



Hawthorn Community Primary School

Weekly Newsletter 20/11/20



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Thank you to everyone who came to school in odd socks on Monday to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week. By joining in with this national initiative the children were able to see that we are all unique and that our differences should be a cause for celebration. Work in school during the week has also focused on bullying and has reminded the children about what they should do if they feel they are being bullied themselves or they suspect that it is happening to someone else.

This week in EYFS we have been reading 'The Gruffalo'! The children have loved reading and re-enacting this familiar story. They have created their own terrible creatures using the loose parts and construction materials. We have seen some amazing chalk and pastel pictures of The Gruffalo which are now proudly on display in Apples classroom. When out in the barn, we have been investigating floating and sinking. The Children have used junk materials to make their own boats and tested whether they floated using the water tray. In Maths, we have been finding pairs of numbers which make 5 using lots of different resources.

It has been yet another busy week in KS1. In English, the children have been writing their own ending to the story 'The Squirrels who squabbled'. There have been some really interesting ideas and the children have become more confident at using the different lenses within their work. During Maths lessons, the children have been learning more about different ways to add and subtract numbers, including using base ten and number lines. Our Science has continued to be based on Autumn. We have been looking at different types of leaves and trying to identify whether they are deciduous or evergreen. Our topic focus has changed to History and we are learning about the importance of the shoe industry in Northamptonshire and how important Thomas Gotch was to the beginning of the industry in Kettering. In DT the children have been learning new sewing skills by joining two leaves together using running stitch or over stitch. The Hub has continued as a Design Studio with a particular focus on designing new fabrics for use later on in the term, as well as opportunities to sketch and make rubbings of leaves.

Year 3 and 4 have enjoyed reading the end of the 'Beware of Bears' book this week, thankfully Pod and Tall Cousin escaped the bear and all children made it home safely! The children have enjoyed rewriting and improving the story and will be creating their own stories based on it next week. In maths, the children have been consolidating their learning on subtraction with problem solving, estimating and checking. They have completed some informal assessments on addition and subtraction so they have been able to show off their new skills! Learning in science has continued to be about light and different reflective surfaces. In history, we are continuing to move through the Bronze Age and finally into the Iron Age. We have been looking at different jobs that were undertaken in the Bronze Age, and the children were surprised to learn we still have some versions of them today! It was very interesting to discuss which were the most important jobs of the time, and why they were so important.

This week in UKS2 we have had lots of great in-depth discussions. Our Foundation Subject focus has been RE, looking at the Islamic religion. We have had some superb links discussing how we commit to jobs, school and our personal lives and compared this to how Muslims commit to their religion. We have also been doing lots of anti-bullying work by listening to stories, watching films and looking at different scenarios. We have all enjoyed thinking, and pledging, how we will unite against bullying. As always, our English and Maths lessons have been jam-packed. The children have worked so hard in grammatical terms in English as well as long division in Maths. Another incredible week. Some of our year 6 children have also enjoyed completing their Bikeability training this week.

The 30 Minute Club – Free Virtual After-School club

The Youth Sport Trust are offering a free virtual after school club to engage children in sport during the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network, which includes world no.1 female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. The After School Sport Club is available now and will run until December 18. Your child can take part live by visiting the following YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust>

A different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. We hope that this will provide support and inspiration to engage your child in exercise and look forward to hearing all about each activity.

Hot Meals

We have been in talks with our school meals provider to bring hot meals back into school at the earliest opportunity. There are still issues that will need to be resolved, but we are hopeful that a hot meal option will be available for parents to order for their child from the start of term 3 in January. To test out how hot meals will work under the COVID restrictions, parents will be able to order a 'hot' Christmas dinner consisting of a turkey bap with sausage and roast potato on **22nd** **December**. Please place your order in the usual way and note that this will be the only option available to order on this day.

