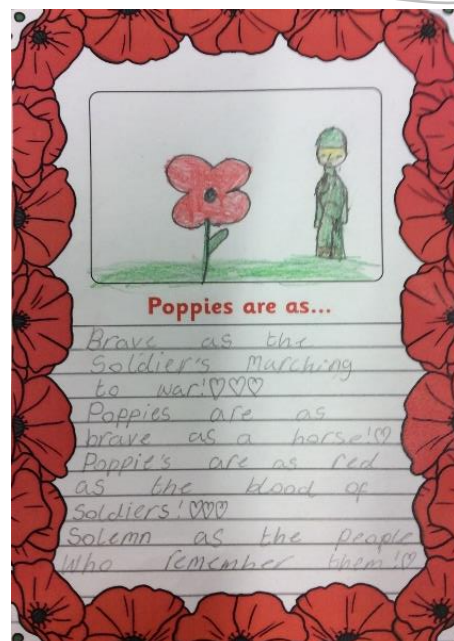
The week began with their weekly music lesson, with Mr Soler, where the children have started to read music and play it on the ukulele. They are beginning to put all of their new skills and knowledge together and become musicians.

For Remembrance Day this week, the children wrote some beautiful poems about poppies using similes related to war and remembrance. As well as their poetry, the children made their own poppies to add to our class wreath, ready to lay at the memorial.

The children also enjoyed their first swimming lesson of the year and we are really looking forward to seeing their progress in coming weeks.

In reading, the children have started their new book, 'Stig of the Dump' and have even been able to compare its similarities to other books they have read, like, 'Stone Age Boy' and 'Five Children and It'.

While some of the class were representing our school in Cross Country, the rest of the class joined with Year 5/6 to have a debate about whether we should wear school uniform or not, for UK Parliament week. There were some very good arguments for both sides.





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Y5/6 – Miss Dobinson and Mrs Emery

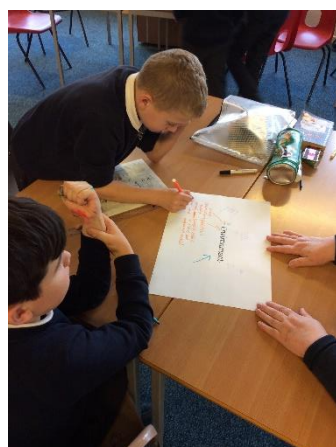
What an exciting first week back we have had, exploring our topic of space, learning about UK Parliament and commemorating Remembrance Day.

This week, we have begun our new science topic: Earth and Space. We have begun to look at what a phenomena is, and some examples of natural phenomena in Earth and Space, classifying these using scientific language.

As part of UK Parliament Week, we have spent a lot of time researching the Houses of Parliament, House of Lords and House of Commons, understanding who our local MP is (Dehenna Davison), and generating causes for concern from the local area, ready to write a persuasive letter to our MP asking for change. We also held a debate with Year 3&4, "Should we wear school uniform?", where all children had the opportunity to express their opinion and experience what it would be like to sit in the Houses of Parliament.

During one of our writing lessons, we joined a live lesson surrounding Remembrance Day, with the outcome of writing our own poems. There have been some fantastic examples of poems written which really take into account the emotions of veterans. Alongside this, we have also made poppies for our wreath, which was laid at the Cenotaph on Friday morning by two Year 6 Pupils.

To end the week, we had a bundle of fun building den's in our first session of Forest School! The area that we use for Forest School is very muddy, so please ensure that your child brings their waterproofs and wellies with them to school every Friday!





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Upcoming Events:

Date	Event
Monday 13 th November	Yrs 3+4 Gymnastics Festival, Bishop Barrington Academy, a.m.
Thursday 16 th November	Boys Football League, Parkside Academy, 4-5pm
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need – wear something SPOTTY along with CinN accessories if desired. A suggested donation of £1 per family.
Thursday 23 rd November	Boys Football League, Parkside Academy, 4-5pm
Wednesday 29 th November	School Choir to entertain Middleton Luncheon Club, 1-2pm
Friday 8 th December	FOMS Christmas 'Polar Express' event
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Christmas Play – 9.15am EYFS Nativity – 10.30am
Wednesday 13 th December	Author 'Adam Bushnell' visiting school
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas Dinner + Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 th December	Pantomime at Georgian Theatre, Richmond
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day
Tuesday 19 th December	School closes for Christmas Holiday
Thursday 4 th January	School re-opens for Spring Term 1

