



Autumn Term Newsletter No.9 (15.11.19)

It has been an eventful and exciting week. We started on Monday with an assembly to reflect on remembrance and to launch our anti-bullying week. At 11.00am the school fell silent after morning play to remember those who had sacrificed themselves so that we can enjoy the privileges our country offers. The student council attended a short service at the cenotaph in St Marychurch and laid a wreath along with other schools, organisations and individuals.

On Monday and Tuesday, children in Years 5 and 6 took part in two workshops: cyber-safety and positive relationships thanks to the charity, *Bullies Out*. A big part of our work in school is about developing positive relationships. If we get this right, a lot of the rest more easily falls into place. Bullying is rare while falling out with each other / conflict is more common. When either of these happen we look at how we can best reflect on what has happened and how to fix any issues. We support children to think about the impact of their actions and words as they often don't realise the effect they have. We look at the support we can put in for all parties involved so they learn new skills for the future. I was able to share some of this important work with Radio Devon who featured us on their day-time show. *Bullies Out* are back in a couple of weeks to work with children in Reception to Year 4.

On Tuesday we raised just over £100 for *Bullies Out* by wearing odd socks to remind us to celebrate differences; to be curious about each other and to not use someone's difference as a reason to be mean. Thank you for your donations.

On Wednesday Mrs Pike and I attended a fascinating conference on behaviour management which helped reinforce a lot of the good work we do as well as provide us with fresh ideas. I thought I'd share this interesting quote with you from Joe Bower which captures the essence of our work: **"Doing well is always more desirable than not doing well so when a child is not doing well it is likely that their environment is demanding skills they are lagging."** Children often misbehave when they are not engaged. Getting that engagement and investment into school and their wider life is so important, especially when they have any type of learning difficulty. I learnt that 60% of the prison population has a reading age of less than or equivalent to a 5 year old (Herrington, 2005). At our staff meeting on Thursday, we discussed our responsibility to get the learning and education right for all our pupils.

Our school values play a big part in helping our pupils invest in school life and education. This was really evident on Thursday afternoon when I showed a group of potential new parents round. At the end of the tour, they were unanimous in saying they didn't need to look at other schools now. In all the classes, our pupils were all engaged in their learning. In Reception and Year 1 they were busy at a range of self-selected and adult-led activities. In Year 2 we were treated to a song from the upcoming Nativity. In Year 3 there was drama in one class and quiet maths in another. In Year 4 children were in their *calm me* reflection time as part of PSHE. In Year 5 it was all IT and creative box building geography. In Year 6, they were heads down creatively writing.

We finished the week today in non-uniform to raise money for Children in Need—an important part of our own mental health is doing things for others. Thank you all again for your donations.

Exciting News!

Congratulations to Mr Tullier and his wife who had a baby boy last weekend. Mr Tullier has already been nominated for the *Best Dad Award* and we all feel sure he's going to win the top prize at the awards ceremony for *Dynamic Dads UK*. Thank you to Mr Clements who is standing in for Mr Tullier this week and next while Mr Tullier hones his dad skills.

More Maths Tips and Puzzles

Check out the [Maths Blog](#) for more of Miss Wooldridge's tips and puzzles. In the November page you can find two new puzzles and an excellent new page of top tips for parents.

Local History Project Homework Fair

The local history project homework fair is fast approaching on Wednesday 27th November. For more information, [please follow this link](#).

Token Collection for Collins Big Cat Reading Programme

If you are a reader of The Sun or know someone who is, we'd really like your help. We're aiming to collect 3500 tokens which are printed in The Sun every day starting from Saturday 23.11.19 and running until Saturday 18.1.20. If we reach our target we have a chance to claim a whole school reading scheme from Collins called *The Big Cat Reading Programme*. This would really help boost our reading collection so if you think you can help please do collect those tokens and send them in.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices



Suitable for younger readers: *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown

Suitable for older readers: *The Longest Night of Charlie Noon* by Christopher Edge



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Cherry Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **98.7%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **95.4% last week**



Stars of the Week

Beech	Isabella - you have embraced all aspects of our learning this week. Your efforts in writing have been truly Aspirational! Keep it up!
Pine	Edith shows our school value of kindness all the time. This week she has been especially supportive to others in the class when they have felt worried or upset.
Oak	Lewis - for a great change in attitude towards his writing and for always showing kindness to others, well done Lewis!
Apple	Poppy C - for always showing kindness to others whether they are children or adults, her kindness knows no limits - thank you Poppy an excellent quality to have.
Birch	Brooke- For being SO aspirational in your maths learning this week. You have taken the responsibility to learn new methods and your resilience has resulted in success! Keep up the hard work :)
Rowan	Adam—For showing fantastic kindness and respect throughout the week. He has also shown great aspiration to complete work to the highest standard.
Cherry	Logan is always kind and has been particularly responsible this week in supporting others in Cherry class. What a wonderful friend you are.
Maple	Cherry always shows tremendous kindness; she has been helping another child this week to do something they were struggling to do. Well done, Cherry!
Willow	Daniel has approached his learning, especially his Writing, with a fantastic attitude this week. He should be very proud of what he has independently achieved!
Holly	Joseph - For his brilliant attitude in class. He always contributes to discussions and tries his best. Well done!
Hazel	Lexie is thoughtful, caring and considerate to everybody at all times. She is such a supportive friend and has a positive, encouraging outlook - always looking on the bright side. We are so lucky to have you in Hazel Class!
Hawthorn	Matthew has continued to show all of the core values- he is kind and respectful to everyone; he always works responsibly, and his fantastic writing this week reflects his aspirational attitude.

Diary Dates

Wed 27.11.19	Local History homework project competition —please bring entries in on this day. More information can be found under 'homework' under 'curriculum information' on the website.
Thur 28.11.19	PTA Crazy Hair Day in aid of Elfridges—bring in a gift
Tue 3.12.19	KS1 Nativity at the Princess Theatre
Fri 6.12.19	Christmas school dinner day—yum! Plus, <i>Wear a Christmas Jumper Day</i> —in aid of <i>Save the Children</i> —suggested donation of £1 PTA Christmas Fair after school
Tue 17.12.19	6.00pm KS2 Carol Concert at Upton Vale Baptist Church

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION