

NEWSLETTER 25.11.2022

Week 11

Dear Parents & Carers,

This time last week we all had crazy hair, yet today seemed a lot crazier!

Christmas definitely arrived in Little Hadham today, for a moment, I thought it was the 25th of December-not November! What a fabulous bazaar, I am sure they get better each year. I would like to begin by saying an enormous thank you to everybody who worked so hard to organise the Christmas Bazaar this afternoon, a brave task to take on, thank you to all those parents, carers and teachers who helped pull it together- the atmosphere was delightful. I do believe that it's these supportive events which make Little Hadham Primary so different from any other school and helps create that wonderful sense of community. The children will cherish these memories!

It is great to see everyone together and to have whole families and so many past pupils pop in to support us too and want to come back!

Once again, I would like to give a special thank you to the Friends and Mr and Mrs Claus spent hours setting up a magical Santa's Grotto and also donated the gifts for the children, we are so lucky to have our very own real Santa!

As the weather continues to become more wintry, please ensure that your child has a coat that is named. If you take a few minutes of time to name items of clothing, you will stand much more chance of being reunited with them should they become lost!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Sínead Connolly, Headteacher

And The Beat Goes On...!



Huge round of applause goes to Ruben and Ben who entertained us with their very different guitar skills. Assembly has become even more fun with all these musicians so willing to play for us. We were all so impressed with their ability to perform the guitar, sing and smile- what talent we have here!



Diary Dates

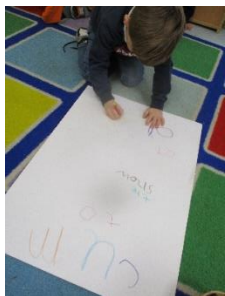
- 01/12/22 EYFS Learning Together Morning: at 8.45-9.10**
- 9/12/22 Christmas Jumper day bring a £1**
- 12/12/22 Humanities Table Quiz-Key Stage 2**
- 13/12/22 Ice Skating Willow Class**
- 14/12/22 Beech Class performance 6pm CORRECTION FROM LAST LETTER**
- 15/12/22 Pantomime whole school**
- 16/12/22 Golden Morning**
- 16/12/22 EYFS "Christmas Concert" at 2.30-3.**
- 19/12/22 Little Hadham's Got Talent**
- 20/12/22 Christmas Lunch**
- 21/12/22 End of Term 1pm**

Christmas FOODBANK Collection

Following on from our Harvest foodbank collection, we are now starting our Christmas Foodbank donations – if you could provide any Christmas dry goods or a selection box, this will make a big difference to the people of Bishop's Stortford who are struggling. It is a good time to remind ourselves and our children the importance of sharing what we have and giving can be as rewarding as receiving. The last day for donations will be Friday 16th of December. Thank you.

News from the classes...

In Early Years, we have been enjoying getting muddy in all the rain outside! Luckily, there have been breaks in the wet weather, which allowed us to put up our bird feeders that we have been making. We have also been busy preparing for our upcoming Christmas Concert! As well as learning our songs, we have also



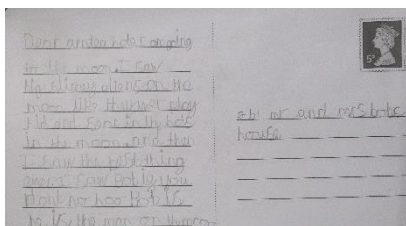
been making posters and invitations for our grown ups. The children have really blown us away with their writing and mark making for their invitations!



We have been working hard in maths over the last couple of weeks too, learning all about the composition of three and being shape detectives, spotting circles and triangles in our environment. This shape investigation carried on into our choosing time, where we enjoyed seeing what we could make out of triangles and circles.



In Beech class we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children have been describing properties of 2D shapes, and we have been going on shape hunts, making shapes and even making shapes out of humans! The Year 1 children have been looking at repeating shape patterns and the Year 2 children have been looking at completing shapes using symmetry.



In our English lessons we received a special parcel from Bob, the man on the moon! We received a book and a letter. We learnt so much about Bob that it inspired us to learn lots of facts about the moon and space. We decided we wanted to be space tourists and we wrote a postcard to our friends and family describing our trip to

the moon. We then invented our own planet where you can find all sorts of exciting things: craters filled with ants, toy room, volcanoes shooting Smarties and lava waterfalls! We have planned our own adventures on a story map.



In R.E the children have been learning about the celebration of Diwali. They have made their very own diya lamp. They have been exploring rangoli patterns and have used these ideas for when decorating their diya lamp.



Lime class have been enjoying the story of Jemmy Button, a boy from Tierra Del Fuego who met Charles Darwin! They are currently writing his biography.

In science they have found out all about the functions of roots, leaves and flowers and are starting to understand how plants are pollinated.

