



Newsletter 10
November 13th 2020



Dear Parents,

Remembrance Day reflections were led by Year 4 this week as they placed their poppies in our grounds during their Outdoor Learning Day. This was made even more special by our very own Last Post played by Brass teacher Alan Jones. The whole school observed two minutes silence at 11am. Thank you to the children and parents who contributed to the Poppy Appeal by the Royal British Legion during the week leading up to this day.

Merit Certificates

Well done to the following children who have been selected by their class teacher for being shining examples of our Mission Statement – *Growing together in love and learning as followers of Jesus*

3Anning	Sofia Gazza	For an excellent persuasive letter about Captain Tom Moore.
3Nightingale	Conor Prendergast	For working hard and being resilient even when he finds things difficult.
4Jemison	Akain Fernando	For his exceptional high standard of work across the curriculum and for behaviour.
4Attenborough	Ciara Corkery	For displaying her excellent investigation and reporting skills as part of our Outdoor Learning skills.
5Mandela	Poppy Morton	For her beautiful presentation and displaying a positive learning attitude.
5Einstein	Michal Sojka	For his positive attitude to learning and great inspirational speech.
6Johnson	Tom Patel	For listening to feedback about his writing and taking steps to up-level and improve his work.
6Martin Luther King	Beatrice Loake	For always working so hard in lessons and pushing herself to try new challenges - experimenting this week with using a more formal tone in her biography writing.

Outdoor Learning nature area

The Boxmoor Trust has supported the development of the outdoor nature area – inside our main gate – that can now be accessed by new gate and pathway. A grant of £2,500 was donated by the Boxmoor Trust to help us open up this area to plants and wildlife as part our promotion of protecting the environment and providing an additional area for children to learn. Work was carried out at half term and is now being used by classes.

In these times where we cannot have school trips, Year 4 decided to have a day in our new nature area and develop their learning on the environment in our school. They had a wonderful day outside creating art from nature; developing habitats; using data loggers; researching and observing different habitats. Here is a selection of photos from the day.



Year 4
Outdoor
Learning
Day
November 11th





Black History Month – Speech Competition

Citizenship Stars were awarded to the eight nominated speech winners – two from each class. I had the pleasure of listening to all their speeches and what stood out was how each child had highlighted why their chosen person had inspired them and what they could gain this inspiration. All received Citizenship Stars.

Our eight winners were:

- 3A - Sofia Gazza, Daniel Palone
- 3N - Zachary McQueen, Lael Jones
- 4J - Gabriela Olusanya-Artiles, Jessica Clarke
- 4A - Nasri Davidson-Ali, Freya Rajendram
- 5M – Amaia Grant, Michele Giacomantonio
- 5E – Miguel Martin-Rueda, Ryan Sheehy
- 6J – Faye O’Neill, Harry Wheeler
- 6MLK – Annabel Kelly, John Tompkins



Winners of the special edition Diversity Built Britain 50p piece (in celebration of Black History Month) are John Tompkins (6MLK) in Upper KS2 and to Freya Rajendram (4A) in Lower KS2. They engaged the listener both with their chosen subject but also with the delivery of their speech.



John spoke about an adopted relative who had inspired him and his family while Freya spoke about Claudette Calvin, who like Rosa Parks stood up for her right to equality.

Thank you to all pupils for your wonderful speeches that have been an inspiration.

Community

Good luck to Beatrice Loake who is sleeping out for DENS this weekend. She has raised £320 so far for this good cause.

I want to make mention of John Tompkins efforts during the first lockdown when he slept out for 21 nights to help raise over £900 for NHS.

We have very caring pupils who always want to help others whether it is by contributing to our Poppy Appeal or in school. I heard two examples of kindness this week in one class where Jack James showed particular thought and kindness to an adult and Catherine Byrne switched her dinner option to help another child in distress. These children epitomise our mission statement.

Have a restful weekend,

Best wishes

Mrs Smith
Headteacher