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Friday 12th November 2021
 Issue 10

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A MESSAGE FROM MR LAVIN

Happy Friday! I hope you all have a lovely week. It has been a brilliant week in school this week. Myself and Mr Marley have been visiting all Key Stage 2 classes this week to see the amazing work children have been doing. You should be very proud of your children - they are working so hard in class and are making really good progress. Next week, we will visit all Key Stage 1 classrooms and our Early Years. We are really looking forward to seeing their fantastic work!

Playground

This week Phase One of 'Project Playground' has started. Children have been very excited to see the building work begin and I just know they are going to love the final result! Fingers crossed it should be completed by the end of next week. Exciting times!!

Remembrance

Children observed beautifully a minutes silence yesterday and had some time to reflect on those who lost their lives during the war. As always, children were very respectful.

Next week...

Next week is Anti-Bullying week. On Monday, children are invited to wear odd socks for 'Odd Sock Day'.



In classes throughout the week, children will be using picture books to focus on diversity. We will share with you some of their work next week. On Friday 19th November, we will be holding our annual 'Show Racism the Red Card Day' and invite children to wear something red and donate £1.00 to the charity. Donations can be handed to class teacher's on the day.

Enjoy your weekend, *Mr Lavin Deputy Headteacher*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

15/11/21	Anti-Bullying Week
15/11/21	Odd Socks Day
18/11/21	Upper KS2 Classes Mass
19/11/21	Wear Red to Show Racism the Red Card
23/11/21	R-Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccine
25/11/21	KS1 Classes Mass
25/11/21	Y6 Safety Squad in school
01/12/21	Y4 Retreat in school
02/12/21	Upper KS2 Classes Mass
02/12/21	Y1 Vision Test
17/12/21	Christmas Holidays at 1:30pm

Snacks:

We are noticing an increasing number of children coming into school with chocolate, crisps and sweets for their snacks. As we are a healthy school children should have a healthy snack: fruit, rice cakes, cereal bars etc. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Cornerstones' Harvest Appeal 2021

For many years St Stephen's have supported Cornerstone's Harvest Appeals. This year we are again kindly asking for donations to support the work done undertaken at Cornerstone.

More information regarding the Harvest Appeal can be found using the following link:

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/harvest-festival-appeal-2021/>

We are kindly asking for donations to be spread over the next three weeks:

Week One- 12/11/2021

Tinned items- for example- tins of vegetables, sauces, baked beans, soup, chickpeas, custard, rice pudding etc.

Week Two- 19/11/2021

Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Long life Milk

Week Three- 26/11/2021

Toiletries- Toilet paper, sanitary products, toothpaste, toothbrushes

If you would like to donate, your child can pass the donation to their class teacher or you can drop off any items to the school office.

Thank you in advance for supporting this year's Harvest Appeal.

Proverbs 22:9 The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

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Hot Chocolate Friday Winners



Nursery	Poppy&Gabriella
RKF	Elijah
RCL	Freddie
Y1LD	Klayson
Y1JOD	Tamunoboma
Y2SH	Evianna
Y2AL	Daniel
Y3LW	Harrison R
Y3CS/DH	Darcy
Y4DS	Kaitlyn
Y4HB	Olivia
Y5LS	Orla
Y5DM	Leni
Y6HG	Ted
Y6DF	Noah

Readers of the Week



Nursery	Ronnie
RKF	Gabrielle
RCL	Kaiden
Y1LD	Elisha
Y1JOD	Thomas
Y2SH	Estee
Y2AL	Penelope
Y3LW	Delilah
Y3CS/DH	Travis
Y4DS	Carter
Y4HB	Oscar
Y5LS	Lola
Y5DM	Ruby
Y6HG	Stanley
Y6DF	Abigail

Handwriters of the week



Nursery	Octavia
RKF	Roman
RCL	Annie
Y1LD	Tegan
Y1JOD	Olivia
Y2SH	Esme
Y2AL	George
Y3LW	Rosie
Y3CS/DH	Lily May
Y4DS	Tan
Y4HB	Alfie
Y5LS	Louie
Y5DM	Alfie
Y6HG	Emelia
Y6DF	Georgie



