

Message from the Headteacher

This year marks the 100th anniversary of both the Royal British Legion and the Poppy Appeal which has focus on care, peace and hope - all of which are values of our school. Thank you for all of your support in raising money through the muffti day as well as purchasing the poppy appeal items, as a school we have raised a total of £240 just from the muffti day! Huge thanks to our school council for running the poppy stall each break time and collecting the money yesterday.

This week pupils have been learning about both World Wars and the importance of Remembrance Day. Pupils in Year 2 have been making poppies and writing poems about peace and our nursery pupils have enjoyed



watching a short film which explains the significance of the symbol of the poppy.

Don't forget next Friday we are wearing blue in support of 'National Diabetes Awareness Month'.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,
 Mrs West-Gaul



Term 2 Christian Value: Peace



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Star of the week

Acorn class	Evie Albie
Ash class	Todd
Birch class	Xander
Chestnut class	Elsie
Elm class	Bo
Holly class	Olive
Hazel class	Murray
Maple class	Josh A
Oak class	Freddie Pe
Pine class	Tyler
Rowan class	Rebecca
Sycamore class	Ellis
Willow class	Marnie

Dates for your diary

15th November - Nursery photos with school siblings

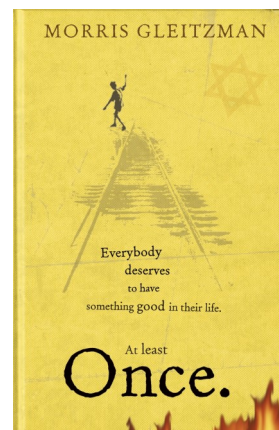
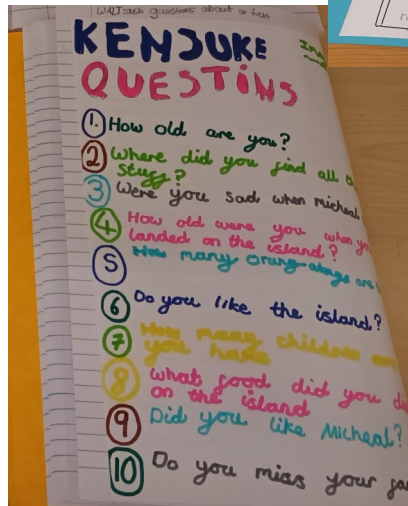
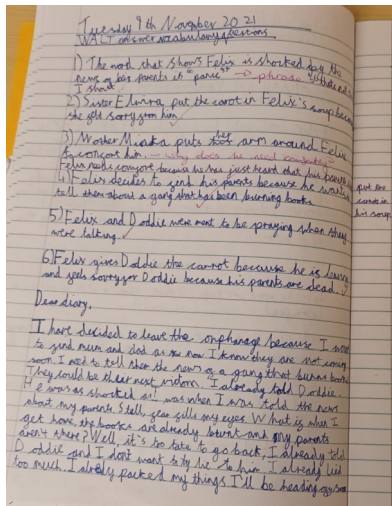
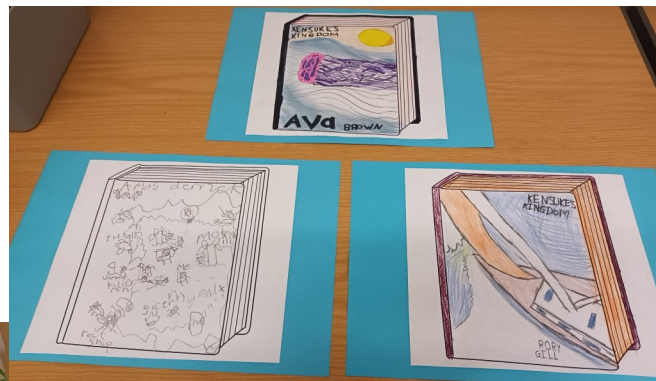
19th November - World Diabetes Day. Wear something blue muffti.

25th November - Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations.