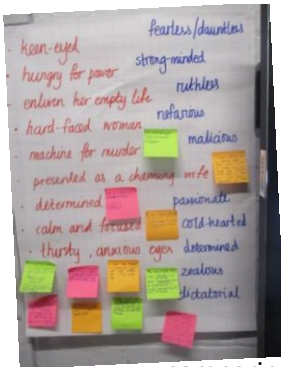


They have learned about the Andes mountain range in Geography and have discovered which South American countries have the largest and smallest populations. In computing they have loved using ipads to research the rainforest.

PHSE has been all about celebrating differences and similarities and discussing what helps people to work together. The children have been enjoying their multiplication and division in maths and have been using vocabulary such as multiple and commutative to describe their calculations.



Maple Class started anti-bullying week looking at poetry. We had lots of fun thinking of ambitious words and length of lines for effect on the reader and then we wrote our own versions in the same style as, 'The Bully Asleep'.



This week we focused on how mean and nasty Lady Macbeth is and really enjoyed pretending to be her and describing her motives and actions. Mrs Sassis and I were blown away with some of the language used, 'zealous and nefarious!'

In maths they were back challenging themselves dividing so many digits, but it didn't seem to stop them- what resilience they have.

We are studying Settlements in our geography lessons and this week we have been thinking and learning about what settlers might need and then looking at our town and

comparing it to another in England. They really loved looking at aerial photographs of where they live, and picking out key buildings and features.

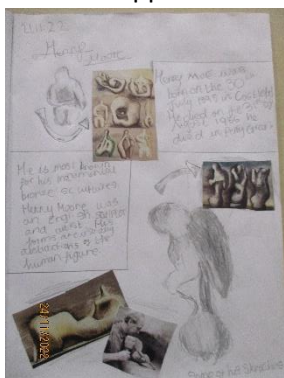
As you can see in D&T their sewing skills are improving and that lovely hum of concentration was in the air- excellent work Maple Class!



In Willow Class, we have been sharing poetry from the First World War in our English lessons. We have examined different literary devices including personification, alliteration, the use of repetition and onomatopoeia. Inspired by the WWI poets John McCrae, Wilfred Owen and Isaac Rosenberg, we collected powerful vocabulary and composed our own war poems.

Continuing the theme of remembrance, in our Art lesson we read John McCrae's well-known poem 'In Flanders Fields' and created our own artwork of remembrance. The individual pieces are rather beautiful and poignant.

Science or magic? The power of refraction! In Science, we learnt that refraction is when a light wave changes direction as it moves from one transparent material to another. We had fun using our new knowledge to watch pencils appear to bend and break in water and watch arrows appear to change direction when placed behind a glass of water! We also learnt that a good use of refraction is making jewels and diamonds appear super sparkly!



Est-ce que tu aimes le français? Oui, j'adore le français parce que c'est facile! In our French lesson we practised writing about the subjects we learn at school, adding connectives and adjectives to our sentences. Bon travail tout la monde!

In our Art lesson, we have begun learning about Henry Moore, sculptor and official war artist during World War 2. We learnt about his lumpy, bumpy and holey sculptures as well as his sketches of the London Underground during World War II, when the tube stations were used as bomb shelters. And, of course, how lucky we are that much of his work is right on our doorstep in Perry Green!

Anti-Bullying Week

Little Hadham supported Anti-Bullying Week: Reach Out. We started the week with an assembly on Monday and the children participated in a week of activities to raise awareness. We wore odd socks on Monday 14th November to celebrate how individual and unique we all are. In a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, reaching out can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. The aim this year is to empower young people to do something positive to counter harm and hurt that bullying causes. Let's remember to work together and to lift someone's day, week, month or even their year!



Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree...

Little elves disguised as our school captains helped decorate the tree this week. There was lots of talk about pulling out decorations at home of all the things they and their sibling have made in primary school- I do hope you purchased your child's decoration at the Bazaar, otherwise you may be on the naughty list! However, as we are so nice, and always on the good list, you can still purchase them next week!



TT Rockstar Battle of the KS2 Classes is ready to start!

It's time for the battle to commence in Lime, Maple and Willow and there are prizes on offer!

The TT Rockstar Battle of the Classes will start on Monday 28th of December and will run until Friday 16th of December 2022!

Children are to take part in the battle at home; it's amazing what ten minutes a day will do to enhance their times tables and their speed!

The prize for the highest percentage of participation from a class is a £50.00 voucher from Amazon for their class. And last but not least, there will be a £10 voucher for the child in each class who gets the highest percentage. Come on children get playing- we do love a competition!



Another Shout Out to Caden, who played some fabulous Christmas tunes throughout our Bazaar adding to the atmosphere. And so lovely to hear how you inspired so many to learn to play an instrument- well done and thanks for raising money for us too!

And finally a shout out to Mrs Battle for all your tremendous hard work over the last few weeks to make today so magical. It was brilliant and the children had a ball!!

