

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School



'Treat others the way you want to be treated.'

Matthew 7:12

17/11/23

Dear Family,

This week we have been celebrating 'Anti Bullying Week' here in school. The theme for this year is:

'Make a noise about bullying'.

On Monday we came to school wearing ODD SOCKS! This was to celebrate being different and to be proud of our individual uniqueness! The children enjoyed sharing their odd socks and launching our week with World Kindness Assembly—presented by our year 5 Kind Club members—who did a fantastic job in leading this. It has been great to see the whole school community coming together to promote and celebrate this important initiative.



OUR CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK....

As part of our Anti Bullying Week celebrations here in school, the children have been rocking their kindness by painting pebbles with positive messages for each other. They will be hiding their finished pebbles around the school and we look forward to sharing with you the excitement created, once they find the messages that have been written for them...!



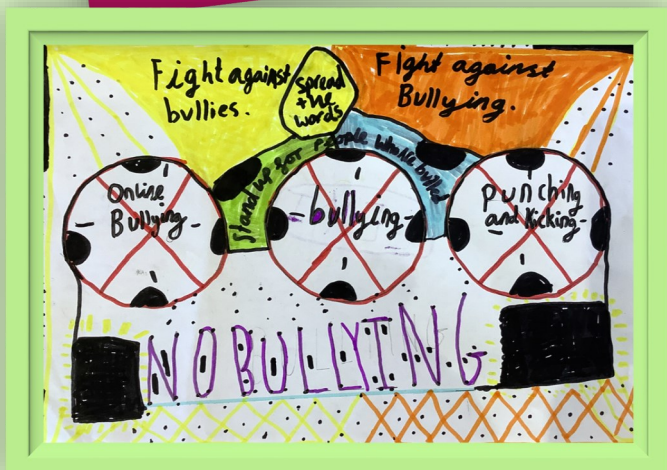
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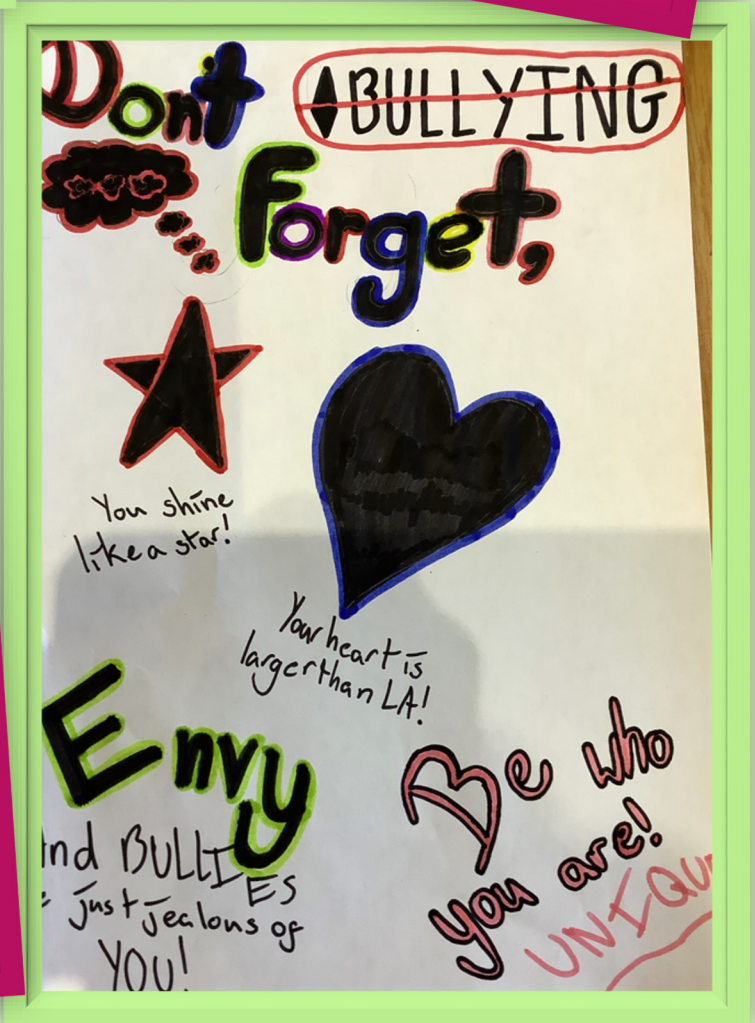
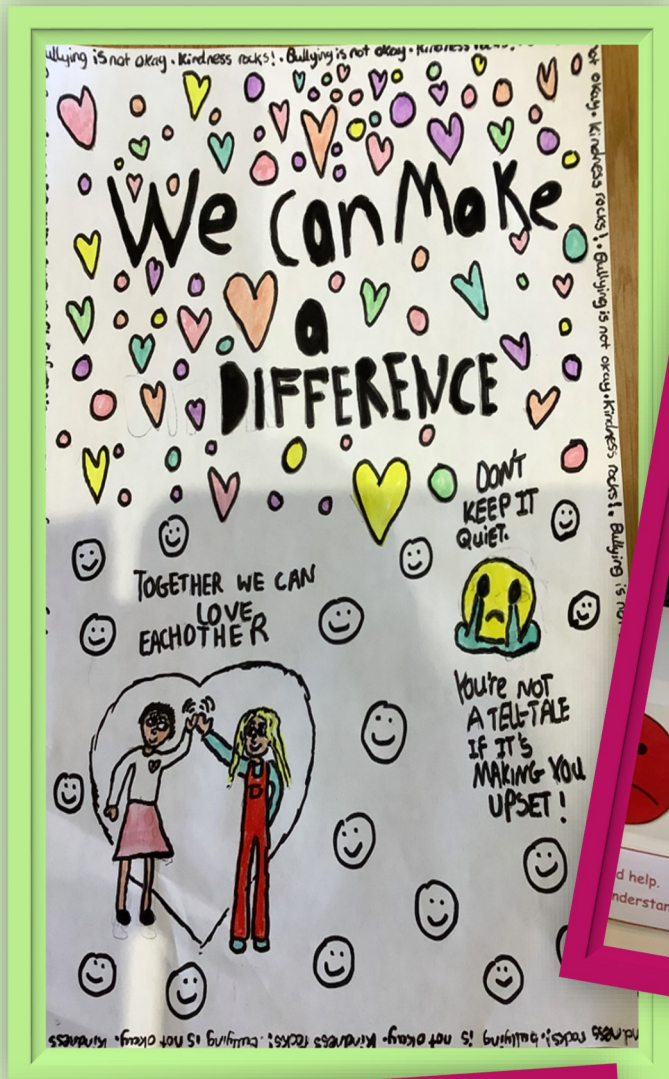
A message from Mr Smith

