



Newsletter 5 –10th November 2023

‘Transforming lives through inspirational learning’

Our Pioneers reflected today on what remembrance meant to them in our special Armistice Day assembly. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this year’s very successful poppy appeal.

Friendship Week

Next week we will be celebrating our annual kindness week in school. We will be combining this with Children in Need day on Friday with a non-uniform day. Please find more details in the letter from Mrs Hawes sent out earlier in the week.

Big Draw

Our budding artists have had an exciting few days participating in our ‘Big Draw’ event. Across the school, our pioneers have been developing a whole range of art skills from collage and paper-cutting to embroidery to create their class animals. We hope to be able to share with you some more of their wonderful creations next week.



Buddies

Our older children have been supporting our Hedgehogs' transition to the playground since half-term through our 'buddy scheme'. This role of responsibility helps our younger children to feel less daunted about playing in the 'big playground' as well providing lots of familiar friendly faces.

Science Workshops and First Aid

Year 5 and 6 have had a hands-on week with a hands-on science session which brought together all of their previous science learning as well as teaching them lots of new skills in a fun and 'explosive' way!

They also took part in a first aid workshop where they identified potential hazards in a variety of situations and then learnt basic life-saving first aid. Both classes demonstrated excellent awareness of safeguarding as well as learning valuable first aid skills. Our 6 C's were demonstrated in abundance throughout both sessions.

Weather

Recent weather conditions have been even more unpredictable than usual so please can you make sure that the children have a coat in school with them to protect them from the elements. We would also recommend that named jumpers are worn to keep the children warm with the temperatures set to drop next week.

Open The Book Assemblies

Over the rest of the academic year we are delighted to be able to welcome 'Open the Book' in to share some assemblies with our pupils. The aim of Open The Book is to share bible stories with children in an accessible and enjoyable way for those of all faiths and those who have none.

In addition, Lightwave who are a charitable organisation will be coming in to do Advent Workshops with Year 1 and 2 as part of the RE curriculum.

The Pines Kitchen

Our very talented Catering Manager, Racheal Warr will be leaving us on 7th December after being offered an amazing opportunity to run a much larger kitchen at a private school in Bury St Edmunds.

Racheal has been part of the Pines since its very beginning and was instrumental in making lunchtimes such a brilliant experience for our children. Although, I personally won't miss that naughty Elf Cookie, I know that the children delighted in his antics! I will however

always have amazing memories of the spaghetti bolognese and oat cookies (two of my personal favourites).

Innovate, our catering contractors, have already started the recruitment process and you can find a link to the vacancy here:

<https://www.caterer.com/job/chef-manager/innovate-ifg-job101513107>

Innovate also have a temporary chef who will fill the position in the short term.

Headteacher Awards

We were delighted to celebrate those children who exemplified the 6C's (Character, Collaboration Citizenship, Communication, Creativity and Critical Thinking) with our Headteachers Awards this week.



Dates

Friday 17th November
Thursday 23rd November
Friday 24th November
Friday 1st December
Tuesday 19th December
Wednesday 20th December

Flu Immunisations
Special Thanksgiving Lunch
PD Day (school closed to pupils)
PFA 'Winter-Fest'
Christmas Disco
Last Day of Term