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November Newsletter

Whilst the dark nights have been drawing in and the weather has had more than a fair share of wind and rain, the spirits haven't been dampened at Seven Hills. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 held their Inspire mornings making wonderful creations that involved cutting, folding, sticking and sewing.

Across school we held our Anti-bullying week which this year had a focus on being a good friend. The children considered how they like to be treated by others both in and out of the classroom and everyone worked hard to consistently demonstrate these attitudes, including: manners, politeness, encouragement, care and support.

It was an exciting assembly when we had Owl Man in school. Along with himself he brought a variety of owls, some of which flew across the hall! We learned many interesting facts, such as owls are not always nocturnal and the colour of their eyes tells you what time of the day they are awake to hunt.

Year 6 enjoyed a thrilling three days on residential at Robinwood. Activities such as caving, canoeing, giant swing, climbing wall, crate challenge and zip wire tested their team work to the full. The children showed tremendous have-a-go attitudes and determination with the many challenging yet extremely fun activities. Whilst away, the children had a brilliant time throughout their fun-packed days and all the staff said they were a credit to the school.

Many thanks for all your kind contributions of money and buns towards Children In Need. We raised over £700 for this very worthwhile fund-raising event. The children got dressed in their spotacular outfits and enjoyed their bun in class. We also had a special assembly which involved each phase of school taking part in a game that included pinning the spotted scarf on to Pudsey, spotting the difference or getting the most spots on to a member of staff!

All members of school staff had a tremendous amount of pride for our children during this year's Remembrance Day Service. Every child thoughtfully created and decorated their own poppy and attached it to our Seven Hills poppy sculpture on the KS1 playground. In front of the sculpture the children heard readings from Year 6 children and listened to poems that our children had written. The children emotionally sang 'We will Remember' after impeccably showing their respects to the fallen during the 2 minutes silence. Tributes from The Tower of London and the most senior warrant officer in the RAF have been paid after seeing photographs and reading about our



Remembrance Service. Many thanks to Mrs Smith Holmes for organising the creation of the sculpture and Mr Johnson for preparing the apparatus.

This month we had our Autumn Disco where the children enjoyed seeing a variety of tricks and illusions in an entertaining 'magic' show before enjoying their pop and sweets refreshment. A big thankyou to FOSH for organising another great event and to FOSH volunteers and school staff for giving up their time in the evening.

Year 2 had a wonderful Divali afternoon where the children learned many fascinating facts about this Hindu festival of light. The children also made diva lamps, performed Indian dancing, made Rama and Sita puppets and tasted bahjis, poppadoms and samosas.

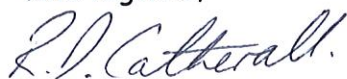
We are currently planting 1000 crocuses around school which have been donated by the Rotary Club in conjunction with the Bill Gates Foundation. These lovely little flowers should help provide some colour as the evenings get darker.

As part of Road Safety Week the children were invited by Mrs Richards to take part in a competition to highlight the importance of being seen on their way to school or when they are out and about in town. There were some fantastic posters with the winning entries going up in cloakrooms. Many thanks to everyone who entered. We also had a visit from the Highways Safety team. Their leader - Mr Rowe - spoke in assembly about how they keep the roads and motorways safer for traffic and brought in a variety of vehicles for the children to look at. On a point of safety - and at the request of a local resident - could I ask adults to take care when parking around school in order to ensure that roads (including the school gate) do not get blocked.

We currently have a wonderful team of lunchtime Assistants who nurture and ensure the children are kept safe, organise play activities and support the children in the dining hall to ensure they have enjoyable playtimes. There is currently a position on the lunchtime assistants team available. If you would like to be considered please call in to the school office for the relevant information.

Just a reminder. As mentioned in my previous October Newsletter school will be finishing early this Friday (2:45 pm) as the Christmas Fayre will be starting at 3 pm. There will be a variety of stalls, a raffle with a large variety of prizes, refreshments from FOSH and hopefully a visit from Father Christmas.

Kind regards,



Mr Catherall

