



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have experienced some very exciting events in school, so far this term. Each year group has commented on how much they are enjoying their current science topic by having the opportunity to explore, investigate and apply their understanding.

Last week was anti-bullying week - and so each year group was given the opportunity to discuss and research different types of bullying.

Thank you to Rebecca Elliott for organising a wonderful coffee morning in aid of Macmillan. We very much appreciated parents and pupils supporting this, as well as contributing to our Pudsey Bear cake sale. Thank you to all parents who attended our assessment afternoon. We really appreciate your continued support and were very grateful to hear all of your wonderful feedback about pupils learning and achievement.

Remembrance Day

Last week, all of the children across school made poppy wreaths and thought about how and why we use the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Each class came up with a creative way to make their poppies. During assembly on Friday 10th November, each class shared their wreaths and their wishes for the world. Some of the wishes were:

- We wish the countries in the world would not cause any harm to each other (Year 6)
- We wish everyone in the world were friends (Year 1)
- We wish that fighting would stop (Year 4)
- We wish there was no more war (Year 3)
- Our wish is that people talk in order to solve problems (Year 5)

A minute's silence was held at the end of assembly where the children thought about the sacrifices people have made in war which allow us to enjoy the freedoms we have today. We also discussed how many of these freedoms encompass of our British Values.

Science

This half term, every class has a science focus to their learning. The children have already been busy thinking about questions which they wish to investigate. The overall topic question for each year group and the pupil who thought of the question is listed below:

How do different groups of animals use their senses to survive?
Zaid Y1

What material can you make a house out of?
Year2

What would the world look like if there were no plants?
Janna Y3

Does every country or community speak in words?
Efrata Y4

Is the solubility of a material quicker in water than in other liquids?
Year 5

How have habitats, evolution and inheritance made species unique?
Year 6

Rugby

On Friday 17th November, 8 pupils from year 5 took part in a tag rugby tournament at Nottingham High School. This is something that the school has been doing for a several and pupils were very much looking forward to having an opportunity to participate.

Although we have already experienced tag rugby P.E. lessons, for us, this was the first time we had played in an actual match. Throughout the event, we quickly learnt the importance of playing as a team. This helped us to improve our performances.

Despite not winning the competition, we really enjoyed the occasion and look forward to playing in it again!

Don (Y5)

Maths Challenge

Can you order the digits 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 to make a number which is divisible by 5?

And when the final digit is removed it becomes a four-digit number which is divisible by 4.

And when the final digit is removed it becomes a three-digit number which is divisible by 3.

And when the final digit is removed again it becomes a two-digit number divisible by 2, then finally a one-digit number divisible by 1? What happens if the number has the digits 1-6? Is there a system?

Year 1 Trip to Wollaton Park

On Friday 17th November year one attended a 'Features of Creatures' workshop at Wollaton Hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing and touching all of the stuffed animals. We learnt about the six animal groups and have continued to explore these in the classroom. The children are beginning to group classify animals in different ways and have been developing their scientific enquiry skills. A great day, enjoyed by all!

Tree Planting

Children from year 5 and year 6 have the opportunity to attend a tree planting session, learning how to plant and care for our new trees around the playground perimeter on 4th December 2017. Following this session we would like to ask for parent volunteers to help continue the planting of these trees after school on 4th December. Please could you let the school office know if you would like to help.

Children in Need

We had a great time in school last week fundraising for Children in Need. We held a bake sale and children came to school dressed in spots! Well done to everyone who contributed; we raised a massive £261.25p.

Canning Christmas Lights Switch On

Thursday 30th November 2017 4pm—5.30pm

Please join us for this free event:

Meet Santa Claus

Christmas carols around the tree

Contemporary Tree—lights switch on, mince pies and cakes.

For further info please call 0115 883 8469.



Headteacher's Award:



Swans:	Olivia	For excellent phonic application.
	Daniel	For great imagination when planning his potion.
Yr 1:	Abdul	For the fantastic progress that he has made with his handwriting.
	Angel	For being more focused and determined to learn.
Yr 2:	Deshayah	For excellent work in all areas and for settling into her new class well.
	Hammam	For great work in English, working on his writing.
Yr 3:	Jaafar	For persevering with new methods of multiplication in maths, using his resilience to understand the method and applying this to solve problems.
	Sarah	For trying really hard in all aspects of school, but especially in topic and PE.
Yr 4:	Alfie	For applying all the strategies he has been taught to his writing.
	Millie	For improved focus and effort in maths which is paying off.
Yr 5:	Yousif	For putting a lot of effort into solving his maths problems this week.
	Yasameen	For working hard to apply a variety of sentence structures into her writing.
Yr 6:	Destiny	For displaying excellent sporting prowess at the basketball tournament.
	Umarah	For showing personal responsibility in ensuring the Edna Leader is completed.

Very kind regards

Mrs Pemberton
Headteacher