

Friday 13th November 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,
Thank you to everyone for supporting our contribution to this year's **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal**. As well as collecting donations and wearing our Poppies, we are particularly proud of the mature and moving way that a group of Class 6 led Thursday's Act of Worship. They have set a great example to others, showing deep understanding about the causes and consequences of war, severity of impact and the on-going need for peace. Please take a moment to reflect on some images and words:

We are fortunate to be alive

So many died,

All I can say is, thank goodness we're alive!

But how could we forget those men who had no idea of their Generals' plot?

Those bodies on the battlefield, those bodies we forgot.

We forget the loss of heroic men,

But thanks to them we will never experience such grief and sorrow again.

At least once a year we wear our poppies with pride,

To commemorate the memory of those who died.

We are lucky that they gave such a great sacrifice,

The least we can do is remember their demise. *Jemima*

To finish, a reminder that an important letter was sent out yesterday, regarding a survey for Key Worker families, some suggestions for coping with COVID restrictions and a change to the last day of term. With best wishes, **Miss Minnis**

Remember, Remember

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The 11th of November.

A moments thanks,

For those who fought in planes, ships and tanks.

We remember them with pride,

Those who died.

A nation's thanks for their great care,

And that sense of bravery, uncommonly rare.

They gave us an unpayable debt,

By stopping a mighty threat.

A sacrifice so great,

That it would determine a future's fate.

A moments thought,

For the freedom that they sort.

It was a land of war and violence,

But now they rest in utter silence.

So, remember, remember

The 11th of November.

And shed a tear or two,

For those many men, killed by so few. *Tristan*

Class R

This week, Class R have been exploring the text 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert. They really enjoyed the story and created their own leaf creations in Forest School. Can you have a go at home using leaves you can find outside?



Class 4

Class 4 this term, have started an exciting new topic of States of Matter in Science.

They began by trying to classify and organise several substances according to whether they are solids or liquids. However, the children soon came across some that didn't quite fit the mould... jelly and shaving foam! They discovered that these are called **colloids**, which means their state is hard to determine.



Christian Value Certificates

This week we are pleased to recognise the following for all their endeavours and displaying our school values;

Class 1 (Mrs McLean & Mr Langston)- Jacob for always being **respectfully** towards peers and his work

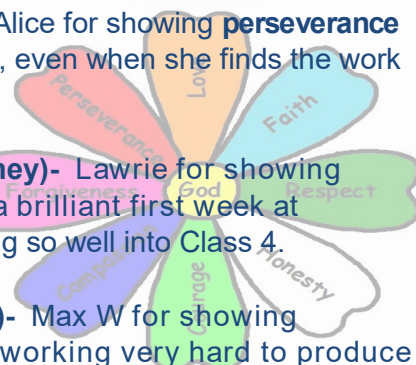
Class 2 (Mrs Robinson & Mrs Wilde)- Isla for always being **respectful** toward her peers.

Class 3 (Mrs Roll) - Alice for showing **perseverance** for always trying hard, even when she finds the work difficult.

Class 4 (Miss Sweeney)- Lawrie for showing **courage** for having a brilliant first week at Chevening and settling so well into Class 4.

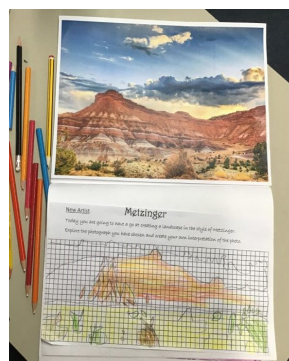
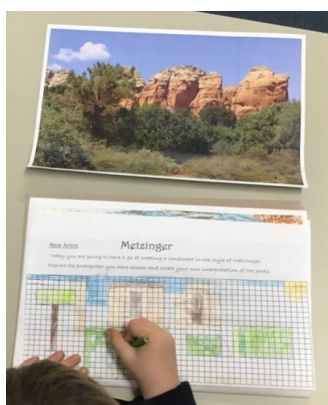
Class 5 (Mr Qureshi)- Max W for showing **perseverance** when working very hard to produce some great Remembrance poetry over the week.

Class 6 (Mrs Edwards)- Tristan for always sharing his opinions, thoughts and questions **honestly** and **respectfully**.



