

Shillington Lower Bulletin

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Our value of the month: Peace

FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2018

Remembrance

On Sunday 11th November the country remembered the centenary anniversary of the end of World War 1. In school we have spent the week leading up to Remembrance thinking about why it is important to remember. All of the children have helped by making poppies for this beautiful display. Thank you to Mrs Webster for her design skills. In school we had a special visitor to assembly—Squadron Leader Craig Hutchinson, who is based at Henlow airbase. He shared his thoughts about remembrance with the children and we learnt lots of interesting facts about World War 1 including that the fact that the grave yards in Belgium and France were created using soil, grass and plants from home. The idea being that home could be bought to the soldiers resting places. This is a tradition still in use all over the world. It was very special to have someone from the armed forces in school. He spent time listening to the children's knowledge and answering their questions. Your donations to the poppy appeal raised almost £200 which is a record amount. Thank you very much everyone.



On Sunday, I was very proud to watch many of our children take part in the remembrance parade in the church and then at the memorial. They represented their uniformed organisations, like the Brownies and Cubs, with pride. Many also were with family and friends in the church congregation and at the memorial and it was a proud moment to watch them treat the occasion with dignity, respect and peace.



Pixie News

Pixie class had a very creative week, exploring and learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali. Using junk modelling, the children created their own fireworks and rockets. To celebrate Diwali the children made and decorated their own salt dough divas.

Continuing with the theme of colour this week we are reading the Elmer books and making our own Elmer's.



Unicorns News

In Unicorn class we have really enjoyed reading a story called 'Billy's Bucket'. We have had to use our imagination to describe what's at the bottom of the bucket describing lots of sea creatures. In maths we have been doing lots of work on subtraction using the whole part diagram to help and answering some tricky word problems. For our topic we have continued to look at older toys specifically some games and toys played with during the Victorian era. Don't forget for homework to find out what toys parents and grandparents played with.

Centaur's News

Centaur's have enjoyed a variety of activities over the last two weeks. We made Poppies for Remembrance Day and even created our own canvas of Flanders Field.

In French the children thoroughly enjoyed learning the song 'Deux Petits Oiseaux' (Two Little Dickie Birds) and making finger puppets to support their performance!

We also celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali by having an afternoon of craft which involved making divas and creating rangoli patterns.

Rainbows News

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks in Rainbows. We have been enjoying our new topic 'People Who Help Us.' We created our Fire Station role play and have been talking about different people who help us every day. We have also been focusing on Paw Patrol this week, looking at the Pups different roles and jobs. We have made our own Pup Tags, wrote some character names and painted some lovely pictures. We have also been working hard on our Nativity performance this week, which we are really looking forward too!

Dragons News

We had a very interesting letter arrive in our classroom this week! It was from the Fire Service asking us to create some instructions for how to be safe in a fire. We've been learning about adverbs and imperative verbs to make our instructions really clear. In maths we've been learning about money. We celebrated the Hindu festival of Diwali by making paper divas.

Year 1 and 2 Multi-skills at Samuel Whitbread

Last Monday morning twelve year 1 and 2 pupils attended a multi sports activity morning at Samuel Whitbread. The children worked really hard practicing their multi skills as well as cheering each other on and working as a team. They did really well to come 5th out of 12 schools.



Please remember to be considerate to our neighbours when dropping off/collecting your children from school and make use of the car park when possible.



Phoenix News

Phoenix class have been exploring human impact on habitats and environment. We have learnt that changing just one thing in a habitat can have a big impact on all the living organisms that live there. Deforestation is a big problem in parts of the world and we looked at how this has a massive impact on the environment. We created posters expressing ways of how to help protect our environment.

Shillington Superstars

Rainbows

Alice

Amelie

Unicorns

Elliott

Chester

Dragons

Natalia

Ayla

Centaurs

Freddy

Cain

Phoenix

Maisie

Joe

Exciting Writing

Rainbows

Zac

Unicorns

Adora

Dragons

Charlotte

Bailee

Centaurs

Penny

Jack

Healey

Phoenix

Harry M

Josh

Diary Dates

School Individual & Sibling Photographs—21st November

Panto Trip—5th December—**Children in school by 8.30am please**

Pixie Class & Rainbows Nativity—10th December 2.30pm (details to follow)

Pixie Class & Rainbows Nativity—11th December 9.30am (details to follow)

Years 1&2 Carols by Candle Light at All Saints Church —13th December 2pm (details to follow)

Xmas Crafts Parent Open Session—18th December 9.15—10am

Young Voices, Yr4—4th February 2019

Term Dates

2018 - 19

Autumn Term 2018

Wednesday 5th September 2018 - Wednesday 19th December 2019

Spring Term 2019

Thursday 3rd January 2019 - Friday 5th April 2019

(Half Term 11th - 15th February 2019)

Summer Term 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019 - Friday 19th July 2019

(Half Term 27th - 31st May)

(School Closed Monday 6th May 2019)



Children in Need

Continuing the theme of the week of thinking of others, we then enjoyed a non uniform day to raise money for Children in Need. There were some amazing designs, lots of spots, some spectacular face painting and even a mermaid! The children enjoyed the day and were able to do something amazing to help this worthwhile charity. The money is still coming in, but so far, we have counted... £132.00 !!



A huge thank you to the Smith family who have kindly donated £80.16 which was the proceeds of their Halloween display—we are very grateful for their support every year

We need to have a new kitchen door fitted and although we have the door we are looking for a volunteer to hang this—if anyone could help please ring the school office—Many thanks