Date: Friday 15th November

The first two weeks of the half term have been busy and the children have enjoyed supporting the Poppy appeal and Children in Need. Monday saw our Year 6 children lead our Remembrance assembly which they did with respect and consideration. They shared their learnings about the meaning of the event and how this related to members of their own family. Our pupil parliament group have been busy selling merchandise for both fund raisers and it was lovely to see so many children and families take part in both events. We shall share the totals raised in the coming weeks. Our Reception children had a super time on Monday exploring 'Little City' who visited Belmont. The hall was set up as a little city and the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the hairdressers and doctors as part of their learning on people who help us.

This week we also hosted our last parent open events for our 2025 intake. The events were incredibly well attended and feedback was glowing. All visitors were incredibly impressed with what they saw so well done to the staff and puplis at



Pupil Special Achievements & Awards:

Headteacher Postcard: Tommy (Y6)

Teacher postcard: Leo (Y1) George F, George K, Esther, Lottie, Sarnaee, Frasier, Lottie (Y2) Bjorn, Rocco (Y3) Thea, Finley (Y4) Riley, Isabella (Y5) Lacey, Alfie-Lee, Sonny, Teddy (Y5) Rammim, Fin (Y6)

Swimming: Olivia (Y2) stage 2; Jenson (Y4) level 7; Khyaan (Y4) stage 4; Maisie (Y5) Sophia A (Y6) stage 5

Pen Licence: Jenson (Y5)

Rugby: Teddy B (Y1) Published story: Gursimar (Y4) Remembrance Day Parade: Mokshu (Y6) *Irish Dancing*: Lilly M (Y2) 1st and 2nd place medals Maths: Gormley class for their resilience in Maths Beavers: George H (Y2) investiture

Karate: Isabella, Scarlett, William, Sienna (Y5) Saajun (Y6)

Blue Peter Badges: Akain (Y3) Brownies: Isabelle (Y3) Horse Riding: Ayla (Y4)

Football: Raiyan (Y1) George K, Archie, Harry B (Y2) Renzo, Akain, Bobby S, Renzo (Y3) Jesse (Y4) Zac, Ollie (Y5) Max, Izzy (Y6)

Top Ten Texts: Jenson (Y4)

TTRS: Josephine, Lacey, Mokshu (Y6)TTR Legend: Fraser, Abhinav (Y6) TTR Hero: Abhiroop (Y6)

Pupil Voice:

Find out what the children have to share about their

"I really enjoyed the science experiments we did about coastal erosion and the experiment with different eggs put into different solutions to see what solutions were healthy and unhealthy for our teeth. I also enjoyed learning about column method up to four digits in Maths and improving my times tables up to the 12 times table." Arabella Y4

"I am enjoying reading Beowulf at the moment. It is really interesting and it is linked with our history topic, The Anglo-Saxons." Scarlett Y5

Notices:

Supporting Reading at Home:

We are pleased to share that PiXL has launched a series of Parent/Carer guides for Reading. These have been designed to assist parents and carers in supporting their children's reading development at home, focusing on important areas such as phonics, encouraging independent reading and enhancing reading comprehension. The advice provided in these guides is practical, clear and in line with the strategies being implemented in school.

Over the next coming months, we will be sharing one of these guides with you every fortnight. We are starting with 'Creating a Reading Environment at Home.' We hope that you find these guides to be beneficial in supporting your child's reading journey.

Erith Town:

Christmas fixture: Erith Town Vs Littlehampton on the 21st December at Stanmore Stadium, Thamesmead. Kick off is at 3:00pm. Event includes Santa's Grotto and festive fun/activities. 50% for card holders.



Diary Dates:

Tuesday 19th November - School photos - individual and siblings

Thursday 21st November - Morris Class rescheduled parent/teacher meetings



Community/School Links:

Family Lives:

Family Lives is a website dedicated to supporting families and parenting. They offer a vast array of resources including a range of online parenting courses including:

- A new baby in the family
- Co-parenting
- Bringing up confident children

And many more. More information can be found using the link below:

https://familylives.org.uk/how-we-can-help/onlineparenting-courses

Attendance and Punctuality:

School attendance is mandatory for all pupils.



This year we continue to have high attendance aspirations for all pupils and have set our whole school attendance target at 96%.

Last week our attendance was 94.1% which is below national and below our school target. Banksy Class had the best attendance with 98% well done to pupils in Banksy class.

This week our attendance was 94.3% which is below national and below our school target. Briggs class had the best attendance with 98.6%

Parents are reminded, term time holidays are not authorised and will result in a fine.

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