



Peafield Pride

Newsletter 15th November 2024

Citizenship, Responsibility, Aspiration, Enjoyment

School has been a busy place again this week with Anti-bullying week, Children in Need and Remembrance!

It was really fantastic to meet many of you at Parents' and Carers' evenings. I hope you all found this useful and now feel able to connect more easily with your child's class teacher moving forward.

I really appreciated chatting with many of you and hearing your feedback regarding our work and some of the recent developments in school. I passed on many positive comments to our teachers which meant a great deal. I also thanked our cook for her tasty treats! If you wanted to see me but didn't get the opportunity, please do pop in or call school to sort a time for us to catch up.

One of the themes that kept coming up in conversation was the pride and trust you have in the school despite many disruptions over recent years. I appreciate that this has been built over many years and I wish to build on this with you in partnership. As I said to a number of you, we are working really hard in collaboration with the Flying High Partnership to follow the Trust-wide standards ensuring we can provide the very best for the children and that our staff have cutting-edge professional development based on highly regarded research. Our recent training day covered Staff Wellbeing, Relational Approaches to Behaviour, Autism Training and Pathological Demand Avoidance. We all benefitted from these sessions.

We have made steps to improve wellbeing for staff including the recent workshop and development of the new Staffroom which has enabled staff to work and rest more productively in teams to plan for the children's learning. Along with this, we are also developing one of the staff as a Wellbeing Lead for the team. We offer access to Health Assured, an Employee Assistance Programme to support all staff here at PLA no matter what their needs.

I was struck this week by the kindness and warmth offered to me by all families. This is something really special and part of what makes Peafield Lane a Unique place! Thank you all for your continued support!

Kind regards
Andrea Commins

Acorns made this beautiful Wreath!



We will Remember

We marked Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War One when an agreement to stop fighting was reached on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month in 1918.

We had an assembly for the junior classes and our younger pupils made beautiful displays.

In the infant classes, we discussed the war and how brave the soldiers were that fought for us. We also learnt that the poppy was the first flower that began growing after the war ended and that is why we use this as a sign.



Since September, we have been working on our procedures and reviewing our behaviour policy in school. Staff are coming together next week to look over the newly drafted policy following lots of discussions with all stakeholders, observations and pupil voice. Our approach is based on the work of Paul Dix - with powerfully positive relationships at the heart of all we do. The Relational Approaches to Behaviour training delivered by Grant Worthington, Inclusion Lead for the Trust, helped to strengthen our plans and approach. This is in line with the Flying High Partnership, but is personalised for our school and for our children. We will let you know how we get on and share the draft with you once it is agreed by the governors.

Be safe

Sorry to mention it again, but please do not allow your children to access outdoor equipment before or after school as we are not insured at this time. If your child does not follow this request and is hurt, school will not be held responsible. Thank you for your help.

Class Capers

Early Years

Nursery

Nursery have settled back in really well after their break. We have been discussing poppies and where they might see them and why. They have been creating their own poppy pictures using paint and apples. They are all on display in nursery and look lovely.



Acorns

Wow, what a musical week we've had in Acorns! It's officially Nursery Rhyme week, the children have loved singing nursery rhymes together.

When writing, the children have been using their phonological knowledge to write the names of the nursery rhymes they know. We are encouraging the children to use the phonics wall to find the codes to use in their writing.

In maths, children have been looking at more or less. Comparing groups to see which has more or which one has less.