Responding to symptoms of Covid-19

With numbers of positive cases nationally still high, please can we remind you of the steps to take to keep everyone safe if you are awaiting the results of a test or you or your child develops symptoms:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour,
- 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual,
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If anyone develops symptoms in your household the **whole household** must isolate whilst that member of your family has their test completed and waits for the results. This includes keeping your child off school if any member of your household is displaying symptoms and awaiting test results. Your child should access the remote learning for this period so they will be able to continue their education, but they must not come into school during this time.

If the results come back **negative**, please inform us and your child will be able to return to school as long as they are not displaying any symptoms at that point. If the results are **positive**, then the whole family must remain at home for the 14 days following the onset of symptoms. Please phone the school to inform us immediately about the results of a positive test in your household, as it may be necessary for us to close one of our bubbles to safeguard the other children and staff.

Thank you to everyone for adhering to this, this is ensuring the safety of our school community.



WOW WORKER WALL OF HONOUR



EYFS		KS1		LKS2		UKS2	
Cherries	Felicity	Ash	Paisley	Redwoods	Lily	Cedars	Roberto
Apples	Tobin	Bay	Molly	S. Birches	Ruby	Maples	Lukas
		Elm	Filip	Willows	Ella	Oaks	Al

Well done to these children who have been chosen by their teachers as their classes 'Wow Worker of the Week'.

Christmas Cards

We are starting to get children bringing Christmas cards into school to give out to their friends. In order to keep the children safe and avoid any potential for spreading the virus, we are asking that children who want to send cards to their friends in school do not hand them out directly, but instead place them in a box which will be in their classroom. The cards will remain in quarantine in this box until the last week of term, when they will then be sorted and given out to the children. The deadline for bringing cards into school will be 11th December so they will have at least the weekend to quarantine before they are handed out to the children.

Kettering's Christmas Lights Switch On

Some of our upper key stage 2 children will be featuring in a short video message to be broadcast during the virtual Christmas lights switch on for Kettering at 6pm next Thursday 26th November, which will be streamed live on [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#)



Dates for Your Diary:

December	
11 th	Deadline for Christmas cards to be brought into school.
18 th	END OF TERM 2
January	
4 th	START OF TERM 3
February	
11 th	END OF TERM 3
12 th	Teacher training day
22 nd	START OF TERM 4
March	
26 th	END OF TERM 4
April	
12 th	START OF TERM 5
May	
3 rd	BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
w.b. 10 th	KS2 SATs
28 th	END OF TERM 5
June	
7 th	START OF TERM 6
w.b. 7 th	Year 1 Phonics Screen
July	
23 rd	END OF ACADEMIC YEAR

Cold Weather

As the weather is getting colder can we please remind all parents to ensure that your child has a named waterproof winter coat in school with them every day, as the children will spend some time outside every day, weather permitting! A scarf, gloves and a hat will also help to keep your child warm, but should also be named so that they can be reunited with your child if they are misplaced.

PFA News

Our Rainbow Mufti Day is next week on Friday 27th November. The children are asked to come to school wearing their most colourful clothes and in return to bring an item in the colour of their year group to add to our rainbow hampers. (Item colours... Reception - Red, Year 1 - Orange, Year 2 - Yellow, Year 3 - Green, Year 4 - Blue, Year 5 - Purple/Pink, Year 6 - Black/White. We have shared examples of items to donate on our Facebook page)

Please see the email sent out on Wednesday about our PFA Christmas Advent raffle. Simply fill in the online form to book your entries & pay in cash by Monday 30th November either to your child's teacher or the school office in a CLEARLY NAMED envelope. Winners will be drawn daily from the list of entries so there is a chance of winning multiple times!

One £5 entry = 24 chances to win from December 1st-24th!

Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket to our school lottery so far. We are at an amazing 78 tickets now which equals £1662 over the year for the school! It would be amazing to hit 100 tickets in our first month. We will be announcing our first weekly cash prize winner tomorrow, good luck! For tickets go to <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/hawthorn-community-primary-school>

As always, you can contact us with any ideas, questions or to get involved via

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