During their PSHE learning this week, Year 6 discussed the importance of celebrating difference. They all agreed that it is important to celebrate everyone as being unique and special and identified the dangers that prejudice and discrimination can lead to. This led to them creating some amazing and thoughtful anti-bullying posters as part of our whole school 'anti-bullying week' focus. Great job everyone!



MAKE A
NOISE
ABOUT
BULLYING
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

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30 DAYS OF KINDNESS Challenge



As part of our Anti Bullying Week, we are also setting the children a 30 day kindness challenge... This involves completing acts of kindness which range from, 'Asking someone about their day' to 'Saying five good things about yourself', to name a few.

Once the children have successfully completed their 30 tasks they can hand in their charts and will receive a certificate, sweet treat and an entry into a special prize draw....!

Leo E in Year 2 has made a start on his, by writing a special 'Thank you' note to Mrs Bennett for having a positive impact on him.

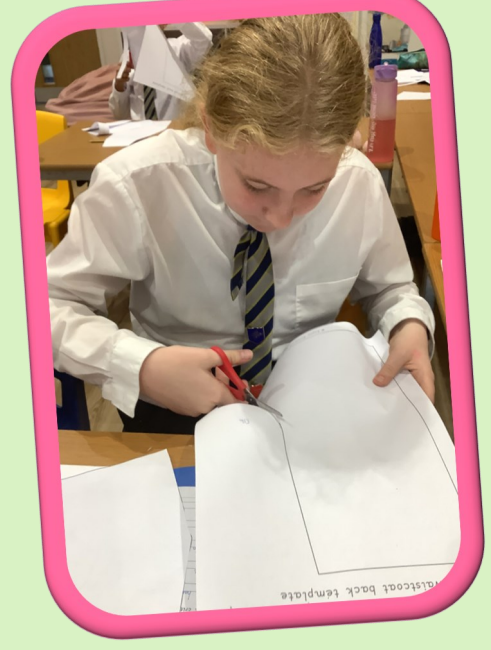
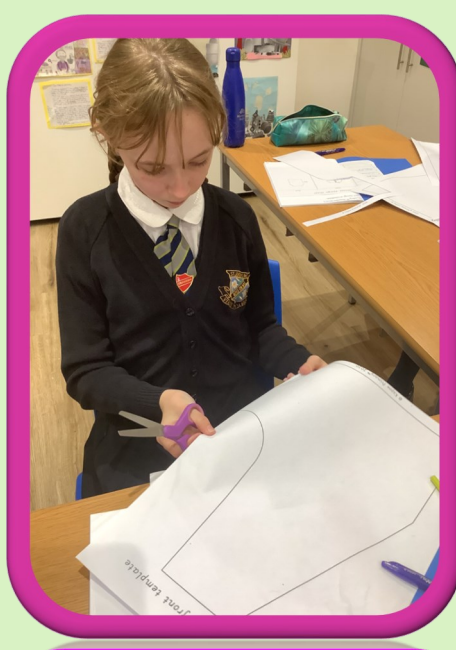
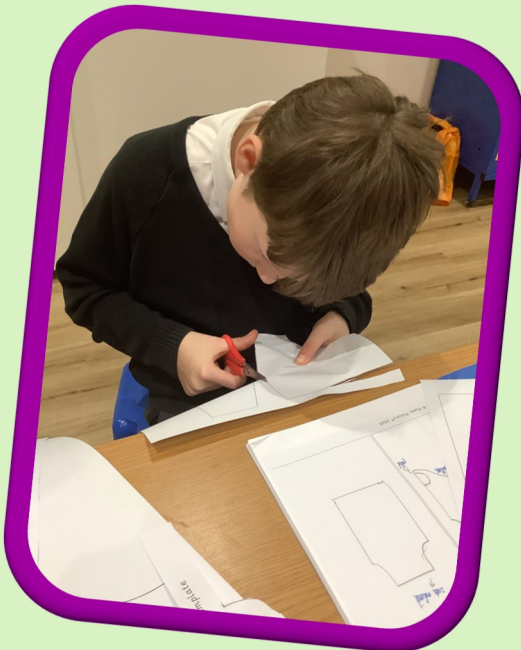
TO Mrs Bennett
I LOVE YOU
THANK YOU FOR
RACING ME. X FROM
LEO E

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Design and Technology



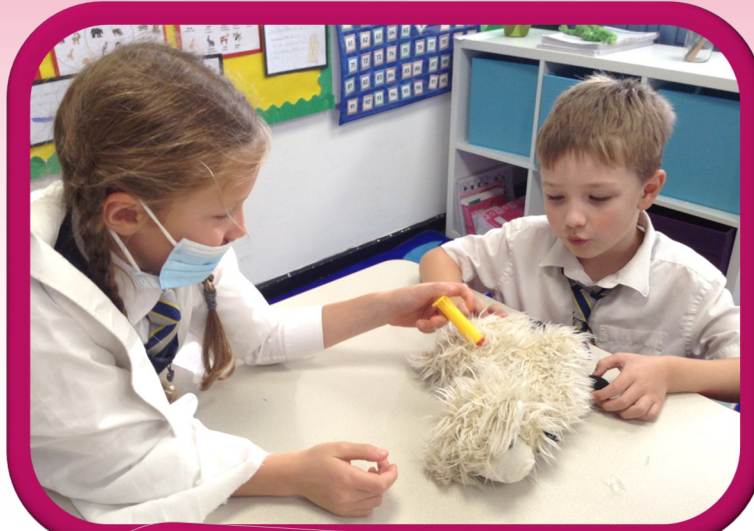
In Year 6 the children are enjoying their Design & Technology project for this half term— designing and making their own waistcoats! During Thursday's lesson the children cut out their own patterns, picked their chosen fabric and used chalk to draw around their patterns, on to the fabric. Next week they will be sewing their pieces of fabric together.



