

OVERSTONE NEWSLETTER



November 2024

Welcome to our November newsletter. The weather has been very changeable but that has not stopped the flurry of activity that has gone on in school this month.

What we have been up to in November.....

Ash Class

In literacy, we have started to plan our own story about finding something precious, drawing pictures of our ideas. In maths, we have thought about shapes, combining these to create new shapes for our pictures. In our physical development time, we have been developing the skill of rolling with a ball to hit a target. It has been a busy time in Reception this half term.



Elm Class

Year 2 have been revisiting Continents in Geography this half-term. They have also been learning about the North and the South Pole. Although both very cold, they discovered that the North Pole is slightly warmer than the South Pole! In RE, they have been exploring beliefs about what candles mean to other people. They learnt about the festival of Diwali, known as the Festival of Lights and made some beautiful paper plate diya lamps. By lighting diyas, this symbolised light triumphing over darkness.



Year 2 have also been enjoying learning about worms in Science. They made their own wormery and then found the worms!



Fir Class



Last term, Year 3 had fun reading exploring the book 'Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. During the last week of half term, the children had the opportunity to design and make their very own Iron Man!

'The Iron Man came to the top of the cliff. How far he had walked? Nobody knows. Where he had come from? Nobody knows. How he was made? Nobody knows.'



Acorn Class

This month Pre-School have been looking at various celebrations such as Halloween where we enjoyed carving pumpkins. For bonfire night we celebrated fireworks, making rockets and firework pictures. We learnt about Diwali, the festival of lights, by making Diya pots and reading the story about Rama and Sita.



We have also have also looked at hibernation and have learnt which animals hibernate. We also learnt why certain animals hibernate and why some don't. We then made clay hedgehogs and homes for them.

Beech Class

In Year 1, November has been an exciting and busy month. We have learned about maps and created our own 'messy' maps in Geography.



In Science, we have identified objects and the materials they are made of, understanding that sometimes, some objects are made from more than one material.

We have also created our own Islamic artwork in RE, creating and putting together a collection of tiles.



Oak Class



This month Year 4 have started a Science unit on Electricity. They have had many practical lessons looking at how circuits work and have used scientific enquiry skills to spot errors and fix them as they arise. Our budding electricians have been great at predicting ways to improve their circuits so they can do different things. The children have also discussed electrical safety in these lessons.

Great work year 4!

Nursery Rhyme Day

On Thursday 14th November, the parents of our Pre-School and Reception Class children were invited to a singing recital of a selection of nursery rhymes.

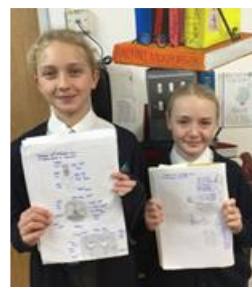
Nursery rhymes are a fun, quick and easy way to boost early language, providing repetition for developing memories and future literacy skills.

The audience was treated to Incey Wincey Spider and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star, both accompanied by British Sign Language. They also heard and saw a performance of The Big Ship Sails and Five Currant Buns, leaving a rousing version of Old MacDonald Had A Farm to conclude the concert. Each of the children sang clearly and enjoyed their time performing to their special audience members.



Yew Class

In English, Year 6 have just started a unit on writing spooky stories. We have been reading Popchuck's Ghost by Paul Toffanello and the children have begun to think about their settings and scary characters that they will use within their writing. We were also lucky to have a virtual session with the author himself and he gave us lots of tips on how to write a successful, suspenseful story. Here are some of the children's designs of their scary characters which we shared with author Paul Tofanello.



Redwood Class

This half term in Year 5 we've been super hands-on! In PE we've been learning how to play basketball, while in French we've been learning about the solar system. Geography took us all the way to the Alps and we made leaflets for our very own tourist resort! Finally, we are absolutely loving making our own movie soundtracks in Computing using Scratch to code and layer music!



Attendance for November

Please help us by making sure your child is in school every day and they are here by 8.45am.



Ash Class = 87.9%

Beech Class = 92.8%

Elm Class = 90.7%

Fir Class = 92.3%

Oak Class = 88.21%

Redwood Class = 92.3%

Yew Class = 94.2%

Forest School

In Forest School this month Year 4 have melted wax over the fire to make their own candles, they also made a gods eye poppy. Year 3 have been practicing their fire safety using a flint and steel. Year 2 have been created woodland goblins out of clay and created a rather fabulous Pudsey bear. Year 1 have been learning about "Why we wear Poppies" and made a poppy stone, they also made a firework. Reception and Pre-School have been learning about hibernation. Reception also created Rangoli patterns to celebrate Diwali and Pre-School made a Pudsey bear out of all the beautiful leaves as well.



Remembrance



Monday 10th November, Samuel & Caitlyn from Year 6, represented our school by laying a wreath at Wing Church Remembrance Service.

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old,
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.'

From "For the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon.

On Thursday 7th November, Evie & Oliver attended Wing Airfield to lay a wreath on behalf of the school to pay respect to those who fought for their country.

Evie was so happy to be able to wear her father's set of miniature medals from his service in the Army. A member of the RAF Trenchard Museum at Halton also attended the service and did a reading to commemorate those who had fought and fallen for our country.



Throughout the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day, the children had the opportunity to purchase a poppy on behalf of the Royal British Legion.

The poppy is a symbol of Remembrance and hope, including hope for a positive future and peaceful world. They are a show of support for the Armed Forces community, those currently serving, ex-serving personnel and their families; and a symbol of Remembrance for all those who have fallen in conflict.



- **12th December** – Father Christmas to visit Pre-School and Reception
- **12th December** – Reception Nativity – 2.15pm
- **16th December & 17th December** – Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity – 2.15pm both days
- **18th December** – Wear a Christmas jumper day – children still need to wear their school uniform but can choose either their school jumper or a Christmas jumper if they would prefer. No donation needed
- **18th December** – HCL hot lunch Christmas dinner – please order in plenty of time
- **18th December** – Pre-School Nativity – 2.30pm
- **18th December** – Choir to sing at The Cottlesloe School – 6.00pm
- **19th December** – Year 6 Carol Service at the church for the Y6 parents.
- **Friday 20 Dec** - End of term at normal time

And finally....

Both the boys' and girls' football teams represented Overstone in the annual 7- a- side Aylesbury Vale District tournament. Both teams were fantastic and reached the Semi-Finals stage with the girls unluckily losing out on penalties.

We have also had a girl's league game beating St Michaels 2-0 with goals from Kiera and Darcy. The boys had a league game losing to Brookmead 2-0 in a very tightly contested game which could have gone either way. Well done to all children involved, they have all demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship.

