



Wreaths at the foot of our flagpole marking Armistice Day

Dear Parents and Carers



On Monday, the whole school community, including parents, carers, friends and family fell silent to pay our respects to those who have served, or currently serve in the armed forces.

It was a poignant and moving occasion where we all assembled around our flagpole, placed wreaths and heard the poems In Flanders Fields and For the Fallen. This year, as part of our connection with the local community, we invited members of our local community to attend and we were thrilled that Rev. Joan from the Church of the Good Samaritan could share the occasion with us. She also spoke at the service and reminded children of the positive contributions that we can all have to society.

It was lovely to see so many parents share the special moment with us; thank you for taking time out of your busy days to mark this occasion. We look forward to our next parental involvement at school in a few weeks where you are invited to come to school to share your children's learning with them. This event is happening towards the end of the school day on the 2nd December; more details to follow in a few weeks.

It has also been Anti-Bullying week this week. We thought we would share some of the activities from Years 2, 4 and 6 with you. Do make sure to speak to your children about what they have been doing in class to celebrate this week to contribute positively to our school community.

Year 2: This year the theme of Anti-Bullying week was 'Choose Respect' and as this is one of our school values, we were able to think of many examples about how we can show respect to others. We drew examples of showing respect such as playing together, asking others to play with us, listening, being kind and respectful online. Furthermore, we set the year group the challenge of completing a kindness bingo which has been sent home. We enjoyed hearing about the respectful activities they have completed.

Year 4: In Year 4, we watched a clip about Anti-Bullying week and discussed what bullying was and the different types of bullying. We talked about what we could do at school to support our friends and who we could speak to if we were worried. We also insulted a fresh piece of paper which crumpled every time someone said something mean. We then apologized and uncrumpled the paper but learned that even though the paper flattened out, it would not return to its original uncreased shape.



Bonjour! French fun with Mrs Vixaysakd

Year 6: Focusing on the theme of 'Choose Respect', Year 6 have talked about what respect means and what a respectful and disrespectful disagreement looks like, looking at scenarios and phrases that can be used. We talked about using conflict tools such as listening to the other person, disagreeing using respectful phrases and compromising. The children created some posters to show their understanding and promoting how bullying is not acceptable and if we choose respect then we can learn to live in a world where respect and kindness thrives.

Mr Beavan

Quotes of the week

Anti-Bullying week

- "We have to be kind to others around us" Sienna, Reception
- "We learnt that being kind to others is important" Dylan, Year 1
- "Spread kindness and respect to other people" Asmi, Year 2
- "It's mean and it hurts people mentally" Harry, Year 3
- "There are different types of bullying such as cyber-bullying" Zia, Year 4
- "Some people can be made fun of for who you are or your skin colour" Eva, Year 5
- "Everyone should be treated nicely" Willow, Year 6
- "Bullying is a thing that shouldn't be tolerated and everyone should be respectful and treated kindly" Maicie, Year 6

Diary dates coming up



Saturday 16th November

Lions of Maidenhead Talent Show at Furze Platt Senior School

Thursday 28th November

Deadline for ordering your child's Christmas Lunch

Friday 29th November

Year 2 Trip to Eton College

Monday 2nd December

Share your Learning - 2.45pm to 3.15pm

Friday 6th December

FS2 (Reception) Christmas Stay and Play - 8.45am to 9.45am

Monday 9th December

Panto performance of Sleeping Beauty to the whole school - 9.45am to 10.45am

Wednesday 11th December

FS2 (Reception) Nativity - 9.15am to 10.15am

Good News Certificates



EYFS: Suhasnee and Celestin

Year 1: Victoria and Maya

Year 2: Delilah and Ariana

Year 3: Ava and Summer

Year 4: Teegan and Flossie

Year 5: Kiwi and Fynn

Year 6: Declan and Sophia

Attendance

Lower School: Cherry winners with 100%

Upper School: Poplar Joint Winners with 96.7%

School attendance this week

94.5%



Last week = 94.8%
Last year average = 95%

Aiming for 97%

School Values - Pride



We should all be proud of how our school community came together as a show of respect for Armistice Day. We thought about values linked to members of the armed services - courage, resilience and selflessness. We reflected on the importance of unity and empathy through a shared sense of purpose.

Mymaths

Having spoken to teachers and collected information from parents via our homework survey (thank you to those who completed it), we have decided to continue using the mymaths platform. We are continuing to review our homework offer and expectations which we will share with you once we have concluded this.

French fun

On Tuesday and Wednesday last week, we were lucky enough to have Mrs Vixaysakd come to visit us to teach us some French to compliment our learning in our French lessons. She played some fun and engaging games with the children which meant that the children learnt lots and lots of new French words whilst reinforcing their French vocabulary. Thank you, Mrs Vixaysakd, for coming to visit and share your expertise with the school!

Cricket activity

Some Year 2 children went to Desborough College to take part in a cricket festival this week. The children completed eight different activities which involved a variety of skills needed to play cricket, such as throwing and batting. Aiden in Year 2 received a special certificate at the event for 'showing amazing teamwork, courage, kindness and respect' during the festival. Thanks to Miss Henderson for organising this and Mrs Matthews for dropping off the children in the minibus.

Pupils who attended were: Jolie, Aiden, Tallula, Louie, Isaac, Aiza, Ariana, Shivaay, Raphaella, Tariro and Anya.

Character Curriculum

Linked to Anti-bullying week, our character trait this week has been about asking someone to stop doing something. Due to Armistice Day happening on Monday, we did not have a whole school assembly and so this week's trait was shared within classes.

How do you ask someone to stop doing something?:



- Politely and firmly explaining your situation.
- Being clear in what you want to change and why.
- Explaining the impact on you.
- What to do if that doesn't work.



Positivity



Honesty



Respect



Pride

School Tours and Stay & Plays



For pupils starting school in
September 2025

Stay and Play dates
9:15am - 10:00am:

Tour dates 9:15am - 10:30am:

~~Thursday 10th October~~ Fully booked
~~Thursday 24th October~~ Fully booked
~~Thursday 7th November~~ Fully booked
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We will be using the winning piece of artwork to advertise & promote our **Sensory Bus Santa's Grotto** running through November and December.

The winner will also win
A free day visit from our
Sensory Bus for their school in 2025
plus Christmas treats!

We're encouraging children to use their imaginations & depict what Christmas means to them to this year!

 All entries will appear in our online gallery
TO ENTER, SIMPLY SUBMIT YOUR CHILD'S
DRAWING ALONG WITH THEIR NAME &
AGE BY NOVEMBER 21ST AT
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