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MORE CURRICULUM IN ACTION THIS WEEK....

We have some budding vets in Big Ben Class! As part of our 'Animals' topic in Science, the children have been thinking about the important role vets play, how they care for animals and why an animal might need to go the vets in the first place. They had a fun time acting out being a veterinary surgeon or assistant and also being the owner of the poorly pet. Well done Big Ben Class, you were great!



WE ARE LEARNING
ABOUT
WHO CARES FOR ANI-
MALS WHEN THEY
ARE SICK.



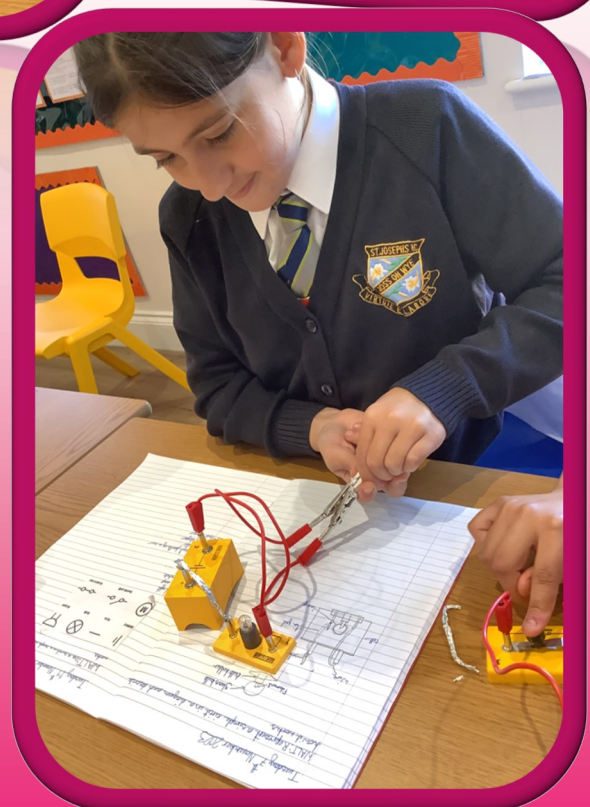
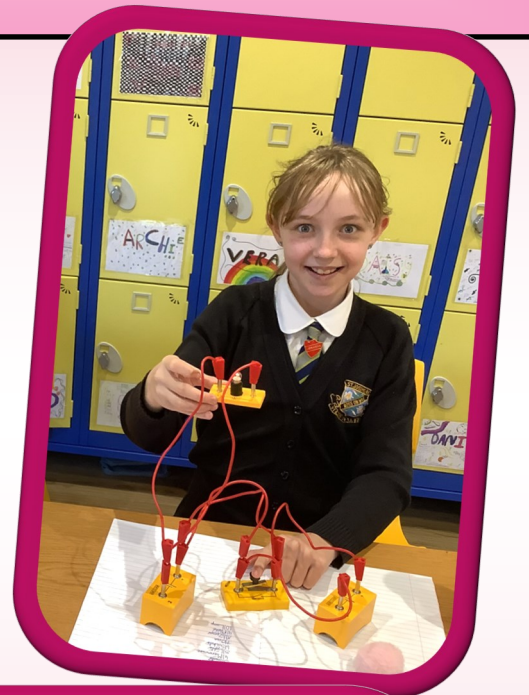
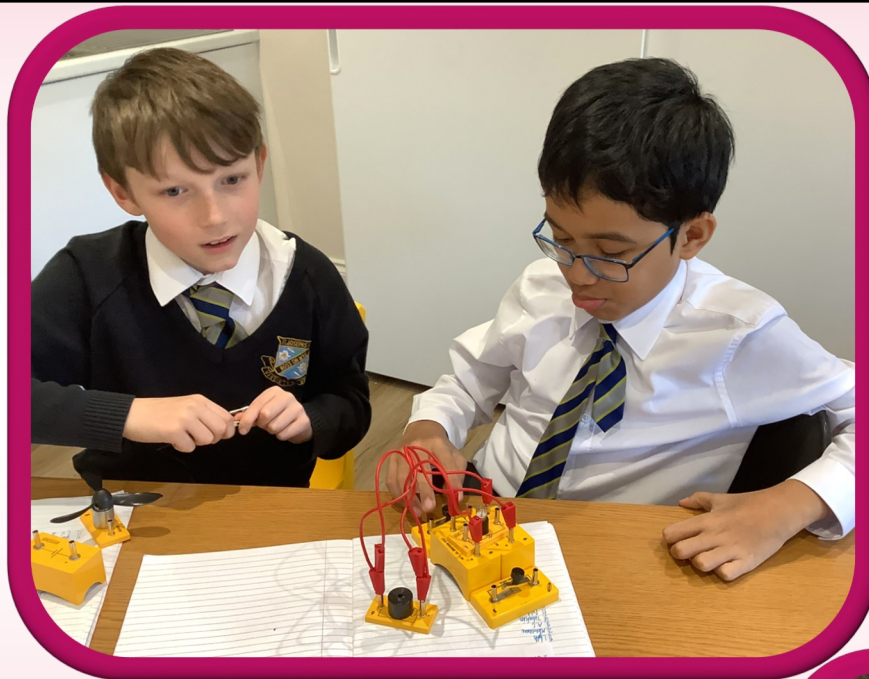
WE CAN DESCRIBE
HOW AN ANIMAL IS
CARED FOR AT THE
VETS.

