



**Haslingfield
Endowed Primary
School**

Newsletter

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Dates

- School Starts – Mon 29th Oct
- Florence Nightingale Workshop – Mon 29th Oct
- Flu Immunisation – Thurs 1st Nov
- Hazel Class Assembly and Bun Day – Fri 2nd Nov
- Airbus Hawthorn – Mon 5th
- Parents Evening – Tues 6th and Weds 7th Nov
- Nearly New Uniform Sale – Thurs 8th Nov
- Football Match at Home Against Thriplow – Thurs 8th
- Remembrance Concert West Road – Fri 9th Nov



Letters

- Forest School – Ash Class
- Milk – Ash Class



Big Draw – Thank You

Thank you very much to all the volunteers who came in to help and/or helped with the preparations of materials for the Big Draw day on Tuesday. Every pupil produced a poppy using modroc and some pupils even had a go at making a poppy out of the wax wrapping from babybel cheeses! Without all the voluntary help it would have been very difficult to be able to do this whole school art day. All poppy sculptures will go on show at West Road Concert Hall during the concert, 'West Road Remembers' on Friday 7 November. The school orchestra and choir will also be performing at the same event. <http://www.westroad.org/event-info/west-road-remembers/>.

Please come and support what promises to be a very lovely and special event. Tickets are available from Ticketsource 0333 664466. www.ticketsource.co.uk/tyrannochorus
Thank you, Mrs Woodard.

Headteacher's Bulletin

This week I began a series of meetings with teachers to review subject leader action plans; all teachers manage at least one subject – some several! I also had the privilege of working with some teachers to review and plan targets related to their professional development: we are very proud that several teachers that have worked at Haslingfield School in the past now have Leadership positions in other schools around Cambridgeshire. Tuesday's Big Draw was such a wonderful success and even with our artists and all our volunteers, everyone had to work hard to get their tasks completed – but the work looks fantastic! At the PTFA AGM on Monday it was good to meet and hear about past successes and future plans; I would always encourage as many parents as possible to be involved in the PTFA which continues to raise important funds for our school.

Graeme McLeod

Morning Activity Club

We have been painting, colouring and puzzling this week as well as playing with sand clay and producing bead pictures. "I am making a red house with a green roof." (Beth – bead picture)



Spanish - Mrs Norris

This week Year 2 practised asking "how old are you?" and answering for themselves. We had fun working out when everyone would be 7 years old! Hawthorn Class learnt days of the week with Mrs Lees and put the days of the week in order in Spanish. Beech Class continued their work on a postcard to a pupil in Spain about where they live. Over half term it would be really helpful if Beech Class children could find pictures of their local area to decorate their postcard (printed images, photos, drawings or maps small enough to fit on a postcard).



Pumpkin Assembly

Thank you for all the brilliant entries we had for our Pumpkin Competition, as usual you all wowed us with your creativity and imagination. Congratulations to all our winners; Rosa Robinson, William Curnow, Beth Offord, Freya Thornely, Alice Flint and Harry Short.



Ordering Christmas Cards

Pupils have been working very hard on their Christmas card designs over the last couple of weeks. On the first day back after half term please check school bags for your child's design. Order details will be with the card and orders will be accepted until 5 November.



Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a midday supervisor for 5 hours a week. If you are interested or would like more details please come and speak to Mrs Pearce in the office.

Ash Mrs Lightfoot and Mrs Symmons: This week we enjoyed taking part in the Big Draw where we made our own poppies. In phonics we have learnt C this week and have also worked on blending all the sounds we have learnt over this half-term. The children have enjoyed sharing more of their marvellous me boxes. In forest school the children looked at the story Leaf Man and enjoyed making their own leaf man with the autumnal leaves and other materials they found. All the children have been amazing in their first half-term with us, we hope they all enjoy their break and return refreshed for some more learning fun.



Birch – Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Fallon: Wow! What a great week. We really enjoyed the big draw on Tuesday, the poppies are amazing and we look forward to sending them to West Road. In English, this week, we have been continuing our poetry theme and thinking about why we remember the soldiers from the great wars with poppies. The children wrote some lovely acrostic poems using some very expressive language. In maths we have been looking at different ways to make 10 and counting in 10's. The children loved sharing their pumpkins today and they all looked fabulous. Mrs Hamilton and I have been so impressed with the children's learning this half term and we are looking forward to our Florence Nightingale day on the first day back! We hope you have a super rest and come back fit and well.

English: to write a poem using expressive language.

Maths: to find different ways to make 10 and notice a pattern.



