



Hopelands Preparatory School

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Newsletter 12th November

Dates for your Diary

- November 15th** Odd Socks Day!
- November 16th** School Photographs – Individual & Siblings
- November 17th** We The Curious Trip – R/Y1/Y2
- November 19th** Tag Rugby – Y3 & 4
- November 23rd** Spelling Bee
- November 24th** Stonehouse Pensioners Nativity
- November 24th** Tag Rugby – Y3 & 4
- November 26th** Friends of Hopelands Quiz
- November 29th** Wreath Making Workshop
- December 2nd** Flu Immunisation, R – Y6
- December 8th** Nativity – R/Y1/Y2, 4-5pm in the school hall
- December 10th** Christmas Service, St Cyr's 2-3pm
- December 13th** Christmas Show – Y3/4/5/6, 2pm & 4pm in the school hall
- December 14th** The Jolly Postman!

SWEETS

Can we please ask that you do not send your child/children in with sweets, thank you.

In this week:

- COP26
- English
- Hockey
- Creative club
- FIMO Modelling Club
- House Dodgeball
- World Kindness Day
- Head's Tea Party
- Christmas Wreath
- Odd Socks Day
- Christmas Lunch

Lost Property

Please look out for the following lost property items, thank you.

Pink/purple glasses - Florence

PE Polo Top – Anthony Tiptaft

School Coat & navy woolly hat with rainbow strips – Arthur Crane

School Jumper – Arthur Lloyd

PE Coat – Juniper Cook

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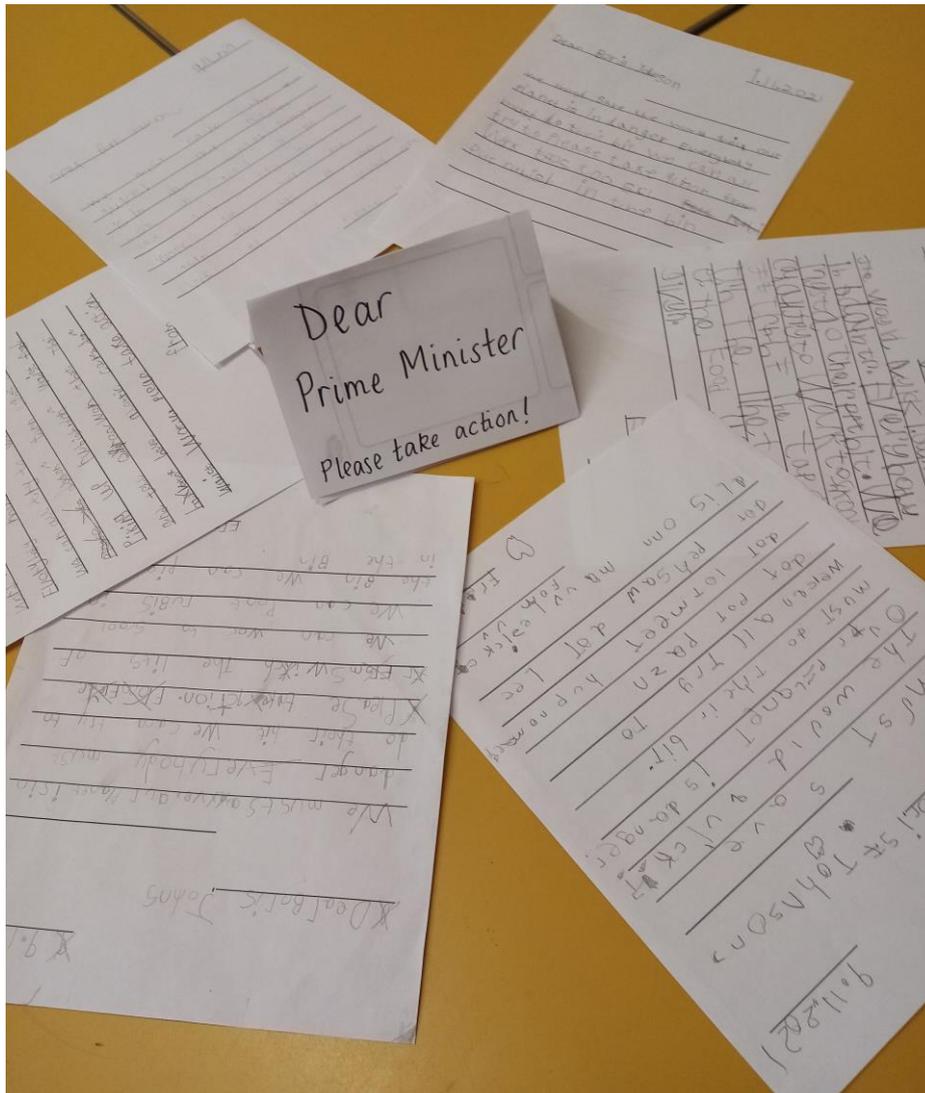


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COP26 - Year 1 by Mrs Jobanputra

As part of our learning about COP26, Year 1 children have been learning about what global warming is and what we can do to help our planet. We have been learning about the small changes we can make such as recycling, walking instead of driving short distances, switching the lights off when they're not needed and avoiding plastic bags.