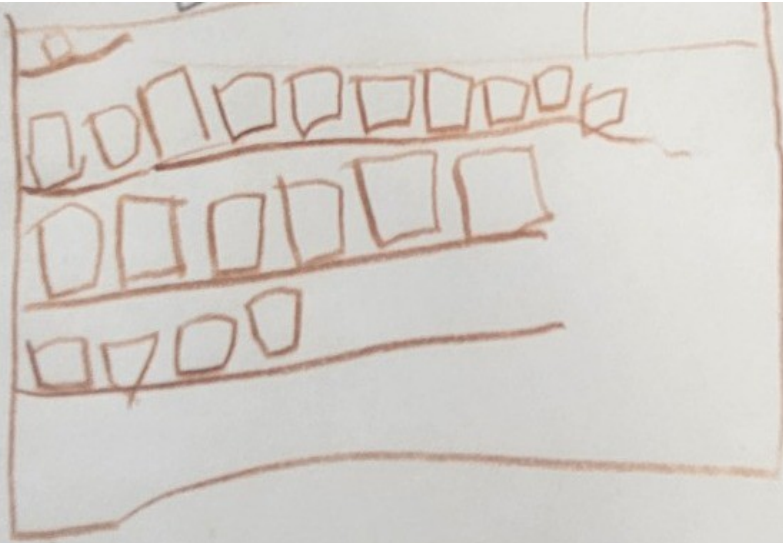
Caught being amazing!



Proud of myself!



Look at what I have done!



S₂ little Dickie birds

Well done Bobby you heard lots of
Code on your own!

Year 1 and 2



Super learners!

This week in English we have continued to write our letter to Santa. In maths, we have begun the place value topic so we have been looking at tens and ones. In RE we have discussed what it means to belong to a Christian community.

In geography, we have discussed the differences between a town (Mansfield) and a city (Nottinghamshire). In RSHE we have been discussing how we can prevent the spread of diseases, this week focussing on how to brush our teeth and the importance of brushing twice a day – we even had a go at brushing some false teeth.

In DT, we have looked at what a healthy and unhealthy meal is – we made some Victorian gruel and decided why it was an unhealthy meal.



Learning healthy habits



Gruel-ling!



Imagining the life of a child in Victorian times

Year 3 and 4



No chairs!

Our year 3 and 4s were very confused when they arrived in class for English on Monday - we had confiscated their chairs! Our new English topic is looking at persuasion and the children had to come up with reasons why they should be allowed to have their chairs back. They really got into the topic and are developing their understanding of how to persuade different audiences. In Maths we are coming to the end of our unit on addition and subtraction, and the class have looked at estimating and mental mathematics.

As part of Anti-bullying Week the children have talked about what bullying is. They have had some excellent discussions around respectful and disrespectful reactions to different situations. They know who to speak to if they have worries around bullying of any kind.



What no chairs?



Voting!

Year 5 and 6



Newlands Harlow and Dukeries

This week in Year 5/6 we have been investigating light and dark. The children have been studying shadows and investigating how they change shape and size throughout the day. We are ending our week by dissecting an eye (or observing if we'd rather) so that we understand where the light travels to allow us to see.

We have been writing our formal letters to Judge Holgate in English to persuade him to either reopen coal mines or to insist that he keeps them closed. In maths it has been a tricky fraction week! We have been converting fractions in order to compare and order them and are getting better by the day!



🌟 Celebrating the Week 🌟

It was really special to have families in school for Family Assembly this week. Unfortunately, Mrs Commins had no voice, but Miss Rowbotham and Mr Henderson kindly took the lead. They will be leading again next week as Mrs Commins is away on a course.

🐾 Be there Badger 🐾

Attendance this week

Whole School - 96%

We were really pleased to celebrate an increase in whole school attendance this week. Well done everyone!

If you are struggling with attendance, please do get in touch - we will support you in any way we can.

Being in school every day and on time will improve your child's life chances.

Lateness

Please do try to be on time each day for school. If there is something making it hard for you to manage arrival between 8.30 and 8.45, please come and chat to me. There may be things we can do to help. The school gates are to close at 8.45am each day. Please come in via the main entrance if you arrive after this time. Thank you all!



Save the Date

Early Years Open evenings

11th December

Chilly days ahead

Please ensure that children have a coat at school now that the weather is getting chilly. Children with no coat will not be able to access outdoor provision. If you need help with this, please say. Thank you!



Smore Templates

Smore is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters