



Wimbish Primary Academy Newsletter
10th November 2023



Remembrance Assembly

Today we joined together as a school along with Padre Nick Adley from the barracks to reflect on Remembrance. The children behaved superbly, listening carefully and showing respect during the 2 minute silence. We finished our assembly by placing our pennies on our giant poppy. All of the money raised from the poppy sales and the poppy collection today will go to the Royal British Legion.

Thank you for the generous donations you have made to this very worthwhile cause.



Coats and Shoes

With the wet and cold weather very much upon us, please could we ask that children have a suitable coat and shoes in school each day. We have many children wearing plimsols to school which are not waterproof and are getting very wet feet, even though we are not on the field anymore.

School Photos

The children thoroughly enjoyed posing yesterday for their school photographs. The proofs and details of how to order should arrive next week and these will come out to you then.



Reception Phonics Session - 14th November

On Tuesday 14th November Mrs. Harriss will be running a phonics information session for any parents or carers from 9.15am, this will last no longer than half an hour.

Learning in school this week:

Oak Class: In Oak class this week we've continued with our firework led work exploring more descriptive vocabulary with a focus on how we use our senses. We have seen some great writing from our older groups. Focus sounds for some of our younger children have been e and r, whilst trying to identify those everyday words 'I' and 'the'.

We have also been excited to share some of our recommended read books in class and even squeezed in an extra story time as we settle back after lunch so we could enjoy more of them.

Willow Class: This week in Willow, we have all been working hard to get our GL Assessments started. We have also been inquisitive scientists this week, as we have started our new 'Rocks' topic in science. We

have been investigating rocks and semi-precious stones with magnifying glasses to record our findings. Willow class have also been learning how to be a writer this week, and they have all thoroughly enjoyed English lessons with Mrs. Butcher.

Birch Class: In Maths, we have learnt factors and how to find them. We then explored division in maths and making links to how multiplication facts can support us. In Science, we have looked at Living Things and their Habitats- which has provided a forum for discussion before classifying them. Our class have also discussed the meaning of the poppy.

We have also shown a team effort in aiming to meet the Wimbish School rules, Birch have reached 20 marbles meaning they were rewarded. The class chose to bring in their teddy for the day.

Flu Vaccinations

Your child's Annual Flu Vaccination Is Now Due, please click the below link to complete a consent form.

<https://forms.microsoft.com/e/SKUfKZTyKK>

The deadline to complete your child's consent form is **Friday 24th November**. We cannot guarantee any forms submitted after this date will be accepted at the school session.

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and sometimes causes serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family members and friends by preventing the spread of flu.

The vaccine is free and most children have it up their nose (nasal spray) which is quick and painless. **The nasal spray is the most effective vaccine for children**. If you do not wish for your child to receive the spray due to it containing porcine gelatine and would prefer for them to have the injectable vaccine, please contact us on the number provided below.

Since the programme was introduced, most children offered the vaccines in schools have had the immunisation.

If you have any queries, please contact the immunisation team on:

0300 790 0597 – Essex, Southend, Thurrock

Dance Workshop

The children had a fantastic morning learning some new dance moves and routines from Vanessa. We certainly have some fantastic performers.



House Captains

This week we held our second round of elections. This time our Y6 children gave their speeches to all of the children in their house team in the hope of securing votes to become House Captains. We are delighted to announce the following children have been elected as House Captains for the year:

Bramley - Chayce

Jonagold - Edward

Braeburn - Vishrut

Gala - Oscar



Non Uniform Day - Friday 17th November

Children can wear non uniform in exchange for a chocolate donation for FOWS late night shopping stall in Saffron Walden on 1st December. Please ensure all items in date for December 2023, please give your chocolate donation to the office on Friday 17th November.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help run the stall on Friday 1st December 3-9pm, please contact Miss White in the school office.

Cake and catch up - 22nd November

On Wednesday 22nd November at 2pm members of the senior leadership team will be available for a catch up with cake, to discuss anything parents and Careers would like to talk about.

No need to book, this is a drop in session.

Christmas Performance - Oak Class

We are delighted to announce that Oak Class will be putting a short Christmas performance on Friday 15th December at 2.15pm. Parents and Carers of Oak Class are invited to attend. Details of reserving tickets will be made available in the coming weeks. In the meantime - save the date!!

Just a reminder...Autumn Term Reading Homework

Dear Parents/Carers,

Here is the Reading Homework: **Autumn Book Bingo** for this term based on our whole school focus for this year: Reading and more specifically: Reading for Pleasure.

Every child, from Foundation to Year 6, has been given the same homework to make it more manageable for families and also the homework will be differentiated depending on the age of each child and their book choice.

We know that parents/carers and pupils, have different views on homework so you can choose how you want to approach it. Here are some options:

1. Try to read all 9 texts (which can be found in our school library, local library, online potentially and possibly on your own bookshelves at home) and tick each of the 9 boxes
2. Complete option a and complete the questions. Give your answers to Mrs Butcher and they will be displayed in the library.
3. Can you create your own Book Bingo grid and read 9 different books based on WINTER?
4. Create a book review for ONE or more of the 9 books you have read which will be displayed in the library
5. Take photographs as evidence to show you have completed reading these books. For example: a photo of your seasonal treat that you have made after reading and following a recipe
6. Start reading a spooky story and then stop reading, write what you think will happen next in the story and then carry on reading- which ending did you prefer and why?

7. After reading an autumnal poem/s and reciting it/ them, can you create your own autumnal poem after going on an autumnal walk and using all 5 senses ...

Please give all NAMED written work to Mrs Butcher who will display it in the library.

Happy Reading!



Upcoming Dates

Friday 10th November - Lane Academy dance sessions

Friday 10th November - Remembrance Assembly

Tuesday 14th November - Reception phonics session

Friday 17th November - Non Uniform (chocolate donation)

Wednesday 22nd November - 2pm Cake and catch up

Tuesday 28th November - Flu vaccination

Friday 15th December - Oak Class Christmas Performance 2.15pm

Have a lovely weekend

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