



Newsletter 6

Monday, 22nd October 2018

Message from the Head

It has been a very busy and successful first half term, with all the children making an excellent start to the school year.

As a small village school, we have the unique opportunity to play an important part in our local community. Following the making of poppies on Grandparents Afternoon, our display formed part of the exhibition at Little Gaddesden village hall, which was to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War. The display, accompanied by the children's written accounts of their family's memories, looked fantastic.

Many members of the public remarked on the high quality of the work from our children. I was delighted to receive a letter from Air Commodore Mitchell, who is President of the Little Gaddesden Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Among his kind words were the following: '..... ***we were all really impressed with the quite outstanding quality of the arrangement. The accompanying letters demonstrated that your pupils had a real understanding of the importance of Remembrance.***

I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate your pupils on their brilliant contribution to the event as well as their exceptional awareness of the importance of the events we commemorate.....'

This letter has been shared with the children and staff and we all feel rightly proud of what we achieve together as a village school. Many thanks to Mrs Waites who co-ordinated and organised the work behind the display.



Monthly Value: PERSEVERANCE

Holly was nominated for her perseverance in running her own 5km for the GOSH fund raising event. Our Y5/6 football team were also recognised for their perseverance in giving their best during the recent football tournament.



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This week, we heard from Samuel and Hannah who told us about their gifts and talents.

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulation to John (Y1) who is the first to receive his 10 House Point certificate.

MONASTERY VISIT

On Monday 15th October, Year 3/4 put their best feet forward to walk up the hill through the churchyard, a field full of grazing sheep, past an alpaca, four cows, a horse and donkey to the Amaravati Monastery ! On arrival, we were met by one of the monks and we were shown the kitchen. He explained that volunteers come in to prepare food for the monks and nuns as they are not permitted to cook. All their food is from donations from the public.

We then went to the temple, a beautiful space designed with pyramid shapes in the roof, with statues of monks and flowers. Sitting on small cushions, we were led in meditation.

We were then invited to join in the community's meal offering. We sat on cushions, listening to the prayers and chants before the monks and nuns filled their alms bowls with savoury and sweet food items. We learnt about the importance of not over eating; only taking what is needed to be nourished. It was then time to return back to school which was a lot easier going down the hill. The children all said how much they enjoyed it and that they would like to return to show their families. (Mrs Jessop)

Important reminder :

Secondary school application deadline is Wednesday, 31st October.

SPORTING NEWS :

TEAM RORO HYDE PARK RUN

Last Saturday morning, members of team Ro-Ro gathered in Hyde Park to join over 6500 other runners to do a 5km run raising funds for GOSH. Rowan had been selected to sound the starting hooter to set the runners on their way. It was a great atmosphere, the sun was shining and everyone did extremely well.



Congratulations to all members of the team !

FOOTBALL PENALTY SHOOTOUT SUCCESS .

On Saturday 6th October, a group of Year 6 children (Maxwell, Jayden, Jack G, Phoenix, Grace and Fenella) went to Vicarage Road Stadium to watch Watford vs. Bournemouth. The children were invited onto the pitch at half time to take part in a penalty shoot out against another school. Thanks to some excellent shots and brilliant goal keeping skills the children achieved a 3-2 victory! We had a fantastic day, despite the cold and rain, and were very happy with the result! Well done children!



(Miss Carty)

Many thanks to Miss Carty for organising this for our children.

BEECHWOOD FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Monday, our Year 6 pupils took part in a football tournament at Beechwood Park School. It was a great opportunity for the children to play in teams with other schools and all the children played extremely well, displayed excellent sportsmanship. Well done, children and many thanks to Mrs Waites for taking the children and braving the freezing cold.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to Mrs Graves (Henry and Charlie's Mum) for giving our school garden a much needed Autumn tidy up. It looks ready for it's time of rest !

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATION

The children have recently been reminded that the high expectation of behaviour that we have in school, is also expected in all our extra curricular clubs.

The help that parents give to our school is very much appreciated by all of us. If you feel that you may be able to offer a little of your time to help at school, please complete and return to school the form that is being sent home this week.



FOGGS : Bake Sale!

Friday 26th October

Please bring in donations of homemade or shop bought cakes and leave in the conservatory on Friday morning. Also please remember your change after school on Friday, 26th October.

DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 23rd October

- 3:30 Parents Consultation Evening

Wednesday, 24rd October

- 5:30 Parents Consultation Evening

Friday, 26th October

- 3:30 FOGGS cake sale

HALF TERM WEEK

Mon. 29th October - Friday, 2nd November

Tuesday, 6th November

- Singing Festival Y3/Y4
2:30 Concert -Y3/4 parents (church)

Wednesday, 7th November

- 9:00 Sharing Assembly Y1/2

Wednesday, 14th November

- School photos

Thursday, 15th November

- 9:00 Sharing Assembly EYFS

Wednesday, 21st November

- 9:00 Y5/6 Sharing Assembly

Thursday, 22nd November

- Flu vaccine Reception to Y5

Friday, 23rd November

- 2:45 Mindfulness Assembly for parents

Wednesday, 27th November

- 9:00 Sharing Assembly Y3/4

Thursday, 28th November

- 2:00—4:00 Consultations sessions with Family Support Worker (Mrs Mc Govern)

Friday, 30th November

- FOGGS Film Night

Christian value for October: PERSEVERANCE