

HEADMASTER'S WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents

I hope that you all enjoyed the half term break, from the children's perspective it certainly seems like they had a wonderful time, if the conversations I have had with them is anything to go by.

November is always a busy month in schools and the last week has been a good example of this. Learning in the classroom has been the usual blend of hard work, application, inquisitive questioning and fun, while rugby and hockey matches have continued aplenty, with multiple teams in action. Equally, the music and drama departments have been hard at work preparing for various upcoming concerts and nativities, which will be a delight to witness first hand over the coming weeks.

This week Year 5 produced a wonderful 'play in a day' with the support of Konflux Theatre, with the theme focusing on Bonfire Night, while infusing comedic elements from Shakespeare. The ever-growing confidence of the children was clear to see and allowed them to embrace the joy of such productions, delivered by all members of the year group.

Reception thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Mrs Kulkarni, who gave them an insight into the Hindu festival of light, Diwali, with the children making rangoli patterns from lentils, beans and pulses. To those within our community celebrating the festival on Sunday, I hope you all have a wonderful day.

Year 3 embraced being Anglo-Saxons or Vikings over the course of today, with the outfits on show adding to the fun and learning that they gained from their time with History Off The Page. The kinaesthetic and interactive nature of the day produced a myriad of questions, helping the children explore their understanding of what it was like to live during this period.

Alongside the excellent learning that has been happening this week, the school community took time out to pay its respect to those who gave their lives in battle to provide us with the freedoms that we enjoy today. Mr Kendrick led an informative yet poignant remembrance service, with the focus being the battle of Passchendaele and its importance in the First World War, which finished some 106 years ago today.

I am sure many of you will be involved tomorrow morning with various remembrance services around the county, for which I hope the weather plays its part. Whatever the weekend holds, I hope you also manage to get some rest and I look forward to seeing many of you tonight at the PTA fireworks display, which promises to be a wonderful event.

With best wishes

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