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Mathematicians of the Week		Sports Stars of the Week	
Nursery	Myla	Nursery	Luke
RKF	Niall	RKF	Roman
RCL	Kingsley	RCL	Evelyn
Y1LD	Riley	Y1LD	Adora
Y1J00	Luna & Grace	Y1J00	Brooke
Y2SH	Charlie	Y2SH	Evianna
Y2AL	Serenity	Y2AL	Noah V
Y3LW	Lyla	Y3LW	Aoife
Y3CS/DH	Beau	Y3CS/DH	Nico
Y4DS	Teddy	Y4DS	Alana
Y4HB	India	Y4HB	Ethan
Y5LS	Bonnie	Y5LS	Irewole
Y5DM	Elijah	Y5DM	Ronan
Y6HG	Kai	Y6HG	Callum
Y6DF	Luka	Y6DF	Lexie

House Points

Blue
4981



Red
4160

Yellow
4555



Green
4886

Totals So Far!

Blue 43,514
 Green 46,245
 Red 41,504
 Yellow 37,878



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Attendance

Whole School	95.6%
Nursery AM	82.5%
Nursery Full Day	95%
RKF	98.3%
RCL	88.8%
Y1LD	96.4%
Y1J'OD	93.1%
Y2AL	96.3%
Y2SH	94.4%
Y3LW	99.6%
Y3CS/DH	95.8%
Y4DS	96.6%
Y4HB	95.6%
Y5DM	94.2%
Y5LS	96.1%
Y6HG	96.2%
Y6DF	97.5%



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance Challenge!

If you are in school everyday this Half term then your name will be entered into a draw for a very special prize!

100%

Good Luck!



St Stephen's Attendance League

St Stephen's Attendance League EYFS & KS1			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: 2AL	13	4th: 2SH	7
2nd: 1JO'D	10	5th: NurFD	3
3rd: RKF	8	5th: RCL	3
3rd: 1LD	8		
4th: NurAM	7		

St Stephen's Attendance League KS2			
Position	Total Points	Position	Total Points
1st: Y6DF	18	5th: Y4HB	2
2nd: Y3CS/DS	11	5th: Y5LS	2
2nd: Y3LW	11	6th: Y5DM	1
3rd: Y4DS	8		
4th: Y6HG	4		

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Religious Education

Sacramental Programme 2021-2022 Year 4 Children

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

As you may be aware, this is the year your child is to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Father Wilson warmly invites you to a **parents** meeting regarding the Sacramental Programme on **Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm**. This meeting will take place in Church. Due to Covid regulations in place at Church, face masks are to be worn unless exempt. We thank you in advance for this.

If you are unable to make the meeting, please contact Father Wilson directly either after Mass or via telephone: 0161 370 1505

Saturday Vigil : 5.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am
Parish Priest: Father B. Wilson

A Prayer for Remembrance



Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have
gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Our Fantastic Learning!

Nursery

What a lovely week of learning we have had. This week we have been looking at Remembrance. We have been busy learning about the past, poppies and about all soldiers, and people who died to help us. We have been busy making poppies, poppy wreaths and poppy paintings.

We have looked at the story of the enormous turnip this week. We have been looking in maths at how to put things in order and looking at who came first, second and last.

We had our forest school session with Mrs Artingstall, where we had to find Harry the Hedgehog again as he had disappeared, and we helped to put water out around our hedgehog shelter for them to have a drink.

We had lots of fun in our PE and Bike-ability session too.

Reception

This week we have talked about the poppy and what it represents. The children have listened with great interest and have expressed their understanding through talk, drawing and painting.

In literacy we have explored the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We are excited about creating the bears cottage in our role play area.

We have had an amazing week! The children have been exploring and investigating the properties of clay. This generated lots of talk and some amazing vocabulary!



Year 1

Another fabulous week of learning. Our highlights were:-

- Writing letter to cheer up Gerald the giraffe when he was sad.
- Acting out the jungle dance part of the story. Our dancing was amazing!
 - Applying our maths skills with Sam's snack shop.
 - Learning about Moses and retelling the story.
- Exploring the number 8, making part/whole models with different objects.
- Exploring the season of Autumn and making an amazing Autumn tree.
 - Tasting lots of different things and describing the taste.
 - Lots of amazing stories and songs.

Remember to practise your reading every day at home. Sharing stories is important too, especially at bedtime.

Question: What was your favourite taste? Who in your family likes Marmite?
Can you describe the taste of some foods you have at home?