Hazel – Miss Peck: Phew, what a busy week! We started the week in English by writing instructions on how to be a Fire fighter. Some of us wrote how to be a fire fighter in 1666 and some wrote how to be a fire fighter today. The children then shared their instructions with each other. On Tuesday we took part in the big draw with the rest of the school. The children all made a fantastic wire poppy and covered it with modroc! We made lots of mess and had lots of fun too! Later on in the week we managed to paint them- they look absolutely amazing! For our 'cold write' this week we were inspired by the big draw and the poem 'Flanders fields' and wrote our own acrostic poems. The children used some very powerful vocabulary in their poems and lots of expanded noun phrases too. In maths we have been continuing with addition and subtraction and working on our number bonds to 100. The children have been solving problems and explaining their reasoning. There have been lots of quizzes completed this week in both English and maths and the children have wowed us with their knowledge and understanding. We have all had such a wonderful half term and the children have worked so hard. We are all looking forward to our Florence Nightingale day on the first day back after half term. Have a wonderful break and a well earned rest.

English- to write instructions on how to be a fire fighter.

Maths- to find number bonds to 100.



Hawthorn – Mrs Lees: Hawthorn have achieved so much this week, I've been really proud of them. Firstly I must mention the stunning rocks projects completed this term. Everyone did a mini presentation to the class and shared their work with our class and Oak. It was wonderful to see so many parents after school enjoying looking at, and talking about the projects. There was a huge variety of ideas, including, volcanoes, fossils, types of rock, minecraft ore and sedimentary cake, all presented in many interesting ways. Well done to all and thank you parents for supporting them. Also this week we have had our big draw. We used modroc and wire mesh to produce incredible 3D poppies. Once they are fully dry we will be painting them. We also did a cold write poem about poppies and remembrance. In Maths we have begun using subtraction to solve problems and completed Maths assessments. In Science today we have been investigating the permeability of different types of soil.

English: to write a poem based on the idea of poppies for remembrance.

Maths: to use subtraction in real life situations



Oak – Miss Kimberley: After the triumph of last week's Class assembly on the Battle of Bosworth, you'd think we'd have a quite week this week. NOT a chance. It has been assessment week. So the children have been put through their paces and completed spelling and Grammar tests, a reading comprehension and two maths tests on place value and addition and subtraction. The children took them all in their stride, coping very well. It was the BIG Draw on Tuesday. This year it was quite a challenging project using chicken wire and modroc, a new medium to me. The theme was Remembrance and Poppies inspired by the 2016 installation at the Tower of London by the artist Paul Cummings. The children were fantastic and worked really hard maintaining focus throughout the day. In addition to making their own poppy, they did some close observational work with Ophelia Redpath and also worked on an information poster about Paul Cummings. A huge thankyou to all the volunteers who came in to help us, we couldn't have done such a good job otherwise. Thanks especially to Mrs Williams, and to Katherine Woodard, who organised the event. It was the deadline this week for this half terms Science/DT homework project to be handed in. I was staggered by the ingenuity, creativity, scientific rigour and presentation of all the projects. As it was a clothes based project we had a little fashion show so the children could show off their garments. Then on Wednesday after school we had a show case for parents. It was lovely to see so many parents come in to look at their children's project in situ and those of their peers as well. We also shared our work with Hawthorn class as they had also completed their homework projects on rocks and fossils. The range of different presentations was amazing and, I'm sure, will inspire you for next half terms project. Well done everyone. On Thursday the children completed a cold write on the theme of remembrance and the poem 'In Flanders Field'. Have a wonderful half term break.



Beech – Mr Brown: Wow we have been busy in Beech Class this week! The children have been working hard to complete our half termly assessments and then revisiting them later on in the week as we have looked at further examples of aspects we have found tricky as we aim to improve our understanding. On Tuesday we all managed to produce a large poppy where we sculpted the petals using wire and then threaded thinner wire to join all four petals and a stem together. Once this was complete we used modroc to give our poppies a 3D look. On Thursday we used the inspiration of the poppies we created alongside the famous poem, 'In Flanders Fields', to write our own poem for our Cold Write. All the children did a fantastic job replicating the poem in their own style and I was really moved by the atmosphere and imagery they managed to produce. In Science we looked at three of the most famous scientists from our topic of Evolution and Inheritance and we used the internet to collect information to create fact files about their background, their specific area of interest, their theories and finds, controversies that occurred due to their research and their impact on modern scientific thinking today. I hope everyone has a fantastic week off and comes back with lots of energy ready to start the new term.