We have also been writing a letter to our Prime Minister to express our concerns about climate change.



COP26 - World Science Day for Peace and Development 2021 'Creating climate ready communities' by Mrs Stevenson

This week saw the children at Hopelands bring together the work they have been doing about the COP26 event in Glasgow with this year's theme for WSD. We had a fascinating assembly by Josie's Dad, Mr Herbert, who works in renewable energy solutions.

Through their classwork on climate change and how we can start to solve the climate crisis, the children were able to ask some super questions about renewable energy.

The Year 6 class then had a further discussion around the advantages of, and problems posed by, each different method, and a little introduction to the careers available in this very important field.

A huge thank you to Mr Herbert for giving up his time to talk to us. It was a fantastic way to bring together World Science Day for Peace and Development and COP26. The children have been really inspired by the work we have been doing.



COP26 – Art by Miss White

Y5 and Y6 rose to the challenge! By working together as a close-knit team, they rapidly discovered that diplomacy was the best way forward as they painted together and discussed possible solutions to climate change. By developing colour images of what can be done TODAY they could talk about the importance of working together to make sustainable change, whilst also recognising that really, truly listening to each other is actually very difficult! There were many lessons learned, and both the Y5 and Y6 groups did a wonderful job. Well done!

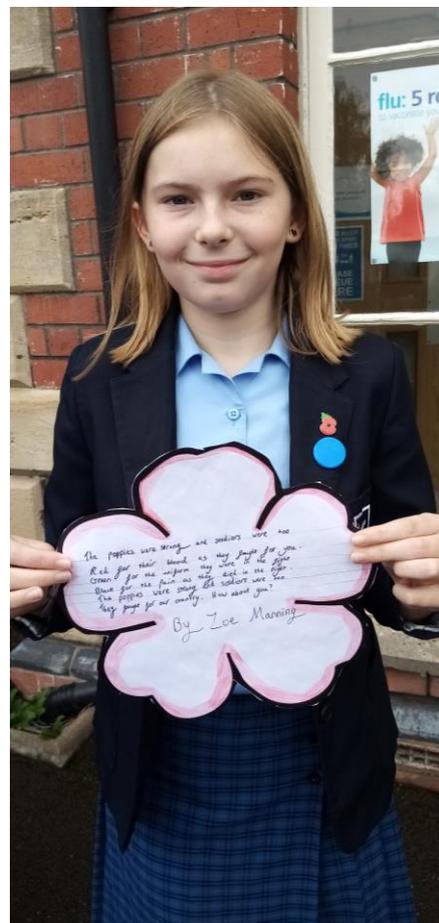


COP26 – Art by Miss White



English by Miss Porter

This week, Year 6 have been looking at Remembrance poems and made their own for Remembrance Day. Their poems reflect their learning of their current WWII topic in history.



Hockey by Mr Kirby

On Wednesday 10th November the Y5 girls travelled to St Edward's for a 7-a-side hockey match with goalies. Eva was brave enough to 'pad up' and made a string of wonderful saves; so much so, she was awarded player of the match from the opposition.

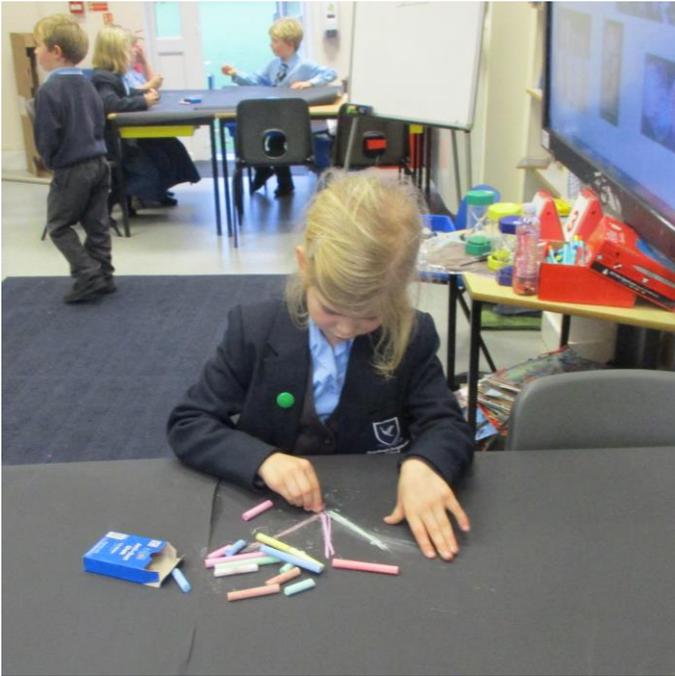
We rotated the team and the players throughout the four quarters with Hannah, Rowan and Layla playing a pivotal role in defence with several brave tackles. Lilly played most of the game in the centre and looked to link defence with attack with some great dribbling and reverse stick skills. Imogen, Martha and Harriet all worked hard on the wings as they looked to create space and move the ball forward. Calico and Ava tended to be our forwards, trying to capitalise on through balls and test their goalie at every opportunity. Whilst the score line did not reflect the effort and determination the girls put in, St Edward's had at least one very good player who caused us trouble throughout the match.