Year 2

Year 2 have been very mature in paying their respects to Remembrance Day and they were extremely sensible during the 2 minute silence. During World War 1 week, we completed a whole class art project by decorating a purple poppy to commemorate the animals that served in the war and filling outlines of a dog and a horse using these. They presented their World War 1 work during assembly and we were so impressed with their confidence. In Maths, we have been developing our fluency in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and using arrays to support us with this. In English, we have been continuing to read 'I Want My Hat Back' and we have generated questions and began to use co-ordinating conjunctions to extend our sentences. In R.E, we have shared our experiences of Baptism and thought about which signs and symbols might be used during this sacrament.

Question - Tell me 3 co-ordinating conjunctions that you have learnt this week.



Year 3

We have begun our unit of work on Promises in RE this week. We explored the promises made by parents and godparents during Baptism, as well as the symbolism of white garments, Chrism oil and water. We also discussed clubs we attend outside of school, the rules we have to follow, the importance of those rules and the promises we make to the clubs we attend. On Thursday, Remembrance Day, we attended Church with year 4, where we remembered the sacrifices of our armed forces, both past and present.

In English, we have been working on compound and complex sentences, using both coordinating and subordinating conjunctions to add detail to our writing. On Friday, we applied our learning to an informal letter from Laszlo to the Dark. In Maths, we have been using number lines to add and subtract a 1 digit number to and from a 3 digit number respectively, crossing the tens and hundreds boundary. We also applied our understanding to word problems and reasoning tasks. Finally, in Science, we investigated the purpose of our bones e.g. for support, movement or protection and labelled our own skeleton. We are looking forward to increasing our understanding of diversity next week. **Question - What do the letters in the acronym 'A White Bus' represent?**

Year 4

On Monday, in our assembly we enjoyed hearing about the work that Year 3 had done on World War I. We also presented some of our diary recounts about the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand from the point of view of his bodyguard. It was great to see the pride the children take in their work.

This week Year 4 also enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day, why we celebrate it and where it originated. We researched our own family stories of relatives who had been in wars. It was very interesting to hear about all the brave people who served their country in different ways. Children brought photos, written documents and information about family members. To keep them in our thoughts we wrote prayers for them and prayed for them at mass on Remembrance Day.

Question: Why is the poppy a symbol of remembering soldiers?



Year 5

In Year 5 this week we have continued to read and analyse the story 'Room 13' in our English lessons. We have summarised chapters and written an emotive diary entry as the main character. In Math, we have now moved on to our new unit of 'Subtraction'. We have begun our new RE unit which is focused on the theme of 'life choices', and this week we have looked at what characteristics we look for when choosing a new friend. In D&T, we have researched recipes for making our own pasta sauces and we will be making these sauces next week. It has been a busy yet very enjoyable week.

Year 6

We've had another busy week in Year 6 this week! We have loved having Mr Marley and Mr Lavin visit some of our lessons this week and showing them our fantastic work.

This week, we have began our new text in English- 'Wonder'. We have explored the meaning of the word 'wonder' and why the author was inspired to write the book. In Maths, we have continued our work on factors. It is really important that the children in Year 6 know their times tables at speed and we are asking the children to access 'Times Table Rockstars' three times a week as part of their weekly homework.

In Science, we concluded our unit, living things and their habitats, by classifying microorganisms.

We are looking forward to continuing our work on Wonder next week. This will link in beautifully with Anti Bullying week. We will also be starting our new Geography unit comparing Manchester and Toulouse.

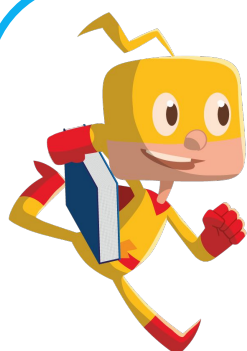
Question: Why was R.J. Palacio inspired to write wonder?
Ask your child to tell you the joke about the fungi!



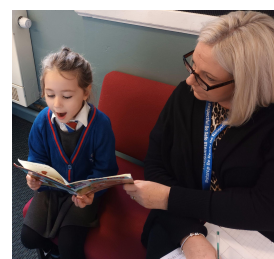
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THIS WEEK IN PICTURES



It's been another remarkable week!
Here's some photographs to show
some of the wonderful learning
experiences...



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