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YEAR 6 SCIENCE IN ACTION..



In curriculum learning this week, Year 6 enjoyed extending their knowledge of electrical circuits by investigating how switches can be used to control electrical devices. An open switch breaks a complete circuit, meaning that lights, motors and buzzers can be switched on and off. After designing and building their circuits, the children investigated what happened when switches were placed in different places. They were able to build circuits containing two lights, which could be separately controlled to be turned off and on. They also created their own push switches using metal foil and pegs. Well done everybody!





Well done to our St Joseph's school community! We have achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award for the second year running!! This award is for our commitment and engagement in the school Herefordshire Games for 2022/23.

Thank you to our year 5 and 6 representatives who collected our award!



Library

news



Our brand new school library is up and running and ready to receive visitors next week! The Year 6 librarians have been working hard to shelve all the books carefully and have also learnt how to use the software to process returns. Year 5 children had a go at choosing and issuing books this week and found the system simple to use; they were also very impressed with all the different books that were available and everybody found something that they would love to read!



Hall Hire

The Sports Hall is available to hire for events. The cost of this would be £55 for four hours, plus use of the kitchen too. Please contact the office if you would like more information about this.

CURRICULUM AMBASSADORS...

This week during our Curriculum Ambassadors meeting, Miss Steiner met with the children to talk about Art, Design & Technology in the curriculum. We specifically focused on assessing our work and identifying next steps to further improve our finished pieces. As a whole school we have introduced - **The Art Sandwich!**

The children will assess their work at the end of the topic by identifying something that has worked well and they are proud of—top slice, the filling—a target for next time and the bottom slice—something they enjoyed doing – learning a new skill..

The children are looking forward to using their art sandwiches as a form of assessment!

FOCUS

ART

Design and Technology

THE ART SANDWICH



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COOKING CLUB THIS WEEK...

A message from Miss Sadler...

This week the children helped to bake Cheese Straws. The children used a rubbing technique to combine the flour and the butter to make 'breadcrumbs'. We then added lots of different cheese such as cheddar and parmesan. Once we had created the dough we rolled it out flat and cut it into small rectangular pieces to bake.



FSJ NEWS

NEXT FRIDAY—24TH NOVEMBER— NON UNIFORM DAY

We are asking for chocolate or bottle donations. Please send them to the school office in the morning.

**Coming
SOON!**



**Christmas
Fayre**



**FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER @
1:30PM**

Our Christmas Fayre is fast approaching...

If you are able to help on this day, please contact the school office.

We look forward to welcoming all of the families and friends of St Joseph's to this special event!

