

# Five Ways Primary School Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

Spring Term  
Begins,  
Tuesday 3rd January  
2023

Half Term  
Inset Day 17th  
February  
Monday 20th February  
-  
Friday 24th  
February 2023

Easter break  
Monday 3rd April-  
Friday 14th April  
2022

May Day  
Monday 1st May  
2023

Half term  
Monday 29th May -  
Friday 2nd June 2023

Last day of Summer  
Term  
Tuesday 25th July  
2023



### Nursery News

The Nursery children have had a very busy first term at school. We have enjoyed learning about autumn and how the leaves change at this time of year.



### Nursery News

As part of our International Day celebrations we looked at France and visited Paris!



We even came to school in our pyjamas and had a pretend sleepover with our night time toys as part of our Christmas celebrations.



We listened to lots of bedtime stories and had some yummy hot chocolate. We had a visit from a special person who left us presents under the tree whilst we were sleeping!



## Reception News

Reception really enjoyed making pumpkin soup for our 'autumn' topic. We looked inside the pumpkin and took all of the seeds out, then chopped the pumpkin up before boiling it and blending it. It was very yummy!



Reception have been learning all about different celebrations. We have learned all about Bonfire Night and how people celebrate. We created our own firework salt art and made our own cone shaped fireworks.



We also learned all about Diwali, the festival of light. We made our own 'Diva Lamps' out of clay, and made Rangoli patterns using coloured rice.



Reception were very sensible on Remembrance Day and joined in the one minute's silence. We created our own poppies to remember.



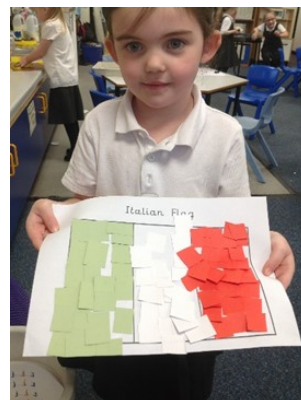


Reception News

For 'Children In Need', Reception enjoyed making Pudsey Bear masks!



We celebrated International Day by learning all about Italy. The children had the best time making pizzas from scratch! We made the pizza dough and then rolled it out to make a circle. We then added the sauce and toppings and made pizza boxes to send them home in. Antonio's Mum and Uncle came in to speak about 'Italy' as this is where they are from. We even learned some new Italian words!

Reception NewsYear 1 News

For Remembrance Day, Mrs Grimsley's class made hand print poppies. We then collated the poppies to make a class wreath. We talked about the importance of Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. Here is Ajay P having lots of fun making his poppy.



Year 1 News

We celebrated Children In Need by wearing something spotty. We raised lots of money for this fantastic cause. Here are Oskar S, Poppy H-G and Isla F from Miss Heeley's class.



Lily W in Miss Buchan's class raised an amazing £110 for Cancer Research UK by walking an amazing 100.93 miles during the month of October. Well done Lily! Such an amazing achievement which will help fund life saving research.

Year 2 News

18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

We held a superhero walk to raise money for the NSPCC. During the week's assemblies and PSHE and HRE lesson, we learned about the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child. We also learned how to be safe at school and at home and safety around strangers.

Here are some photographs of the superheroes in Miss Wright's class:



Luca and Emily

Millie



Roman and Ewan



Year 2 News

17<sup>th</sup> November 2022

To compliment our PE curriculum, we had a 'Dance' workshop day. Vivian, from Primary Workshops, came to teach us some dance techniques from different cultures. We chose African dance, as we have been learning about ancient Benin in Africa, and Japanese dance as we learned about Japan on our enrichment day. We had great fun in our workshops and lots of exercise too.

Here is a photograph of Harriet, Ruby, Jack, Harry and Amelia from Mrs Horton's class with Vivian.



25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Year 2 studied Japan as their country for International Day.

