

# Atherton St George's C.E. Primary School & Little Dragons' Nursery



Newsletter, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

The week began with a two minutes' silence to remember those who have fallen or are still serving today. I am sure you will have seen the touching videos on our school Facebook site of the children holding their personalised 'wooden spoon' poppies up whilst listening to the song 'Amazing Grace' before placing them in the ground at the front of school, these will shortly be placed in the memory garden at the back of school. The children have been extremely respectful throughout this season and are a credit to our families. Thank you so much to all the families and staff who attended the parade in Atherton on Sunday to represent school and for the children who came in their clothing on Monday if they were part of a uniformed society.

We have had a number of school improvement meetings this week across the Trust in order to further develop our staff, curriculum and the pupils' learning. These take place at several times throughout the year. This week we have held Maths, Pastoral and Inclusion meetings which have produced some thought provoking discussion and next steps for us to undertake.

The sign of the week this week was 'Open Evening' which took place last night. Thank you to the parents for allowing their children to stay behind to showcase some of the learning that is taking place. The feedback from the evening was absolutely fantastic, it makes me exceptionally proud to be Headteacher at St George's CE when we have the opportunity to showcase just who we are; a very special school with a big heart, fantastic children, supportive families and staff that go above and beyond.

Little Dragons' have been thoroughly enjoying the outdoors! Thank you to the parents who have sent in wellies and puddle suits for their children. If any parents have any that your children have outgrown, then we are more than willing to accept these should you be happy to donate them. These times outdoors allow the children to explore nature, become inquisitive learners and problem solve within the natural environment. Reception have been focusing their learning on their new book 'Owl Babies', they have undertaken numerous activities such as; writing, playing card cards, making cakes and using their sketching skills in art.

Year 1 have been being poets this week, reciting 'London's Burning' and writing their own poems, they have used their thinking hats to discuss the fire which started in Pudding Lane in 1666. They have also been using the mystery bag to look at the properties of shape with their peers. They have been continuing their Active Living Sessions which included them to try some honey snowball melon this week...very delicious!

Year 2 have been using pictorial and abstract strategies to answer word problems in maths, and been investigating lines of symmetry in 2D shapes. They have also been writing poems on The Great Fire of London, using their thinking hats to discuss the positive and negative emotions that happened before, during and after the event. They have even set their very own scenes on fire in Pudding Lane to see just how quickly it spread! Years 3 and 4 have been learning to play the recorder and each class has finished their very own performance which was amazing. We have some very skilled musicians in our midst's.

Years 5 and 6 have been writing a newspaper report about the Blitz, they have undertaken research about the Christmas Blitz in Manchester and created radio news broadcasts. The Active Living Team have also been undertaking their sessions with each class, they have been creating their very own Hakka Dance! We can't wait for the finished performance.

Today we have celebrated Children In Need Day with the whole school participating in 'The Big Morning Move' with Joe Wicks. They were all very hot but feeling fit and healthy.

A special mention to Olly-Paul in Year 1 who has been working tirelessly since September to spend his dojo's in the school shop. From the very first day he set his sights on one of the top prizes- an angry birds teddy worth 400 dojos. He has shown resilience and made excellent choices every single day to achieve his goal. Saving is not an easy task for many of us, but at such a young age he has not been swayed to redeem any other prize. Well done Olly-Paul! A great example to us all.

Have a lovely weekend

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