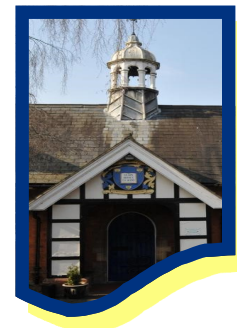


Stratford-upon-Avon Primary 'News'



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Reminders:

We would like to remind all parents and carers NOT to stay for longer than necessary in the school grounds. To help enable social distancing we have adjusted the collection times and we request that you leave the playground as soon as you have dropped or collected your child and that you do not arrive too early. Thank you for your co-operation.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Woodwind lessons Odd Sock Day - Anti Bullying Week	Rocksteady Piano lessons	Violin lessons	Rocksteady	Guitar lessons

News from the Desk of the Executive Head



This week in November is always a time in our country for everyone to come together in remembrance. It is a time for us all to reflect and say thank you to those who have sacrificed their lives in wars and conflicts. On Wednesday Stratford Primary came together with Heathcote Primary through Microsoft Teams for a joint assembly. Mrs Withers led this assembly and taught the children the value of saying thank you and also Respect. The children learnt that across our country in villages, towns and cities there are different places where people can reflect and remember in peaceful surroundings. Together we all stood in silence across the two schools and remembered those who have given their lives for others and still do. It was a wonderful moment for the children to see each other and understand how important it is to never forget. I spoke to the children about looking into their family history and how every family at some point will have been touched by war and how we should learn and come together in peace and understanding. I shared my own experience; my husband served for 25 years in the armed forces and was proud to do so, my great uncle served in WW2 and 2 of my great grandfathers served in WW1. One grandfather was injured in the battle of The Somme. No matter what our backgrounds, thoughts, concerns it is always important to recognise we are one society who have the power to respect each other, learn from each other and care for each other. We unite together.

Both schools have created poppy trails and the children have had the opportunity throughout the week to learn the meaning of the poppy, to explore poetry written in WW1, to reflect on how it must have felt to see the poppies grow on the battlefields. They have used different art skills to create their poppies; felt making, pastels, pointillism, sculpture, painting. They stop and look at the poppies created and talk about the meaning behind them. The children have made poppies to display in Debenhams window in the town as part of a whole community project. The trail is beautiful and we have photos in our newsletter this week to share with you.



At Stratford Primary we are very conscious of our history and particularly in year 6 where they begin to learn about the men who died in WW1 who once came to our school and walked the streets surrounding it. They study the census returns and family history sites to find out more about them. After our assembly Mrs Withers and myself took our 4 new house captains. Charlie, Thomas, Poppy and Maya to the Stratford memorial gardens to lay a wreath and remember the 28 men who are listed on the memorial. We were very proud of our house captains as they respectfully stood in silence and then read out the names of the men. We will always remember them in our school.

Our house captains were elected last Friday. The children in year 6 had prepared videos of their speeches and the rest of the school watched these throughout the day and then democratically voted. Mrs McCormack and Mrs Euinton were really pleased to see how well prepared everyone was and how well they conducted themselves. Unfortunately there will always be disappointment for those who were not voted into the positions of house or vice captain but actually the children should celebrate their commitment to trying for these roles and know we are all proud of them. Congratulations to Poppy (HC) and Reuben (VC) of Shakespeare; Charlie (HC) and Jack (VC) of Arden; Maya (HC) and Advait (VC) of Hathaway and Thomas (HC), Jiya ND (VC) and Jake (VC) of Hall.

Over the next few weeks we are offering the opportunity for you to speak with your child's class teacher through Teams or on the telephone and find out about their progress. It is different to what we had hoped to do but we hope you are able to ask the questions you want and find out about their learning so far this term.

'They shall not grow 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.' - Laurence Binyon.