We made Japanese flags using collage techniques, carp kite flags and hachimaki headbands. We learned some Japanese greetings and tried to write our names in Japanese. We also had fun learning the ancient Japanese art of origami to make a Samuri helmet.

Year 2 News

Peter, Jessica and Thomas wearing their hachimakis.



Jack and Mollie with their origami helmets.



Tyler, Anabelle and Reagan with their carp kites.





Year 3 have been writing some Autumn poems:

Autumn comes  
With fireworks shooting

Autumn comes  
With leaves colour changing

Autumn comes  
With trick or treating

Autumn comes  
With pumpkin picking

Autumn comes  
With bonfires crackling

Autumn comes  
With conkers dropping

Autumn comes  
With hats bobbing

Autumn comes  
With hot chocolate steaming

Autumn comes to prepare us for winter.  
Cece's Autumn





Autumn comes  
With leaves falling

Autumn comes  
With rain drops dropping

Autumn comes  
With the sun set setting

Autumn comes  
With pumpkins growing

Autumn comes  
With birds tweeting

Autumn comes  
With tractors coming

Autumn comes  
With pinecones falling

Autumn call  
With squirrels hiding

Autumn comes  
With bed times coming.





Year 4 News

Year 4 supports two local hedgehog charities - The British Wildlife Rescue Centre and West Midlands Hedgehog Rescue. Linking with this, Year 4 have written poems about hedgehogs. Children in Falcons (04SM) and Hawks (04ER) wrote kenning poems about hedgehogs. Each line in a kenning poem has only two words. Kenning poems are riddles in which something is described without saying what it actually is.

Garden-protector  
Night-crawler  
Spiky-monster  
Hoglets-protector  
Worm-hunter  
Ball-curler  
By Nixon S (04ER)



Night-walker  
Day-sleeper  
Pest-eater  
Worm-guzzler  
Snake-slurper  
Mouse-chewer  
Frog-gulper  
Snail-slayer  
Pig-grunter  
Ball-curler  
Spiky-stander  
Bush-taker  
Spine-licker  
By Nancy A (04SM)

Woodland-walker  
Earthworm-muncher  
Nocturnal-sleeper  
Leaf-hider  
Ball-curler  
Beetle-eater  
By Sharnee T (04ER)



Ball-curler  
Pig-grunter  
Mice-hunter  
Day-sleeper  
Night-walker  
Pest-killer  
Hedge-claimer  
Snail-cruncher  
Water-slurper  
Grub-guzzler  
Bug-eater  
By Avery M (04SM)

Year 4 News

In Eagles (04KM), the children wrote poems about hedgehogs using a combination of verbs and conjunctions to form complex sentences. The children were shown examples and then came up with their own ideas.

Hedgehog by Maisie P

I have spines on my back, so that I can protect myself.  
I am small and tiny, so that I can be hidden.  
I love juicy slugs though you might think they're bad.  
I want food, so I hunt all night.  
I like sleeping in winter and hunting in summer.  
I can run really fast even though I have little legs.  
I have a long snout, so that I can hunt my prey.  
I love worms even though they are squishy and soft.  
I'm not in sight until the night.  
I have powerful claws, so I can dig for my prey.  
I want to stay under leaves until I feel the summer breeze.  
I love my bed in winter, but I love to play in the summer.

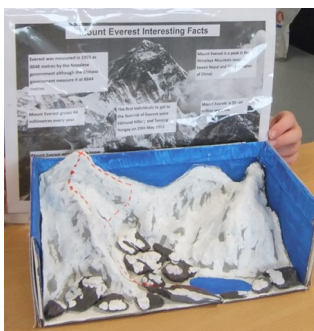
Hedgehog by Lewis B

I want to hibernate until summer time.  
I have a long snout, so I can smell my prey.  
I have spikes, so I can defend myself.  
I like worms even though they're slimy.  
I love sticks and leaves for my home.  
I live in the forest until I find a better place to live.  
I eat worms, snakes and insects.  
I can roll up into a ball when I get scared.  
I am called a hoglet until I am an adult.  
I like summer, so I can keep warm.  
I come out at night in order to eat my supper.  
I also live in bushes and wet, long grass.  
I need to be careful since I'm only a delicate little creature.