4th December - PTA Christmas Fair

Year 6 Reading

Year 6 have loved reading Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. After finishing the book, they designed their own front covers; chose 10 questions to ask the main characters; wrote a letter to the author; and designed their own VIPERS questions for their partner to answer.



Year 6 have now started reading Once by Morris Gleitzman - a book that allows the children to understand what it was like for Jewish families during WWII. Felix, the main character, is a caring and adventurous child who loves writing stories.

Christmas at St John's

I am delighted to announce the dates for our EYFS and KS1 nativities this year. As a school we are still limiting the amount of people on site and therefore there will be three different performances.

EYFS - Wed 8th December 2pm - Angel Express

Year 1 - Mon 13th December 2pm and 5pm - Busy Busy Bethlehem

Year 2 - Tues 14th December 4.30pm - Carols by Candlelight

We will be recording our whole school Christmas service for you to enjoy as a family at home.

School Christmas dinner will be served to all year groups on **Wednesday 15th December**. Please ensure that bookings are made via ParentPay by **Thursday 2nd December** (a week earlier than usual) so that the kitchen are able to place an order for the number of pupils who want Christmas dinner.

Jazzy Media

Our school has registered with Jazzy Media which is an in-school communications specialist. Through our partnership they offer us resources to use in school and on occasions free products to send home with the children. By taking part in this scheme we are able to raise money for the school which can then be used on improving resources for children in school.



Nursery Learning

At Nursery we have been exploring how things work and spending time designing and creating models from wood using real tools. We learned about what the tools do and the importance of safety-the children have really enjoyed this experience!



We have also enjoyed learning about lots of different festivals and traditions. We celebrated Diwali by designing Mendhi hand patterns and investigating colour changes of Rangoli patterns on a light box. We have produced some lovely firework paintings developing our fine motor skills by using matchsticks to make marks. This has led to lots of exciting conversations about our own experiences of firework night.

We have also enjoyed learning about Remembrance day, focusing on size ordering poppies for maths, and enjoyed a Cbeebies programme teaching the meaning behind why we wear poppies.



Out of School Achievement

On Saturday Jayden from Ash class passed his grading with Jamie woodlands black belt academy and gained his purple strip belt.

Well done Jayden!



Avon Dance Academy

***Modern Class
for 5-8 years***

***Tuesdays
4pm - 4.45pm
Millennium Hall,
Chew Magna***

*Please contact Janine directly on
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Remembrance Day Photos



Winning Team

Yesterday our football team won 5-4 against Peasedown St John Primary School. Well done to Ozzie, Spencer, Harry Y, Stanley, Dylan and Josh from Year 5 and Max, Nathan, Devon, Aiden, Luke, Harry P and Matthew from Year 6.

The 5 goals were scored 1 each by Devon and Harry and a hat trick by Luke.

A huge well done to all the team!

Maths Homework

This term we will be introducing the children to Doodle Maths which is an online programme that will allow pupils to complete activities for their maths homework each week. Pupils will be coming home today with their log on details and attached to this ParentMail is a parents letter with further details on how to log on. If you have any queries regarding Doodle Maths please speak to your child's class teacher.



Flu Vaccinations

Children in **Year Reception to Year 6** are eligible for a Free Nasal Childhood Flu Vaccination. The immunisation team will be visiting on: **25th November 2021**

Please follow the below link to consent to your child's vaccination ASAP. Even if you do not want your child to receive this vaccination, please complete the consent form stating "decline". On this link you will also find answers to your FAQ's and links to the current Public Health England and manufacturers leaflets. We recommend you discuss this vaccination with your child prior to the date of vaccination.

Prior to completion of the consent, you will need your individual child's unique NHS number – this can be found in their red book, or via this link:

Find your NHS number - www.nhs.uk

To complete the consent/decline please click on the link below:

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2021/wilts>

Virgin Care will be **operating a strict policy of closing the consent link at midnight on Monday 15th Nov**. If you complete a late consent (after the link closing date or on the day), your child(ren) will not be vaccinated at school and you will be offered the opportunity to book them into a local community catch up clinic. This also applies if your child is absent or refuses the vaccination at school.

