

## Message from the Headteacher

This week has been anti bullying week. The children have explored the theme of 'one kind word' through a variety of activities including one kind words paper chains, acrostic poems and class discussions. We have spoken to the children about the difference between falling out with our friends and bullying, as well as the support that is in place at school and who they can talk to if they are being bullied. Attached is a parent's guide so that you can help support the work that is taking place in school.

Thank you to everyone who showed their support for 'National Diabetes Day' today by wearing blue. The money raised will go towards life changing research, support and advice services.

We are continuing to see COVID 19 cases rising within our school community. Can we please ask that if your child shows symptoms you do not send them into school and get them tested as soon as possible. Below is some advice that was sent out in our Warn and Inform letters earlier this week, for further information please read the full letters.

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19):

- \* Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over can book COVID-19 vaccination appointments now.
- \* Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
- \* Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze.
- \* Put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards.
- \* Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas open doors and windows to let in fresh air.
- \* If meeting people inside wear a face covering if aged 11 and over when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places.
- \* Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: <https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results>

Wishing you a happy weekend,

Mrs West-Gaul  
Headteacher

## Term 2 Christian Value: Peace



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

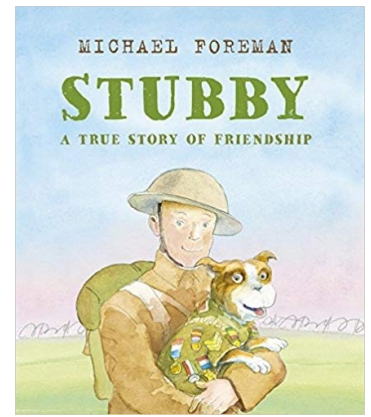
## Stars of the week

Well done to all of our pupils who have been working hard in school and with their home learning and have been awarded star of the week this week.

<b>Acorn class</b>	Noah Poppy
<b>Ash class</b>	Maisie
<b>Birch class</b>	Tommy H
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Matthew
<b>Elm class</b>	Olivia
<b>Holly class</b>	Chloe
<b>Hazel class</b>	Nola
<b>Maple class</b>	Freddy
<b>Oak class</b>	Poppy
<b>Pine class</b>	Regan
<b>Rowan class</b>	Thomas
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Bailey
<b>Willow class</b>	Daisy

## Learning in Year 2

As part of history Year 2 pupils have been reading the book *Stubby* by Michael Forman which tells the true story of Sargent Stubby. From an army training camp to the trenches in France, this is the incredible story of the dog who served bravely in the First World War, sniffing out gas attacks, catching spies and winning the hearts of his fellow soldiers.

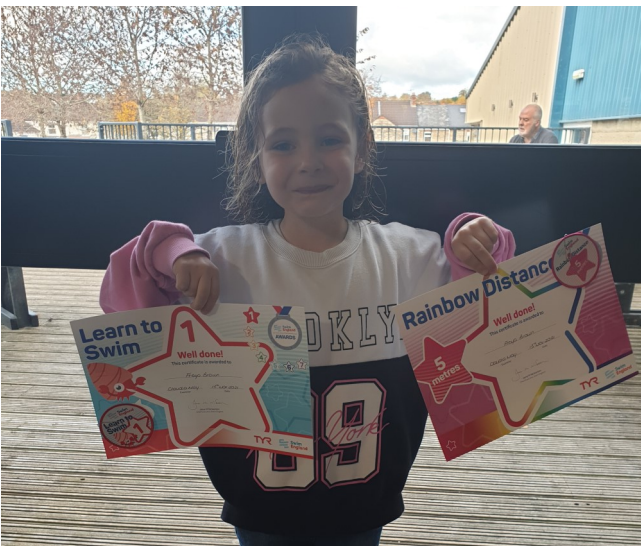


Pupils were also set the challenge of making their own trenches at home out of any material of their choosing. We were incredibly impressed by the variety of the designs including some made from Lego, using real soil, out of shoe boxes and even edible models.



## Out of School Achievement

Well done to Freya in Ash Class who passed her Stage 1 Swimming and was awarded her 5 meter badge last week.



## Doodle Maths

We have just launched doodle maths for homework across the school. The children have been working really hard to earn their stars this week. Each week we are going to announce the top doodler in each class, this will be the child who has logged on the most to doodle maths and put in lots of effort.

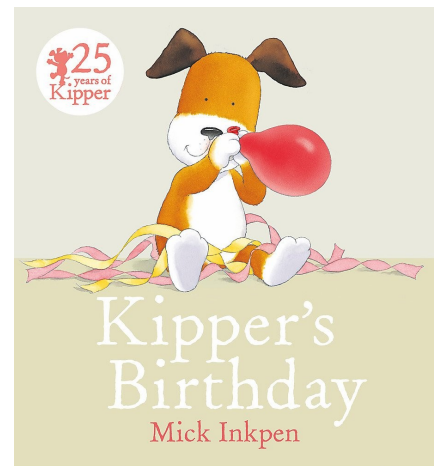
This week's top doodlers are:

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| <b>Acorns</b> - Sophie    | Maple - Isla      |
| <b>Ash</b> - Harry        | Oak - Tian Mei    |
| <b>Birch</b> - Rhodri     | Pine - Freddie    |
| <b>Chestnut</b> - Gabriel | Rowen - Ella      |
| <b>Elm</b> - Owen         | Sycamore - Minnie |
| Holly - Fin               | Willow - Imogen   |
| Hazel - Poppie            |                   |



## Learning in Reception

This week in Reception we have been enjoying the story of Kipper's Birthday as part of our topic 'Let's Celebrate!' We have made birthday cards and invitations and today we made some birthday cup cakes to take home! They smell delicious!



## Dates for your diary

**25th November** - Reception to Year 6 flu vaccinations for all who have completed the Virgin Care online form.

**4th December** - PTA Christmas Fayre. Please return raffle money to the school office. Extra books are available.

**10th December** - PTA Elfridges. Please return forms to the school office by 26th November. Additional forms can be collected from the office.

**15th December** - School Christmas dinner. Please book via ParentPay by 2nd December 2021.

**4th and 5th January 2022** - INSET Days. School returned on Thursday 6th January 2022.

## Out of school Achievement

Congratulations to Sam in Pine class for passing his Street Dance exam with Sue Hill Dance.



## Diabetes Awareness Muffi Day

As a school who has pupils and staff who have been diagnosed with Diabetes, each year we mark Diabetes Awareness Day to raise awareness of the condition and money for the charity Diabetes UK.



This year Diabetes Awareness Day was on Sunday 14th November 2021 so today we invited pupils and staff to come in wearing blue muffi.



**DiABETES UK**  
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.



MIDSOMER NORTON TOWN COUNCIL

**FREE!** Children's **CHRISTMAS** Party



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## St John's Church Christmas Fayre

On Saturday 4th December from 10am-12pm St John's Church in Midsomer Norton will be holding a Christmas Fayre. They are forming a children's choir to sing from 10.45-11.15am. Words will be provided and children are encouraged to wear Christmas jumpers and hats.

A rehearsal will be held in the church on Wednesday 1st December from 4.30-6.00pm. If you would like further information please ring Heather Hill on 07882 734507.