Year 5 News**Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes**

During the autumn term, in Geography, we have been learning about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. To celebrate what we have learned, we created projects at home to demonstrate our knowledge of a chosen mountain range, famous volcano or significant earthquake from around the world. On Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, the whole of Year 5 enjoyed sharing their presentations with each other.

**Fantastic writing in 5SG**

The children in Mrs Gosling's class have been studying Kensuke's Kingdom written by Michael Morpurgo. They have identified the style in which Michael Morpurgo writes and have written several pieces in his style.

Year 5 News

This is a short section from Jacob Hubbard's writing:

The Jellyfish

A large translucent, white jellyfish was floating right beside me, its tentacles groping at me. I tried to swim from the beast, fearing for my life. I was in a perilous situation. A sharp pain went through my body like an electric shock. The pain, that was now killing me, was everlasting. I started to sink. I would drown, but I knew death would delete the pain.

Suddenly I felt an ominous impenetrable darkness surround me. I dreamed that I was on the Peggy Sue having fish and chips with mum and dad. I woke, suddenly, with a strange man leaning over me. I slowly realised that I was looking at Kensuke.

This is written by Katie Heath:

Michael's First Fire

I knelt down beside the shard of glass, which was not yet burning, hoping it would light. I started to collect debris, tinder-dry, crispy leaves and small twigs and carefully placed them down.

After a while of watching, I decided the fire needed more twigs, leaves and other things I could find on the vast forest floor. I collected for about thirty minutes and then eventually I sat down next to the extremely sharp, burning-hot glass shard and waited for a sign it was burning.

After hours of waiting, I went and lay in my cave, hoping for a ship to come by. Suddenly, I smelt a slight waft of smoke lingering in the air. I sat up and without hesitation, I ran out of the cave as quick as lightning and finally saw a tiny wisp of smoke. It was sensational! I dashed back into the forest, jumping for joy as I collected sticks, leaves and coconut shells and placed them cautiously on my growing fire. I waited and waited until the fire was burning huge flames. I felt elated and I danced around the swathe of beach, feeling amazing.

Suddenly, the feeling of elation faded away. I filled up with apprehension. I felt like a thousand inquisitive eyes were watching me. Before I could figure out what it was, I saw the shard of glass roll off my flame. I lunged after it, placing the shard of glass, which was burning my hands, back on the flame. I was in luck. The fire was still burning away.

## Year 6 News

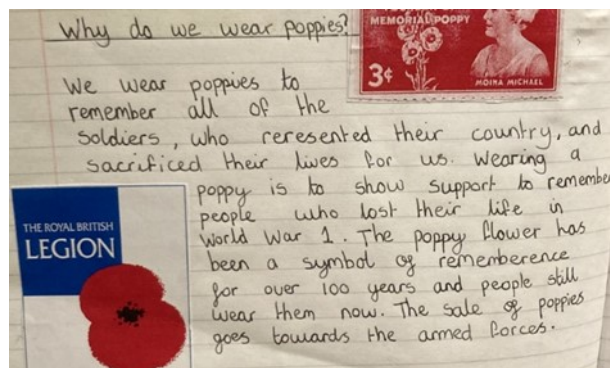
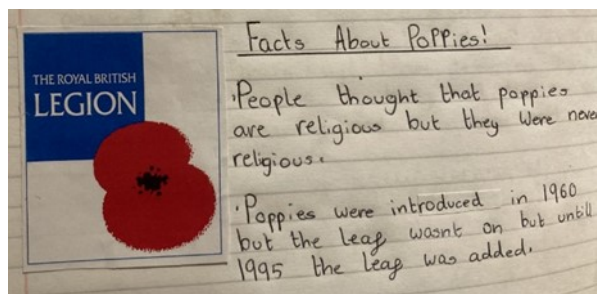


### Year 6's Charity Time!

In November, Year 6 children sold poppies and poppy merchandise to all classes in Key Stage 2. The children handled money and calculated change, which enabled them to use 'real life' maths skills. The children also researched the meaning of the poppy and the role of the Royal British Legion (Y6's chosen charity) to inform their independent writing for the week.