Class 2

Class 2 enjoyed exploring a new artist this week in their art lessons. They had a go at drawing a landscape in the style of French artist, Metzinger.



Stonepitts Christmas Trees

The Christmas season is fast approaching, **Stonepitts Farm** will be selling Christmas Trees from Saturday 21st November until they run out. Orders can be placed in Farm Shop in the yard and also online www.stonepitts.com. As in previous years, Stonepitts will offer a £2 donation to our PTFA fund for every Christmas Tree sold to a parent or member of staff. Please support us if you can **Happy Shopping!!**



Quiz Night News

The PTFA Quiz went really well last Friday and we were joined online by 45 families! Lots of fun was had and we raised a whopping (almost) **£900** with matched giving and a few additional donations made on the night- although we're still awaiting official confirmation from Graham on the final total. Thank you so much to all who took part and donated, and a big thanks you to **Emma P** for all her help in organising on the night. Also thanks to **The Bricklayers Arms** and **Emma's Table** for providing wonderful prizes.



Reminders

Please could parents/carers remember:

- If your **child is unwell** & has **ANY** COVID-19 symptoms, they **cannot** attend school—please seek advice from NHS 111.
- Please ensure you wear face mask when dropping off and collecting you child from school, unless you are exempt .
- The children need **coats and wellies** to school every day
- To **closely supervise** children coming in/going out of school (*unless Class 6 have been authorised to walk home*);
- To order School photos online by **Monday 16th November**

Class Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance ensures that everyone benefits from all that is on offer in school—socially, emotionally and academically, now and into the future. **Punctuality & Attendance have been brilliant—please keep it up!** Attendance and absence are closely monitored each day, so staff notice concerns and successes, even during COVID. The Government have said that absence for reasons linked to COVID Guidance will not impact children's attendance rates. We inform parents/carers of their child's attendance routinely, especially if absence impacts learning.

	Weekly % attendance	Year to date % attendance
Class R	100%	96.39
Class 1	99%	98.1%
Class 2	99.3%	98.7%
Class 3	96.3%	96.3%
Class 4	97.9%	98.4%
Class 5	99.3%	97.9%
Class 6	99.3%	96.3%
Whole school	98.8%	97.6%
Excellent	>97%: celebration of excellent attendance	
Good	95-97%: note of good attendance	
Poor	<95%: alert to poor & worrying attendance	

Road Safety

As the afternoons and evenings grow progressively dark, please ensure your child is safely visible and safely supervised at the end of the day. Class 6 children need to behave responsibly when walking home unsupervised, otherwise the permission will be revoked. The current Lockdown National Restrictions do mean that it is not permitted for groups to meet/ walk home together after school.

NO NEED TO SPEED

Anti-Bullying Week

Next week, 16th-20th November, the whole school will take part in Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is: **United Against Bullying**. To mark the start of the week, we are asking that everyone (children and staff) wear *odd socks* for '**Odd Socks Day**' on **Monday 16th November**, to highlight that each of us is unique. Please support us in this special opportunity!



MP, Laura Trott MBE Letter

Class 6 had some exciting post this week in the form of letters from our MP, Laura Trott MBE. The class had written to Laura about the positive impact the first lockdown had had on the environment and their ideas for how to continue with this success. She wrote each child a personalised letter in response and said to Mrs Edwards that she "really enjoyed your students' views on a whole range of issues. They had some really interesting things to say and I was impressed by their thoughtful

Cool Milk

Every child can receive milk during the school day. This is provided for free for under 5s. If your child is over 5, and you would like them to continue to receive milk in school, then please place an order via the Cool Milk website: www.coolmilk.com

Orders must be placed by 5pm on Tuesdays, for milk to be delivered for the following week.

Key Dates

Date	Event
16 - 20th November	Anti-Bullying Week
16th November	ODD SOCKS DAY
16th November	Nasal flu immunisation
18th December	Last Day of Term; <i>children finish at 1.45pm.</i>
21st December– 1st January	Christmas Holiday
4th January	Inset Day (Staff Only)
5th January	First Day of Term 3 for chil-

These dates may be subject to amendment due to COVID-19.

Worship



This beautiful **Remembrance stone** was painted by Sofia in Class 1, following an online activity from St Botolph's Church. Click the image for more details.

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