A definite improvement and the girls deserved a goal which they would have got if it wasn't for a brilliant piece of last ditch defending from the opposition. Very well done, they can all feel really proud of the progress they have made.



Creative Club by Miss Cook

In creative club we lit up the skies by making our own chalk firework displays! The children loved watching the black paper come to life.



Sporting Trips - Transport

As the restrictions have lifted it has been great being able to take the children to the sporting events and we are really pleased that Mr Kirby has managed excellent fixtures across the Year groups.

We have been aiming for some events to be supported by parental drivers, especially as some of these events take place on a Friday afternoon so parents may be going to watch anyway. Doubling up on transport can seem unnecessary which is why we appreciate your support whenever you can give it. In addition, parental support helps with staffing ratios as we need extra members of staff when we go by minibuss. The aim is to go to as many fixtures as we possibly can.

However, we completely understand that this is not always possible and nor is it expected. In these cases, we will of course endeavour to organise the minibuss.

Many thanks for your understanding.

Fimo mini-modelling club by Mrs Stevenson

Mini modelling club goes from strength to strength and the children are getting more creative and dextrous each week. This last week, we focussed on adding texture to some of our models. To create the crumb-like texture in the cake slices, the children first scratched the surface with a cocktail stick and then added finer texture with a pin. Some children used the same technique to create a 'stone' effect on their plant pots.

The time and effort taken to make each one of their models is clear in the final result, which you can see them displaying proudly in these amazing photographs.



House Dodgeball by Mr Kirby

Before half-term, the entire school participated in a House Dodgeball Tournament. Each class/year group competed in their PE lessons with the aim of all scoring points for their house. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part through accuracy and target games whilst Y3 and above thoroughly enjoyed trying to get each other out!

In the bronze medal position was Rowling with 9 points

In the silver medal position was Fine with 10 points

In the gold medal position was Dahl with 13 points

Well done to every single member of the school who all helped score points for their house. Look out for more house competitions coming up after Christmas.



World Kindness Day by Mrs Elmore

Saturday 13th November 2021 is World Kindness Day. World Kindness Day was first launched in 1998 by The World Kindness Movement; an organisation formed at a 1997 Tokyo conference of kindness organisations around the world. There are currently more than 28 nations involved in The World Kindness Movement. The mission of the World Kindness Movement and World Kindness Day is to create a kinder world by inspiring individuals and nations towards greater kindness.

Here at Hopelands Friday's assembly about Kindness gave the children the opportunity to discuss what kindness is, how they can show kindness and how kindness makes them feel. The children shared their opinions on the various statements on display in and around the school - see if you can spot them! This leads into next week's Anti-Bullying week which has a focus on kindness.

Head's Tea Party

The children love receiving their invite to the Head's Tea Party and this week Mrs B's office was filled with laughter! It is great to see the friendships form between the Reception children and their Year 6 buddies.



Christmas Wreath Making Evening



Where: Sophie Hall

When: Monday 29th November 2021

Time: 7pm – 9.30pm

Price: £40 per person

Welcome drink and nibbles on arrival

Please email friendsofhopelands@yahoo.com to book your place!

Odd Socks Day

A reminder that on Monday, 15th November, we are holding an odd socks day. The craziest socks the better!



Christmas Lunch

Thank you to everyone who has given in their choice for this year's Christmas lunch which is taking place on Tuesday 14th December. If you are yet to do so, please do this asap as the meals will be ordered next week, thank you.

Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey
with chipolata & Stuffing Balls

Or

Christmas Vegetable
Wellington

Served With

Glazed Peas & Carrots
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Gravy

To Finish

Christmas Rice Krispie Cake