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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, it's been a pretty powerful couple of weeks, particularly with our focus on Climate Change and Remembrance Day. We have been so impressed with the children's depth of understanding and attitudes and commitment towards taking personal responsibility for action against Climate Change. You could see this with their pledges on the leaves they put on the Tree of Promises and in the presentation the Eco Councillors made to two of our Governors, Mrs Bajorek (Chair) and Mrs Wrangmore last Friday and to local Councillors Isobel Ballsdon and Ayo Sokale this morning. The children were all really mature and showed great passion and belief when talking about action we're taking as a school.



We all marked Remembrance Day with a minute's silence yesterday. I hope you've had a chance to read some of the empathetic letters which the Year 6's wrote as if they were in the First World War, writing to a loved one. The letters are attached to the side of our fence on the path and are really well written. Some of them read them out in our Assembly this afternoon, which was moving. We've also been celebrating Children in Need and it's been lovely to see so much cheerful yellow worn by the children today. Thank you for your generous donations to a really worthy cause. To date we have raised £435 and there's still time to donate, if you wish at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/theheightsprimchildreninneed>.

Reception

As well as continuing with our Phase 2 Phonics: CK. We've checked out some tricky words and are blending so many more sounds together. We've been reading 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', by S Roberts and discussing how he feels throughout the book. In Maths, we've been comparing amounts of objects and writing numbers in number sentences. We discussed Remembrance Day and hand printed Poppies and are loving the Carousel of Activities which we're doing each Wednesday, including Spanish, Cosmic Yoga, Forest School and Dance. We're getting ready to practice for our Christmas Production and can't wait!

Year 1

This week, we've been continuing to improve and develop our sentence skills through the exploration of poetry. We've been enjoying reading and performing poetry as well as writing our own piece, 'A Tiny Burning Flame'. In Maths, we're learning about fractions, how we can share cakes and biscuits and find halves and quarters of amounts. In Science, we've become meteorologists and weather investigators and have started recording weather information using a weather diary. We've enjoyed investigating what clouds tell us about the weather and how clouds form. We walked to St Andrew's Church on Tuesday afternoon. It was lovely to visit and learn all about it with Reverend Nigel Jones. Thank you for organising this, Mrs Harrison. We had so



much fun designing and making our own stained glass windows at school and then comparing them with the ones we saw at the Church.

Year 2

We've been really busy planning and writing paragraphs for our leaflets about Castles and have started to add photos and diagrams to them. We've been adding one digit numbers to 2 digit numbers and using our number bonds and a tens frame to help us and also used a strategy for addition called 'Bridging'. We've been learning to play Hockey and do Yoga in our PE lessons and made our own Poppies as well as looking at the book 'The Christmas Day Truce'. Today we were visited by a Chief Yeoman Warder of the Tower of London. He was SO interesting!

Year 3

We've been busy this week. We've been developing our reading comprehension skills by exploring different texts and answering different questions to demonstrate our understanding. In Maths, we've been using Times Tables Rockstars to help us learn our times tables and exploring how to find half, quarter and three-quarters of a number. We've loved learning about the process of mummification and really can't wait to write our non-chronological reports on this as well as dress up and experience a little bit about what it was like to live in Ancient Egyptian times on our Egyptian Day.

Year 4

In Maths, we've been wrapping up our unit on addition and subtraction and Mr and Mrs Alcivar and Mrs Dimmick have said how well we've been using the column method to solve and check our answers. This week, we've really focused on subtraction, practicing subtracting two 4 digit numbers with more than one exchange. Mrs Edwards came into our classrooms this week and was really impressed with our topographical creations of the Continent of South America - what do you think? We've really enjoyed our hands-on lesson about digestion, although some of the re-enactments about what happens in the digestive system were pretty yucky!

Year 5

This week, we watched an animation of the Norse Creation Myth. We broke the story down into parts and acted it out before re-writing the myth in our own words. We've been revising our knowledge of what happens when we multiply by 10 and 100 using this to start multiplying by 1000. In Science, we've been making predictions about how we can separate mixed materials using evaporation, sieving or filtration before testing it. We've been revising Primary and Secondary Sources in Topic and learning more about different festivals in RE. All of us in Maple Class are looking forward to sharing a French Experience with our parents in the Activity Studio next Tuesday afternoon where we can showcase some of the French we've learned and knowledge about different famous landmarks in Paris.



THE FLOWER FIELDS

IN THE FLOWER FIELDS WHERE SOLDIERS LIE,
WHERE POPPIES BLOOM, WHERE SOLDIERS LIE.
THE POPPIES LIE ON SOLDIERS WHERE THE WAR BEGAN,

WHERE THE POPPIES BLOOM.

THE POPPIES LIE ON TOP OF THE SOLDIERS,
POPIES BLOOM ON TOP OF THE SOLDIERS,
POPIES LIE ON TOP OF THE SOLDIERS.

POEM BY YUSUF.



Year 6

As Mrs Edwards mentioned above, we've been looking into and writing informal letters from the perspective of soldiers and loved ones fighting in the First World War. We tried to use deep, empathetic language to portray emotions that would have been paramount to these letters to and from home. We also discussed and debated the idea of the armistice and the effect it had on soldiers fighting in the final stages of the War. We hope you have been able to see and enjoy some of the poppies we've displayed around the school site in commemoration of the brave soldiers who have given their lives for future generations. In Maths, we've been learning how to use percentages interchangeable with fractions and decimals and calculate percentages of a given quantity.



Parent Consultations

We hope you found the Parent Consultation sessions useful this week. Many thanks for attending these and to the Classteachers for their time preparing for and leading these sessions over 2 afternoons and evenings. We will be arranging times when you can come into school to look through your child's work and books over the next couple of weeks.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Angelina, Percy, Rose, Paloma, Zara, Anna, Reece, TJ, Lily, Joe and Finn, who all took part in the Cross Country competition at Maiden Erlegh Chiltern Edge last Saturday. They all ran incredibly well, and Angelina and Reece came 1st in their age group, with Joe and Finn coming 3rd and 5th. We are hoping we can get teams out (3 in each of the KS2 races) to help us build up some team points and overall team placements for the school. Thanks to all the runners and to all the parents who brought them to the event and support them all.



PTFA Thanks

I would like to say huge thanks to all the recent retiring members of the PTFA: Karen Roach, Alex Brown, Barney Smith, Helen Morgan and Hannah Smith (ex Chair) for their incredible hard work during their tenures. They have been amazing over the past few years, supporting the school in so many ways. We're really grateful that Laura Mines has been prepared to leap into the Big Shoes left behind and is surging ahead with organising different events for members of our school and local community this year. Thank you all.

Thank you!

St Andrew's Church Choir

If you're interested in joining a Choir, St Andrew's Church are looking to recruit additional singers (children and adults) to join their Choir on Sundays between 3-4pm with their first rehearsal this Sunday afternoon. Please feel free to pop along to the Church Hall.

Twitter

The school has a Twitter Feed - please follow [@AtHeadteacher](#) for updates!

Dates for the Diary

Maple Class - French Experience for Parents	Tuesday 16 th November 2.30pm
INSET Day - School Closed to Children	Monday 22 nd November
Therapeutic Approach - Online Workshop for Parents	Wednesday 24 th November 6.30pm
Junior Music Festival - Performance at the Hexagon	Wednesday 24 th November 4.00pm
Panto - Reception and Key Stage 1	Friday 26 th November
Christmas Fayre	Saturday 27 th November 3:00-5:30pm
Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day	Monday 29 th November
Year 5 Bayeux Tapestry Workshop with Reading Museum	Wednesday 8 th December
Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Lunch	Friday 10 th December
Panto - Key Stage 2 to the Hexagon	Tuesday 14 th December

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Edwards