



St. Mary's CE Primary School, Welham Green

NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Autumn Term Issue 9
10th November 2023

It has been another busy week at St Mary's and a great deal has been achieved. We had another football fixture earlier this week when Birchwood School came to play at

St Mary's and the final score was 1-1. Once again, the team played really well together and it is obvious to see how they are growing in confidence as a team.

Overall, behaviour has been positive, which has been our focus of the week, but attendance has unfortunately fallen below 90% again for the whole school this week. I must encourage all parents and carers to ensure that the children are in school as often as possible.

Today we had our Remembrance commemoration, as we gathered in the hall and had two minutes of silence at 11am to remember all those who have lost their lives in conflict. During our commemoration, some of the children read Remembrance poems

and we also focused on the Menin Gate in Ypres. This impressive monument is located on the Menin Road, because so many of the soldiers of the First World War fighting in this area, passed along this road on their way to fight: many never to return.

This memorial commemorates the names of 54,896 men who fought and died for Britain between the beginning of the war and 15th August 1917. In the midst of war, their bodies were lost or were not able to be identified and they have no known grave, so they are commemorated by name on the Menin Gate as one of the missing. However, whilst all these men were fighting for Britain, we must not forget that they were not all British: the men listed on this impressive memorial include men from the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India and the West Indies. We must remember all those who lost their lives in conflict and, if you have every visited any of the British and Commonwealth war graves, one of the things that you will notice is that the size and shape of the headstones is exactly the same. In death there is an equality, regardless of rank, nationality, race or religion: all these people served and died for the cause of freedom and are commemorated in the same way.

Following our Remembrance commemoration, everyone then went outside into the car park and placed the poppy that they had made in our St Mary's Remembrance Garden, which is around the memorial tree.

This week, as we remember those who have fallen in conflict, I will conclude with the well-known words from Laurence Binyon's poem 'For the Fallen' which are heard so often at this time of year and which were used during our commemoration this morning:

*"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."*

Have a good weekend.

Adrian Petty

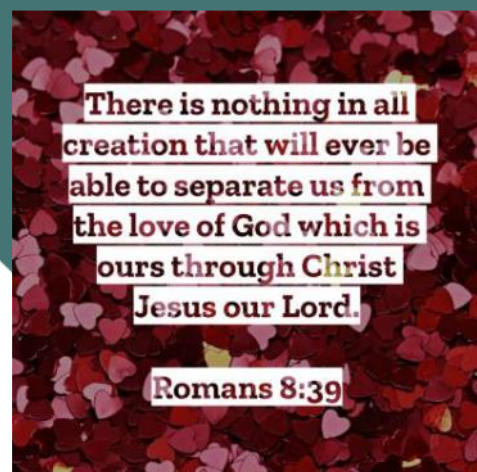
Headteacher



Flourish for the future

Our value this half term is:

Love



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HOUSEPOINTS



I am pleased to report that House Points this week were as follows:

118



143



118



116



Well done Hedgehogs!

Running Totals:

1283

1225

1240

1198

STARS OF THE WEEK

The following children were nominated by the TAs for good manners and joined Mr Petty on the Star Table .

- Reception - Evie
- Year 1 - Ewaolorun
- Year 2 - Hayden
- Year 3 - Freddie
- Year 4 - Izzy
- Year 5 - Oliver Wo
- Year 6 - Olivia-Mai

ATTENDANCE STARS

Hawking	95.7%	
Attenborough	91%	
Elizabeth	90.4%	

Weekly Teacher Nominations this week were:-

- Reception - Antonia
- Year 1 - Leo
- Year 2 - Skyla
- Year 3 - Harry
- Year 4 - Diksha
- Year 5 - Qabid
- Year 6 - Ellie

SCHOOL DIARY



Date	Event
Friday 10th November	Remembrance Day Commemoration
Wednesday 15th November	Book Swap in School
Friday 17th November	Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 6 NCMP height and weight
Wednesday 22nd November	Reception screening children born up to end of February
27th November—1st December	Year 5 & 6 Residential to Charterhouse
Wednesday 6th December	Flu vaccinations
Monday 11th December	Reception Christmas Production 2pm
Wednesday 13th December	Pantomime Whole School Trip
Wednesday 13th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service 4pm St Mary's Church
Thursday 14th December	Key Stage 1 Christmas Production 10am & 2pm
Friday 15th December	PTA Christmas Sale
Monday 18th December	Class Christmas Parties in the afternoon
Tuesday 19th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term Church Service 10am
Wednesday 20th December	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Thursday 4th January 2024	Inset Day—School Closed
Friday 5th January	Inset Day—School Closed
Monday 8th January	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
19th February—23rd February	Half Term
Thursday 28th March	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm
Monday 15th April	Inset Day—School Closed
Tuesday 16th April	Term Starts—Children back at 8:40am
Thursday 2nd May	Reception screening children born after 1st March
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday—School closed
27th May—31st May	Half Term
Thursday 4th July	Year 6 trip to Stanborough Water Park
Friday 23rd July	End of Term— School ends 1:45pm

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We are a welcoming Christian community where every child has the chance to flourish.