### Did you know?

Poppies didn't have the leaf added to them until 1995!

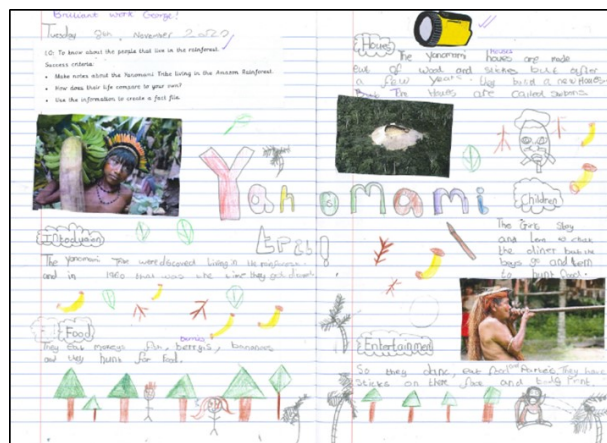


In November, Cannock Council's Environmental Health Team along with Cannock Chase Cultural Education Partnership, delivered a workshop in school to Y6 highlighting local environmental issues including littering and fly tipping. Y6 then attended a theatre production at the Rose Theatre in Rugeley to promote messages of recycling: 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle,' as well as wider environmental issues.



### Who lives in the rainforest?

Children in Miss Berry's class enjoyed learning about the rainforest in their topic lessons and produced some super information pages about the Yanomami tribe who live there.

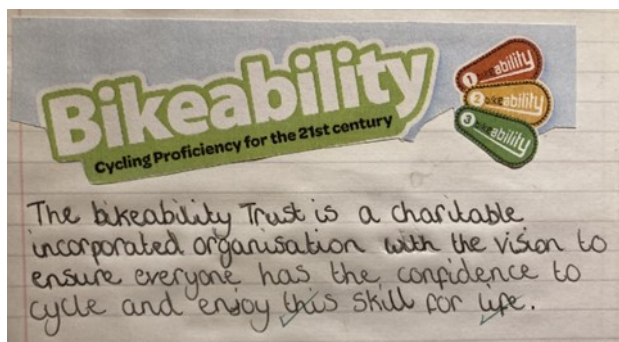




## Year 6 News

### Brilliant Bikeability!

In October, Y6 completed Level 2 Bikeability. They completed lots of different skills out on local roads. Olivia Adams sums up Bikeability's aim:



