School Newsletter: Friday 15th Nov 2024

In our classes this week…..

Nursery

In Nursery our topic is celebrations and this week we have been looking at birthdays! We have talked about what we do when it's our birthday and listened to everyone talking about their special day. We have made birthday cards, designed our own balloons, decorated our own birthday cake using playdough and created our own birthday party!
We have also started counting objects. Each day our basket is filled with different objects and the children have the challenge to count each object to see how many we have in the basket!

Key Stage 1

Reception have had another busy week filled with playful learning. They have enjoyed following recipes to create mud soup, learning about and making poppies on Remembrance Day and adding Pudsey's missing spots and much, much more.

In Year 1 and 2 the children had a fantastic adventure on Monday as we walked around our local area to locate local landmarks. The children enjoyed sharing their favourite spots in West Pelton. They also enjoyed our dance lesson where they were moving their bodies to the beat.

Key Stage 2 – Lower

On Monday, we took part in a Remembrance Day assembly, understanding why we have two minutes of silence and the significance of poppies.

We also had a visit from a Swedish student who told us all about life in Sweden which was very interesting!

In our literacy lessons, we used pastels to create a picture of a setting using the descriptive language from the text and they turned out brilliantly!

Key stage 2 – Upper

This week we have enjoyed finding out how fold volcanoes are formed and then collecting information about examples of these from around the world.
In science we have been learning how fossils are formed.
In our celebrating difference session in Jigsaw, we looked at life as a member of the Travelling Showman company.

On Friday, we enjoyed our non-uniform day and raffle which helped us to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you for your kind donations, we raised a fantastic £140.20!

Week commencing 18th November

Tuesday – Y3 + Y4 – Maths Café for Parents
Wednesday – KS1 – Multi Sports After School Club*
Thursday – Y5+Y6 – Swimming**
Thursday – KS2 – French After School Club

*Please wear PE kit
**Please bring swimming kit

General

This week in assembly our focus has been on Anti-Bullying Week - the theme was, Choose Respect. We discussed what impact bullying can have on a community along with the British Value of Mutual Respect and Tolerance and Article 2: No discrimination.

In music we listened to **Lean on Me** by **Bill Withers.** Lean on Me is a soul song written by Bill Withers in 1972. It is a soul song that has been covered and interpreted as a gospel song because of its lyrics.
Bill Withers spent his childhood in a coal mining town and this was the inspiration for Lean on Me. He wrote the song after he had moved to Los Angeles and found himself missing the strong community he had in his hometown.
This piece of music fits well with our theme this week of friendship and support for each other.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 19th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y3 + Y4) 9am – 11am
Tuesday 26th November 2024 – Maths Café (Y5 + Y6) 9am – 11am
Wednesday 11th December 2024 – Nursery Theatre Trip (AM)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Festive Fun Run (Whole school)
Thursday 12th December 2024 – Nativity (Whole school) – 1:30pm
Monday 16th December 2024 – Nursery Xmas Party (AM)
Monday 16th December 2024 – KS2 Xmas Party (PM)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Panto Trip (R to Y6)
Tuesday 17th December 2024 – Christmas Dinner Day
Wednesday 18th December 2024 – Reception/KS1 Xmas Party (PM)
Thursday 19th December 2024 – Carols at Methodist Church 1:30pm
Friday 20th December 2024 – Break up for Christmas
Monday 6th January 2025 – INSET day (School Closed)
Tuesday 7th January 2025 – Return to school
Friday 21st February 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 3rd March 2025 – Return to school
Friday 11th April 2025 – Break up for Easter holidays
Monday 28th April 2025 – Return to school
Friday 23rd May 2025 – Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025 – Return to school