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NEWSLETTER

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Year 4 River Study, Year 2 Forest Explorers & Reception Class Go Pumpkin Picking

Before half term, we had three very special school trips. Despite the inclement weather, we were fortunate to have good weather on each occasion.

Firstly, the children in Year 2 went on a Forest Explorers visit to Delamere Forest on what proved to be a beautiful autumnal day. They searched the forest, looking for animal homes and the various habitats, with the Forest Ranger before working in teams to construct their own animal home (as part of an environmental art session). During the afternoon they embarked on a quest to look for – and solve – clues as they journeyed along The Gruffalo Trail. A lot of what the children learned on that day has been used as part of their Topic and Science work back in school.

The children in our Reception Class also went on their first school trip – to The Hay Loft (in Widnes). After going on a tractor ride through the corn field, singing their hearts out to 'Old MacDonald Had A Farm' and 'The Wheels On the Tractor Go Round & Round', they ventured through a very muddy field to carefully choose the best pumpkins to bring back to school. They then worked as a team, throughout the afternoon, to carve out a pumpkin back in their classroom.



As part of their Topic Week on Rivers, the children in Year 4 went to The Peak District to conduct a river study of the Crowden River. Throughout the day the children looked at the natural and man-made features in the vicinity, looked for signs of erosion, identified key river features (such as confluences and tributaries) and discussed various ways to prevent flooding – including the purpose of dams and weirs.

The weather was glorious. Therefore, all of the children were able to take the opportunity to get in the river to measure the width and depth; and to also investigate the speed at which the water was flowing. The children also learnt how to use 'kick-sampling' to collect invertebrates, use classification keys to determine what each of these small creatures were and then utilise a chart to identify the level of pollution within the water.

I'm sure each one of these trips will prove to be very memorable and it was great to receive such praise for the high standards of behaviour displayed by all of the children in each of these year groups.

Royal British Legion – Poppy Appeal

As you may already be aware, The Royal British Legion have sent us some poppies to sell - in support of their annual poppy campaign. These will be on sale - on the school playground - at the start and end of the school day between now and Monday morning.



We are suggesting a minimum donation of 20p per poppy. Please look out for the pupils who will be selling these if you would like to purchase one for you or your child (or both).

We have also been sent some other merchandise: wristbands (50p), poppy reflectors (50p), friendship bracelets (£1) and snap bands (£1). If you would like to purchase any of these, please go to the main school office.

Every child will take be undertaking an activity on Monday (11th November) to commemorate Remembrance Day. Please speak with them next week to find out how they reflected on the importance of this special day.

Children In Need



This week, you should have received a sponsor form to enable your child to collect sponsorship money to take part in our 'Dance In Your Pyjamas' Event – that will be taking place throughout the school day on Friday, 15th November.

All of the children are invited to come into school on Friday dressed in their pyjamas, onesie and/or dressing gown. If they decide to wear their slippers in school, please ensure that they also bring some suitable outdoor shoes to go outside at playtime and lunchtime.

If you have taken the decision to not collect any sponsorship money this year, can we suggest you send your child into school with a £1 donation. However, this a voluntary event so, as outlined in the StudyBugs message that was sent out to families earlier in the week, we do fully appreciate that families have lots of financial commitments at this time of the year - with Christmas rapidly approaching - so please only support those charities and events that you can afford and want to support.

We have received the Children in Need merchandise so you will see our school House Captains from Year 6 selling these out on the school playground, at the start and end of the school day. The items we have on sale are:

- Pudsey Pin Badges (£1)
- Stamped Pudsey Wristbands (£1)
- Pudsey Ears (£2.50)

Sleep Workshop on Wednesday 20th November (at 9:15am)

We have been offered the opportunity to host a Sleep Workshop - organised and presented by the Health Improvement Team (Rebecca Walsh) and the School Health Nurse (Carolyn Oleveant) – at our school; to which all parents/carers are invited to attend. During the workshop, the adults will talk about the importance of sleep for children, good sleep routines and strategies to support children who struggle with this.

The Sleep Workshop will take place in school on Wednesday 20th November 2019 and will start at 9.15am. Parents are welcome to join us after dropping the children off in the morning. We look forward to seeing you.

Please inform Miss Smith or Miss Simcock in the school office if you would like to attend. There is no limit to the number of people who are able to attend – so, if you feel that you would find this useful, please plan to come along!