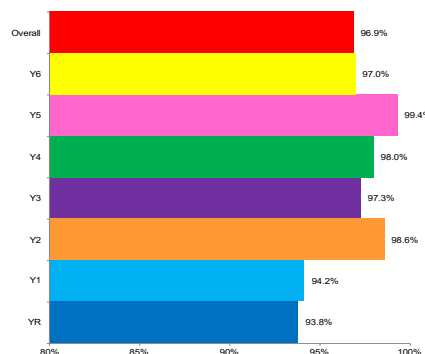
Please stay safe and remember to observe the expectations of the national lockdown. Cherish your family and time together.

Mrs Humphriss

Weekly Attendance by Class



The winner's this week are Year 5 with 99.4% Well Done!



11/11/20 - laying a wreath at the Memorial Gardens.



FOSP Dream Draw

The next Dream Draw will take place on the 16th November.

Please email fospschool@gmail.com or message Denise Wood on 07711 768087 if you are interested in signing up for this month's draw for £1 or all the remaining 9 draws...payments can be made by BACS, standing order or cash by arrangement. Please do not drop cash into the school office.

50% of each month's pot goes to the school the rest shared between 3 cash prize winners. Thank you to everyone who has supported the initiative so far.

FOSP

Reception

Poppies made with tissue paper by our Reception children.



Year 3

'I like making poppies because we remembered people in the war' Isla

'We made our poppies from red paper and pipe cleaners' Chloe



Year 6

We made our own felt poppies from Merino wool. We layered red wool strands in a circular pattern, overlapping in the centre. Then, we added some thin strands of other colours: darker red, purple or pinks. In the middle, we added some black to create the centre of the poppy. The wool was soaked with warm soapy water and then it was rolling time! We folded over our bubble wrap and rolled in every direction many, many times, until the fibres had started to inter-lock. Then we could tuck in the edges to form our petal shapes and turn it over to ... yes, you've guessed it – roll some more. Finally, our poppies were rinsed in warm water and left to dry. We are all very pleased with the fantastic results!



High Street Display



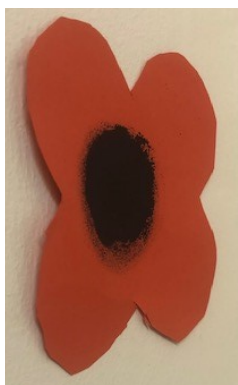
Year 4

Year 4 worked together on a piece of poppy art work as well as making their individual poppies.



Year 1

"We wear poppies to remember the people who have helped us and made the world safe."
Molly



Year 5

'For Remembrance Day Year 5 made a display that we put up outside the classroom. First, everyone painted pasta red and then Mrs Fade put some black pipe cleaner on them to make the pasta look like butterflies. Finally, we made them into a cross shape to remember all the soldiers that died in the war. We had two minutes of silence in assembly to have time to reflect back on soldiers that once came to Stratford Primary.'

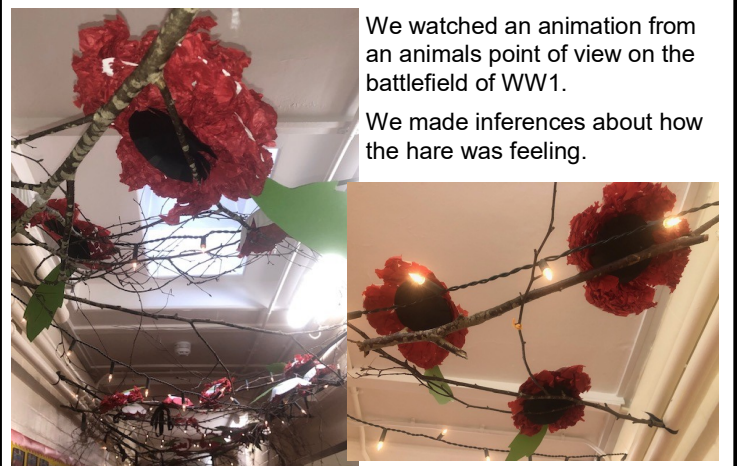
Josephine



Year 2

We watched an animation from an animals point of view on the battlefield of WW1.

We made inferences about how the hare was feeling.



Year 4

Pom-pom poppies were created by Year 4 for their section of our poppy trail.

