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Autumn Term 2 Value : Personal Success with Humility



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Message from the Head

Welcome back to school! It is good to see everyone returning refreshed and ready for the run up to Christmas, as well as immediately adhering to all the Covid rules and regulations.

Yesterday we had a visit by an inspector from the HSE (Health & Safety Executive) to check on how the school is managing procedures during Covid. Our Risk Assessment was highly commended as one of the best viewed and, after discussions and a tour of the school, we were praised for our planning and for all the strategies put in place to keep us safe and well. I must thank all the staff who have been vigilant throughout this pandemic.

Primary Leadership Team

As part of UK Parliament Week our classes have elected their class representatives, apart from Tiddlers and Minnows where they contribute as one whole class. These children will work within their class bubbles to think of ways to improve school and will report back to myself. One of the key projects this year will be to get the children's input for further redevelopment of the reflection area, through a grant application and fundraising. Our PLT members are :

Sticklebacks

Olivia K-M and Poppy D

Seahorses

Elexa S and Rupert R

Stingrays

Mia S and Rory K

Sharks

Lucy E and Kyra P

Class News

The **Tiddlers** and **Minnows** have settled back to school really well and we have loved hearing about all the exciting things they did over half term. They have been learning about Bonfire night and the different ways people celebrate it, and they had great fun creating firework pictures in the art area. This week the Super Sentence writers in Minnows are Elizabeth C and Saffron M-C. An excellent first week back to school!



Sticklebacks have been listening to a new text called The Secret Sky Garden and thinking about the characters and how they feel. There is a version on Youtube if you want to have a look with your child at home. They have been working really hard on their Super Sentences every morning and then remembering to use what they've learnt in their other writing. Our Super Sentence Writers this week, and the children who get to wear a cape all day today, are William A and Amelie M. In PE, we took part in a yoga session which we really enjoyed.



This week the **Seahorses** have been writing letters to the elderly people in Fewcott House, in the hope that these will cheer them up during the second lockdown. They have also been competing in a virtual athletics competition and, in Maths, subtracting 3-digit numbers using the column method and a number line.

The children in **Stingrays** have settled back into school really well this week, showing great determination when they started their hockey unit in PE in Monday. The heavens opened on them but they still wanted to go back out for more! They have been using the picture book 'Beegu' to develop their writing skills and wrote some lovely descriptions of the little yellow creature. It was also great to see so many of them take part in the PLT elections. Well done to those elected but a special well done to those who were not successful for being so mature.

This week **Sharks** have been preparing for Remembrance Day by studying poems written by great WW1 poets like John McCrae, Rupert Brooke and Siegfried Sassoon. Using these poems as primary sources of information, they have been finding out what the experience of war was like for the soldiers, nurses and their families. They have also started reading Michael Foreman's book, *War Game*, and have learnt how recruitment posters encouraged lots of men to sign up for the army, only to discover that the mud they encountered in the trenches wasn't adventure they had been hoping for.....



Child of the Week

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| <i>Tiddlers</i> | Thomas A |
| <i>Minnows</i> | Reid C |
| <i>Sticklebacks</i> | Elliott S and Esme B |
| <i>Seahorses</i> | Harrison T and Darcy M |
| <i>Stingrays</i> | James H and Maddison R |
| <i>Sharks</i> | Florian R and Jake S |



Family Groups Winner : **Phoenix**

Weekly Attendance : **Seahorses**

Young Minds #HelloYellow Day

Thank you to all those who paid their £1 to support Young Minds, a charity supporting the mental health and emotional wellbeing of children. We raised £188.08, for which they are very grateful.



Remembrance Day & Poppies

On Monday and Tuesday next week we will again be selling the poppy wristbands, rulers, pencils, pencil sharpeners and erasers to raise money for The Royal British Legion. All items are priced between 50p and £1.50 so if your child missed out or would like to purchase something more, please send them in with coins on those days.

On Wednesday 11th November at 11.00am we will be holding our 2-minute silence to honour those who served and were killed in the wars.



The Children in Need appeal takes place next Friday 13th November and this will be a **non-uniform day** for the children.

To donate your £1 (per child) please click on the following link, which will take you to your ParentPay account :

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=1360>

Thank you all for your generosity towards this and other causes we have recently been asked to support.

St Olave's Church Fundraiser

There is still time to enter the modelling and colouring competition being run by St Olave's church; now that so many children's activities are on hold it would be good to get them creative colouring and building the church out of the card provided, for only £2.00!

Please contact Janet Britton on jybritton@btinternet.com or ask Julie in the office for more details.

Life Education Bus

Today the classes in both the Lower and Upper School had an online visit from the 'Life Education Bus', which uses SCARF (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship) resources to engage with the children. They explored their emotional and mental well-being through a variety of meaningful activities which were enjoyed by all.

We all hope that you have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Jon Hart
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

Fri 13th November

Non-School Uniform Day for Children in Need

Mon 16th – Fri 20th November

Anti Bullying Week

Fri 27th November

Non-School Uniform Day for Secret Present Rooms

Sat 28th & Sun 29th November

FoFS Virtual Christmas Craft Fayre and Raffle

Tues 1st December

Decorating and Christmas Jumper Day

Fri 4th December

Secret Present Rooms Day

Wed 16th December

School Christmas Dinner