We bring and share joy, inspire daily and creatively equip children for the future.

We're thankful for all that God has provided; proud of where He has placed us; and excited at the potential to come.

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The Corrie Ten Boom Award for

Love



"Overflowing with thankfulness, inspiration and joy"

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you. (John 15:12)

Prayer of the Week

God our Father, Creator of the world, please help us to love one another.

Make nations friendly with other nations; make all of us love one another like brothers and sisters.

Help us to do our part to bring peace in the world and happiness to all people.

Amen

Reception - Elizabeth

Elizabeth class have been on a bear hunt! It was a beautiful day and we went looking for a big one. The class donned their wellies and travelled through swishy swashy grass, a deep cold river, thick oozy mud, a big dark forest and a swirling whirling snow storm until they found a cave. Upon entering the cave they discovered a lost bear cub. The children excitedly made lost posters for the bear cub to help him be reunited with his family.

The class have also been learning all about the importance of Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. They have made poppies in the creative area and learnt about life for children during the war.



Year 1 - Curie

Another busy week of learning in Curie Class. In English we have been reading the Owl and the Pussycat and have made our own versions of the poem using our own choice of characters and transport. These have included a cow and a cat getting married on a train, a sheep and a cow getting married in South America by a tiger and a turkey and a dog taking a flying car to South America to get married by a pig in the park! Wonderful imaginative poems and illustrations. In Geography, we have been thinking about our local area and we have drawn simple maps of how we get to school. We have talked about Welham Green being a village in England and this led to a discussion about where England is in the world. We then looked on a globe to find different countries that are important to our class and the children asked where Miss Hazell was in South America! This was probably the reason it was highlighted in their poems! We are very proud of the enthusiasm for learning that Curie Class are demonstrating and also the way they showed respect in our special Remembrance Collective Worship this morning.

Keep up the good work Year One! Have a great weekend.



Year 2 - Hawking

This week in Hawking class we have been focusing on Remembrance Day, what it means to us, and the different ways we can remember the important people of the First World War. Yesterday, we made large poppies which will be displayed in our memorial garden at the front of the school. In RE we have begun to look at Jesus's birth and why he was so important. In Geography we have been learning about the 7 continents and the 5 oceans.

Have a restful weekend!



Year 3 - Mandela

Mandela Class have worked incredibly hard in their multi-step Maths equations, regrouping and adding 2 and 3 digit numbers. Zikora-Reign did a fantastic job as the class assistant and taught a very good lesson on one of our questions. Everyone was respectful and engaged.

In Science, we have continued our investigations in Fossils; looking at moulds and casts. We learned about how the texture and specific details in organisms are preserved and observable hundreds or thousands of years later.

In PSHE, we have looked at conflict resolution and solved problems in a social story. We then picked our own kindness of the week that each of us received.

Mikayla: "For our English lessons, we tapped into our imagination and inferred what our new book was going to be about by looking at the front page. We then read the story and we described the characters and how they felt and what they thought. We used drama to do this and then, wrote it down trying to not make "Alien sentences.""

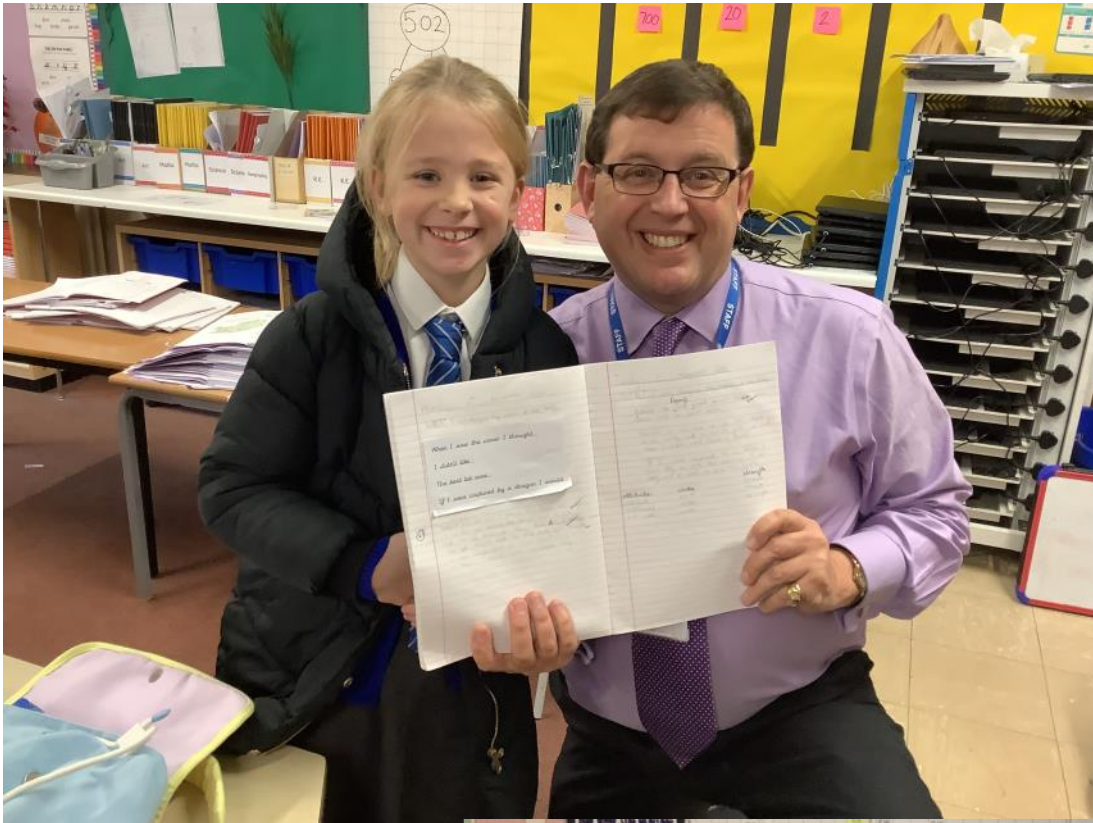
Lily did a fantastic piece of writing in English which we shared with Mr Petty, he was proud of her effort and thoughtful answer.

Freddie: "In P.E., we learned how to dribble and do sole control. We learnt how to balance the ball in between our legs for football."

Our music lesson was interesting as many of us learned about Barry White and his distinctive voice. This was the first time most of us have heard of who he was and the interesting bass in his voice. We also beautifully sang our song, 'Let Your Spirit Fly' for the last time.



Year 3 - Mandela



Year 4 - Attenborough

It has been a busy and reflective week for Attenborough Class. In English we started our new book 'Biscuit Bear' the children really seem to be enjoying the story. We wrote a story from Horace's perspective. In Maths we have been looking at rules when dividing and how we can apply these to different numbers. In Science, we looked at how animals can be classified, we sorted out different animals using questions to help us identify them. In Geography, we looked at what it is like to live near Mount Etna, the class made posters using facts and pictures. In PE, the children have been making up dance moves pretending to be spies. In Art, we have been drawing and planning an action picture. We decorated poppies and made a class wreath to respect and remember those who have fought in any war.



Year 5 - Luther King

We've had another good week in Luther King class this week. In Maths, we have been looking at prime numbers and composite numbers and how we know if a number is a prime number. Did you know that the number 2 is the only prime number that is also an even number? We are revisiting multiplication and looking at different strategies to help us work out how to multiply numbers.

In English, we have started our new unit focusing on The Monsterology Handbook. It is wonderful to see our pupils' imagination come alive by reading and finding out about these fascinating fictional beasts. We have been using the information in the book to write multi clause sentences using conjunctions.

In Science, we are looking at how plants reproduce and like real scientists, we are investigating by dissecting flowers to find their reproductive organs.

We explored what role insects and the wind play in the pollination process.

Another productive week in Year 5!



Year 6 - Goodall

In English, we have come to the end on a unit based on the fabulous book Planetarium which explores the universe with wonderful creativity and detail. We created our own sequel - Planetarium 2 - and filled it with planets from our own imagination. It's fantastic to see the creativity and children applying what they have been learning in lessons to their own texts. We've also enjoyed sharing our book with other classes.

We've also been looking at Remembrance, linking this to the work we did on World War 2 and the Battle of Britain earlier in the term. It has given context and more understanding to our Year 6 children's marking of the sacrifice that so many made.



Children in Need

On Friday 17th November, children are invited to come to school dressed in a 'Children in Need' top, alongside their normal school uniform. This can be an official branded top or yellow or spotty top. They must wear their school trousers, shorts, or skirt with school shoes. If your child would like to participate, please bring £1 donation with you to school.







UK Health
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Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

North Mymms Memorial Hall presents



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BOOTHS CLOSE

Thursday 30th November & Friday 1st December at 7:30pm

Saturday 2nd December at 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Sunday 3rd December at midday

North Mymms Memorial Hall, Station Road, Welham Green, AL9 7PG

| Adults: £10 | Children under 12: £5 |

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Winter Warmer

All Ages Welcome

North Mymms Memorial Hall together with North Mymms Parish Council are pleased to announce the **return of the “Winter Warmer”** for the community of North Mymms



The “Winter Warmer” will offer a warm space and a warm welcome, with an opportunity to buy a mug of soup for £1.00, and a cup of tea or coffee for 50p

The Hall will be open from 12:30pm to 2:30pm on

Thursday 9th November

Thursday 16th November

Thursday 23rd November

There is no Winter Warmer on 30th November

Thursday 7th December

Thursday 14th December

Thursday 21st December