

Friday Flyer

Friday 20th November 2020

Head Teacher Update

This week has flown by and we are really getting used to our new building and new surroundings.

One of the big differences for us has been that our school kitchen is on the floor below us which means that our food has to be brought up to our servery area and our cutlery and trays have to be sent down to the kitchen to be cleaned. This has proven to be a logistical challenge for all involved! Thanks to our kitchen staff and lunch time staff who have now mastered an effective approach.

This week we have been able to allow all of our children to access the servery area so Year 1 and Year 3 no longer have to be served at the tables. This has allowed us to have a better flow of children into the dining space at lunchtime and also utilised our playground space in designated areas more effectively. Throughout lunchtimes and playtimes, we are managing to retain the integrity of the social bubbles that the children are in, which is so important to us all.

I hope you have noticed the additional trees that have been planted in and around our site this week. We really are very lucky to have such a beautiful setting for our children to learn and play in.

Have a quiet and safe weekend.

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Thank you to everyone for supporting our Children in Need fundraising. We were so proud of Louisa and her dad Matt for telling their story so movingly on the BBC programme. I think that you'll agree that Louisa was a ray of sunshine on Children in Need.

I am so proud that we raised £566.82. Thank you to everyone for your support.

Christmas Is Coming.....

Like most things in 2020, Christmas in school is going to be very different this year. It is important to us that Christmas is a special and enjoyable time for the children and staff in school. There are some things that we can still do but there will be some things that we can't do to stay in line with our risk assessment.

We will still be having a Christmas dinner in our bubbles on Wednesday 9 December and we invite the children to wear a Christmas jumper on that day too. Please book your child's Christmas dinner on School Grid as soon as possible.



Anti-bullying Week



This week we came to school on Monday in odd socks to launch Anti-bullying Week and to show our individuality. The children have taken part in sessions around the issue of "United against Bullying". This is an important reminder to the children and a key part of our PSHE curriculum. Thank you to Miss Ward for coordinating this across school.

Keeping Everyone Covid Safe

Thank you to everyone for following the guidance around COVID.

Please remember that if a member of your household has a test then the whole household must isolate whilst waiting for the results.

Both locally and nationally there appears to be some general misunderstandings around isolation. If you or a member of your family is asked to isolate, then you or they should not leave the house for the duration of the isolation period.

Where children are asked to isolate then they should not leave the house. It is not enough to keep them off school but continue to go out and about in the community.

It is only by following the guidance carefully that we can keep our community safe. It really is important that we all do our bit as we don't want this to go on any longer than it has to!

Year 1 had a fabulous Children in Need day.

We all looked amazing in our bright colours and we danced along with the strictly stars, found out all about the wonderful work that the charity does and wrote Pudsey acrostic poems. A special thank you to year 1 parents who donated extra money for the children to decorate their own pudsey style biscuit. We had lots of messy fun and they tasted delicious!



Year 2

Year 2 set off to our new habitat area to explore the woodland and to check out our new raised beds. We're going to be very busy planting in the spring!

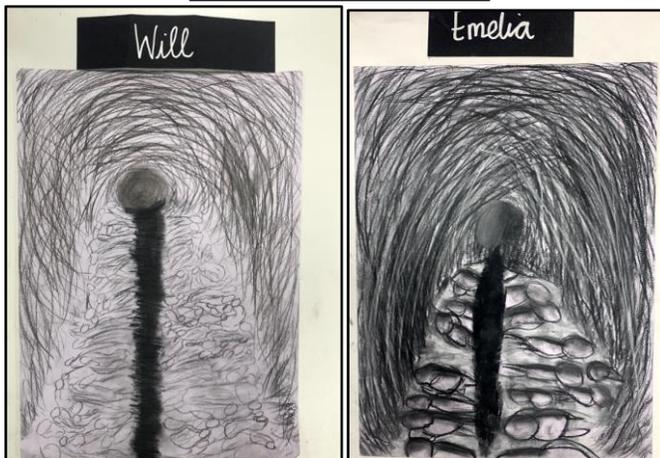


Year 3 have been learning about the Roman Baths.

We recognised that the Roman baths also had saunas, steam rooms and changing rooms which we also still have today. Baths were often very elaborately decorated with mosaics on the floors so we began making our own mosaic pictures.



Year 6 experimented with charcoal to recreate some work by the official war artist of WW2, Henry Moore, focussing on shading techniques and contours. Original and Y6 versions below!



Year 4 discussed events which happened in The Civil Rights Movement and worked together to put these into a timeline, using their prior learning about Ruby Bridges to help them. They really enjoyed learning about how people fought for what they believed in.



The Play Park

Thank you for following our advice to keep out of the play park when it is busy. We are so lucky to have such a good community resource but we must exercise caution when using it at this present time. Signage clearly states that there is a limit of 12 users at any one time and this is even more important now.

If it is busy at school drop off and pick up times why not visit at the weekend when the site is quiet. Ponteland Town Council have provided the play park to benefit the community. They are monitoring its usage at the current time.

Upcoming Dates In Autumn Term

Wed 9 Dec - Christmas lunch

Friday 18 Dec - End of term – school closes at 1.30pm