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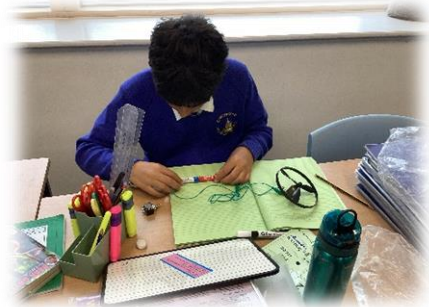
Dear Families,

At school today, a poignant service took place in honour of Remembrance Day. All the children contributed by crafting poppies, adorning the hall with their symbolic creations before the service commenced. The solemn occasion featured heartfelt poetry and prayers shared by the children. At 11:00 am, we collectively observed a two-minute silence. In this reverent pause, we collectively reflected on the sacrifices made by individuals who gave their lives for the peace and freedom we cherish today, extending our thoughts to those currently affected by conflicts worldwide.



Electricity in Year 5/6

This week Year 5 and 6 have been immersed in learning about electricity in science. In the classroom, they've been busy constructing electrical circuits, skillfully connecting wires, switches, and batteries to illuminate bulbs and power fans.



Sensory exploration in Foxes

In an engaging science lesson with Mrs Wells, Foxes class embraced a sensory exploration. With ears perked, the children ventured into the adventure garden to observe the sounds that surrounded them. They then put their tactile skills to the test, reaching into mystery bags to identify hidden objects through the sense of touch. As if that wasn't enough, the children then delved into a taste adventure, discovering the diverse textures of different foods.



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Bronze Healthy School Award

We are delighted to announce that the school has just been awarded the Bronze Healthy Schools Award. This award recognises the work that the school does to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people. During the accreditation process, the panel recognised the work that the School Council and Eco Council do throughout the school to ensure the child's voice is at the centre of everything that we do. A huge thank you to Miss Till & Mrs Ford for all of their hard work helping us achieve this award. As a school, over the next year, we hope to work towards our Silver Healthy Schools Award.



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Pottery Club

This term, our ever popular Pottery Club have been creating beautiful, functional art pieces. As you can see from the photos, our budding potters have been working hard meticulously crafting these wonderful mugs.



Reminder of illness policy

As we prioritise the health and well-being of our school community, we kindly remind parents to adhere to the guidelines set by Public Health England regarding children's illness. According to these guidelines, if your child has experienced sickness and/or diarrhoea, it is crucial that they remain absent from school for a minimum of 48 hours from the last episode of symptoms. This precautionary measure is not only in the best interest of your child's recovery but also plays a significant role in preventing the potential spread of illness within our school. We appreciate your cooperation in helping maintain a healthy and safe environment for all students and staff. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to our school office.



Dates to remember next week:

Monday 13th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying Week

Wednesday 15th November – Bag2School collection – final chance to have a clear out at home and bring in your bagged donations! A full list of what can and can't be accepted can be found here:

<https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

Friday 17th November – Children in Need – children are welcome to wear spotty socks and bring a coin for Pudsey

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Paula Carlton



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