Please spread the word that during the afternoon on this day (2:00pm), we will be hosting a *Children's Christmas karaoke* competition in the sports hall. If your child has a special Christmas song they would like to perform then please ask them to come to the school office so that we can add their name to the list. Group singers are also welcome to sign up. Prizes to be won!





**RAFFLE TICKETS HAVE GONE HOME. MORE
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL
OFFICE. WE HAVE SOME GREAT PRIZES.....**

Beefy Boys voucher

The Courtyard - panto tickets

Goodrich Castle family admission

Pizza Express 2 free pizzas

West Midlands Safari Park

Luch Hair voucher

Puzzlewood voucher

Flip Out

Monmouth Leisure Centre

Cotswold Wildlife Park

Ross Art Studio voucher

Heavenly Homes and Gardens voucher

**Free MOT for Birdwood garage
and a big Christmas hamper in a basket**

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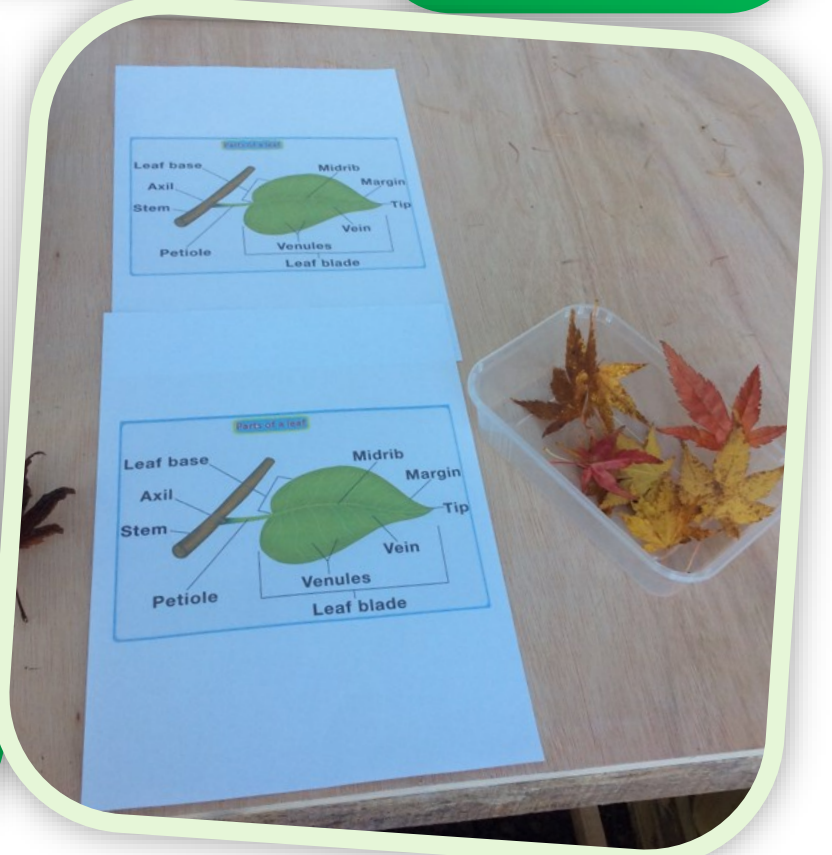


Garden Club



A message from Mrs Hodges...

In gardening club this week we learnt all about leaves. We looked at the colour changes of leaves, made a timeline, did some leaf rubbings and compared them to our leaf diagram talking about all the different parts that make up a leaf. We planted some broad beans in pots and used our new potting bench and staging in our greenhouse to fill pots with bluebells ready for a burst of colour in spring.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY THIS TERM...

Friday 1 st December	Christmas Fayre
Monday 4 th December	Advent Assembly
Friday 8 th December	KS2 Christmas Outing
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity @ 5:30pm
Friday 15 th December	Nursery Nativity @ 2:00pm
Tuesday 19 th December	KS2 Christmas Performance
Thursday 21 st December	End of term Mass
Thursday 21 st December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 22 nd December	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Outing
Friday 22 nd December	Nursery Christmas Party
Friday 22 nd December	End of term

We are taking bookings for our Christmas Holiday Club. As always places are filling up fast. Please contact the school office to make a booking.