### Meet Dimmy!

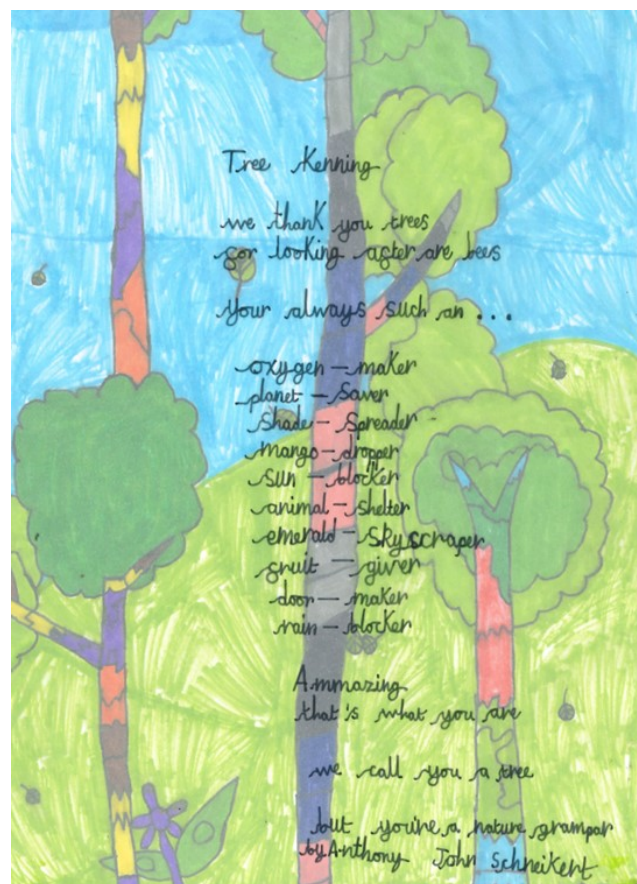
A group of Y6 pupils had great fun designing and making a 'gaming' themed scarecrow called Dimmy to be included in the community scarecrow walk. Max Kingston, who was part of the making team has written all about how it was made:



In the marvelous making!  
To make our Super, Scary, Scarecrow  
We used Plastic bottles for the  
legs and feet. We used news paper  
stuffed in bags for the torso,  
Plastic bottles for the arms because  
that was the most suitable option.  
We used a Chocolate Celebrations  
box for the head and jessian (Sack  
material) With fabric for the hair  
and a hat. We used gloves for hands  
and in the end we added a spine  
(back bone) and added some clothes  
and shoes. His name is Dimmy.

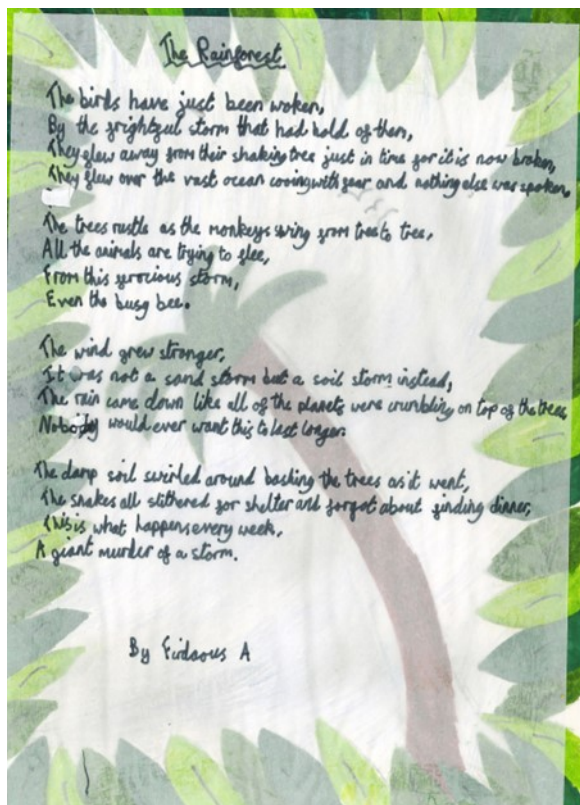
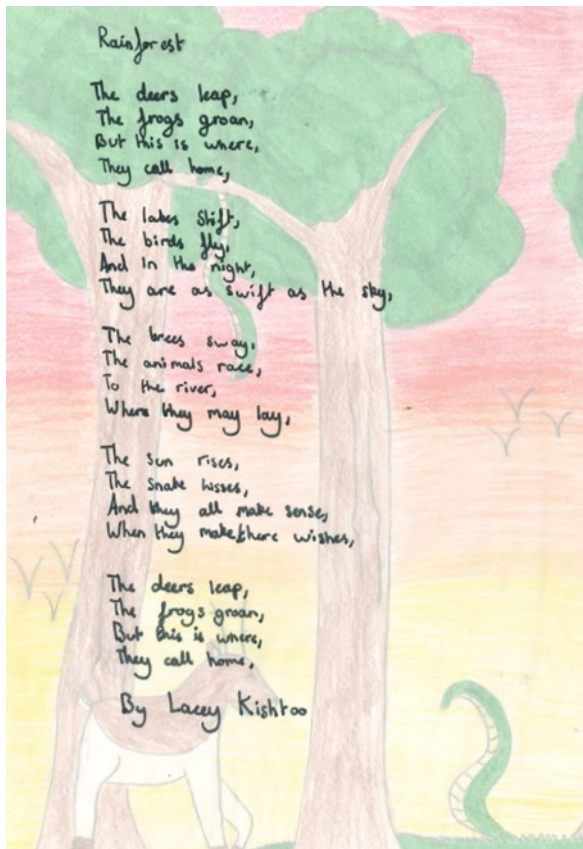


In October, Y6 marked National Poetry Day by reading and writing poetry based on this year's theme of the environment. The children wrote some beautiful poems, which were displayed in the Y6 corridor. Here is Anthony's poem:





## Year 6 News



## Sewing Club News



### 'Sew Lovely'

On Tuesday's after school, Mrs Peters runs a sewing club for Year 5 pupils. Members range from beginners to very competent, with some superb products being produced. We make various items including cross-stitch bookmarks, pin cushions and some pupils are even starting to make Christmas decorations.

The after-school club has inspired the pupils to take up sewing as one of their hobbies and even spurred on a few grown-ups to get back into being creative!

Do you sew at home and are proud of what you have made? Bring it in and show Mrs Peters your creation...she loves to see your work!



**The following children have achieved  
100% attendance during the Autumn  
Term, Congratulations!**

**Reception**

Jack B, Georgie B, Mollie C, Oscar D, Olivia H, Peyton K, Fleur L, Bertie O, Joshua R, Olivia S.

**Year 1**

Lucas A, Lila B, Arden G, Poppy HG, Joseph K, Kai N, Evelyn R, Isla-Rose T, Lily W, Olivia W, Ellie W.

**Year 2**

Jack A, Ethan A, Jessie C, Max C, Bradley C, Toby D, Noah D, Charlie G, Laila H, Darcey H, Roman K, Scarlett L, Ewan L, Kaylee N, Isabelle N, Olivia R, Jacob R, Jack R, Elijah S, Gabriel T, Millie T, Amelia V, Sophia W, Thomas W, Freja W, Peter W.

**Year 3**

Thomas A, Faith B, Rosie B, Scarlett C, Elliot D, Ava DY, Eadie F, Florry G, Dexter L, Cecelia N, Joseph P, Willow P, Jessica P, Noah R, Eliza R, Emelia R, Madelyn R, Millie S, Lilly S, Madeleine W, Jack W, Jacob W.

**Year 4**

Finley B, Isabelle B, Max C, Sophie C, Connor G, Ethan H, Charlie K, Joshua L, Holly S, Charlie S, Frank S.

**Year 5**

Louis B, Georgia C, Luke C, Amelia C, Toby F, Millie H, Ella H, Katie H, Harry H, Jacob H, Hudson K, Kylan MB, Thomas P, Emily P, Evelyn P, Millie R, Elliot S, Nia S, Isabelle S, Evie T.

**Year 6**

Ryan B, Jenson B, Harry C, Jessica D, Noah E, Willow F, Jessica G, Mason G, Zach H, Allicia H, Lacey K, Beatrice L, Sasha M, Jenson O, Stanley S, Tarrin S, Mia T, Brodie T, Calum W.



**Mrs Mander would like to say...**

Thank you to all pupils, parents, staff and governors who have supported the school this term. It has been a long, busy term however, as you can see from the magazine, lots of exciting things have happened!





# School Newsletter



**Merry Christmas and a Happy New year  
from all at Five Ways**