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NURSERY IN ACTION!

A MESSAGE FROM MRS LEREGO

We have loved exploring our new, nearly finished, construction area this week! We have been working together to balance the wooden scales, build dens and bridges and fill and empty different sized pots.

For anti bullying week we have been talking a lot about kindness. The children chose a friend to mix paint with, hold hands, then print their mixed coloured handprints onto paper. We also loved decorating our kindness rocks to hide around the nursery for our friends to find.



Star of
the week:

Stefan

For always being
kind to his
friends.





**CAN YOU
HELP?**

We are in need of timber and decking to build some small climbing structures - If you have any we would be very grateful!

Thank you

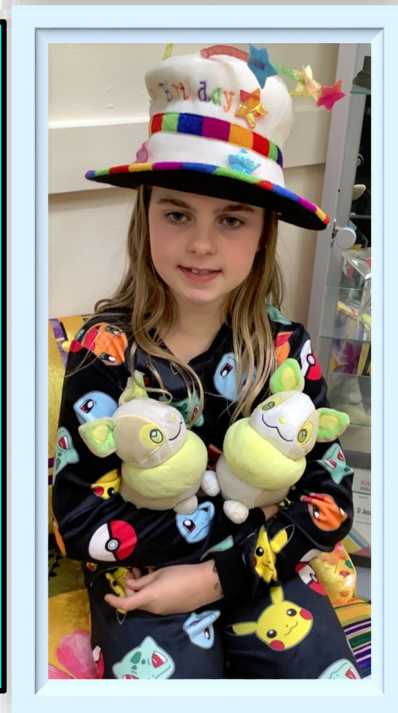
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This week we have four birthdays on 19th November!

Happy Birthday to Darcey in year 5, who will be celebrating her 10th birthday, Dandreï in year 5 will also be celebrating his 10th birthday. Patrick and Abby KP, in year 3 will both be turning 8 on Sunday too!

Wishing them all a very happy weekend!



**MONDAY 27th
NOVEMBER**

**MATH
Workshop
FOR PARENTS**

Our Maths leaders, Mr Gunter and Mrs Murray will be leading some parent workshops, on **Monday 27th November at 9:15am and 3:15pm, in the sports hall. These sessions will be specifically for parents who have children in Key Stage 2 (year 3 upwards). It will be an opportunity for parents to understand the methods and strategies we use at school with the children to calculate given questions. If you would like to attend either of these workshops please contact the school office.**



LIBERTY

Sophie A

BIG BEN

Aurora M

EVEREST

Rupert B

BLUE LAGOON

Lennox WC

ARC DE TRIOMPH

Grace S

MOSI OA TUNYA

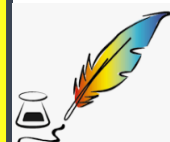
Rhys B

ANGEL FALLS

Silvija A



ROYAL WRITER OF THE WEEK!



LIBERTY	93.85%
BIG BEN	97.18%
EVEREST	96.96%
BLUE LAGOON	91.43%
ARC DE TRIOMPH	99.13%
MOSI OA TUNYA	96.19%
ANGEL FALLS	98.75%

LIBERTY	<i>Anna M</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Sophia E</i>
EVEREST	<i>Leo E</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Eli B</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Lily Mae A</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Ellie R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Amelie K</i>



LIBERTY	<i>Thomas C Harrison SS</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Annabella C Amaya P</i>
EVEREST	<i>Sakura P Sonny L</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Jayden T Abby KP</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Bradley P Poppy B</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Rugile J Edward R</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Leo W Rhys W</i>

LIBERTY	<i>Arthur W</i>
BIG BEN	<i>Charlie MA</i>
EVEREST	<i>Mimo A</i>
BLUE LAGOON	<i>Tilly Rose W</i>
ARC DE TRIOMPH	<i>Matas J</i>
MOSI OA TUNYA	<i>Luke J</i>
ANGEL FALLS	<i>Olivia Lei S</i>

Warm wishes for a
lovely weekend
God Bless
Mrs Francis

