

# Five Ways Primary School Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

School Opens  
Monday 6th January  
2020

**Spring Half Term**  
Monday 17th  
February-Friday  
21st February

**Easter holiday**  
Monday 6th April-  
Friday 17th April

### Choir News



On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, some of the older members of the choir travelled to the magnificent Lichfield Cathedral to take part in the Christmas Festival. This is an incredible annual event which allows the children to participate in a massed choir event accompanied by a full orchestra singing a fantastic range of festive songs.

The Five Ways choir performed a solo item this year, which may almost beat going to McDonald's for their dinner into second place as the most exciting part of the trip!

A big thank you to all friends and family who were able to join and support us on this very special occasion.



### 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. We have also celebrated Diwali by making our own Mendhi patterns. As part of our International Day celebrations we looked at France and enjoyed 'wine' and an aeroplane ride!

We even came to school in our pyjamas and had a pretend sleepover with our night time toys. We listened to lots of bedtime stories and had some yummy hot chocolate.



To finish the term we went on a trip to see Santa at Marquis Drive. We built nests for robins, had marshmallows around the campfire and said a very big 'Thank you!' to Santa when he gave us a present to take home.



**Nursery News**  
**Reception News**



All the teachers in Reception are pleased with how the children have settled into full-time school. The children in Reception have been very busy this term! We have been on walks around the school to find signs of Autumn and made an Autumn collection in our classrooms so we could get a closer look.



We celebrated International Day and our chosen country was Italy. The children made flags, pizzas and Venetian masks.



Summer and Isla with their Venetian masks.



Eadie made the leaning Tower of Pisa.



### Reception News

Our grown-ups enjoyed our Nativity performance and we had lots of claps for our brilliant singing! Our teachers said we looked amazing in our costumes. Here are some of the photographs.



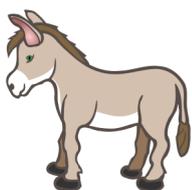
Daniel as Joseph.



Elsie as Mary.



Joshua as the donkey.



Noah and Harry as Santa's elves.



We would like to thank all our parents for their support this term. Have a lovely Christmas holiday from The Early Years Team.



Madelyn as the Lead Sheep.



Alex as a Christmas tree.



Junior as a shepherd.

**Year 1 News**

International Day - India.

Year One took part in lots of different activities during International Day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. We took part in some traditional Indian dancing, learned all about the elephant festival of Jaipur and designed our own henna hands. We were even lucky enough to try some traditional Indian food.



Here are some children in Miss Buchan's class learning some traditional Indian dancing. We learned lots of new moves.



All of Year One tasted some traditional Indian food which was provided for us by a local restaurant. We enjoyed sampling the onion bhajis, samosas, naan bread and popadoms.



For her homework, Maisie Perry drew a beautiful replica of the Indian Flag.



**Year 2 News**

Year 2 have been writing Autumn poetry. We have been learning to use noun phrases, including adjectives. We also used our study of poetry to inform our language choices.

**Miss Wright's class:**

Green, pointy conker shell,  
Twirling, whirling fiery leaves,  
Cosy, red coat,  
Yellow, warm scarf,  
Molly running around.  
by Charlie

Orange, crunchy leaves,  
Spiky, green pine needles,  
Soft, bumpy conker,  
Twirling, brown twigs  
Jumping in the leaves.  
by Poppy

Big, pointy conkers, ouch!  
Lovely, colourful leaves,  
Chilly, cold wind,  
Big, tall trees,  
Brown acorns.  
By Jake

**Mrs Horton's Class:**

White spider webs glistening in the wind.  
Big, loud fireworks, pink, blue and green.  
A warm scarf around my neck.  
Plinking, plopping rain falling from the sky.  
By Emma

Red, wet leaves falling from the tree.  
Big, orange pumpkins for Halloween.  
Fast, running squirrels collecting the nuts.  
Cosy, red gloves on my hands.  
By Elliot S

Small, brown, falling leaves in the woods.  
White, sparkly cobwebs on the playground.  
Shiny, smooth conkers.  
Blackberries growing on the bushes.  
Children enjoying cold, autumn days.  
By Elliot M

**Miss Fereday's class:**

Crunchy, brown leaves,  
Little, brown pinecones,  
Smooth, dark acorns,  
Round, spiky conkers.  
Green, small seeds spring down,  
Beautiful flowers die.  
By Dylan H

Brown, spiky conkers falling off the trees,  
A nice breeze,  
Red, juicy berries,  
It is cold and you need some gloves.  
By Millie H

Little acorns falling from the trees,  
In the Autumn the animals hibernate.  
Wet, green leaves falling from the trees,  
Squirrels climb from tree to tree.  
By Layla L



**Year 3 News**

The children have settled well into Key Stage 2 and Year 3 have had a busy and productive term. At the beginning of October, parents and children took part in two lively and well-attended maths workshops with fierce competition between the parents and the children!

November was a particularly busy month. All three classes created wreaths of poppies for Remembrance Day which were displayed in the Year 3 corridor.



During anti-bullying week, the children also took part in National Odd Sock Day and wore odd socks to show differences do not affect who we are.



**Year 3 News**

We showed our support for Children in Need with the children all producing a piece of craft work to represent Pudsey. They created a wide variety of items, including drawings, sculptures, toys, poetry and even Pudsey cakes! They also showed their support for Pudsey on the day, wearing a wide variety of spotty clothes and Children in Need items. They were delighted to hand over their contributions when Pudsey visited.



Our final event was a day exploring a variety of aspects of China; tasting Chinese food in our "pop-up" Chinese Restaurant, learning to write our names in Chinese on bookmarks and lanterns, and creating dancing dragon puppets.



### Year 4 News

The children in Year 4 have been writing newspaper articles covering various subjects, here are some of their articles.

#### Everyone is Spotty and Dotty



Five Ways Primary School took part in Children in Need Day on Friday 15th November 2019. The school raised £504.20 by just donating £1 each. Every child was wearing an item of spotty clothing. Sophie from Hawks said, "I really enjoyed giving Pudsey my money, I also liked making my Pudsey painting for my homework."

#### International Day

##### Medusa — A Greek Mythical Creature



On Friday 29th November, Year 4 at Five Ways Primary School took part in an Enrichment Day about Greece. In the morning, Year 4 enjoyed making mosaics. First they made a design on a piece of card. When everybody finished planning they went onto a piece of wood.

In the afternoon Year 4 went back to their own classes. Year 4 Hawks made greek temples had stacked lots of books on them until they fell down.

"Best day of school ever!", said Iwan aged 9. "I loved making the mosaics!", said Jayden.

### Bullying is not OK! Anti-Bullying Week.



Anti Bullying  
Week 2019

On

Friday 15th November 2019, children in Mrs Robinson's class were involved in anti-bullying week. Mrs Mander let Five Ways Primary take part in anti-bullying week. Mrs Robinson's class watched and discussed a clip taken from Britain's Got Talent featuring a pop duo of two boys called Bars and Melody.

The Year 4 class made up their own raps, songs or poems in a little group and they were given an opportunity to perform them in front of the class. "I enjoyed listening to Bars and Melody's rap", said Ruby L- Year 4 Hawks. "The video that we watched made us all realise never to be mean!" , says Ruby D from Year 4 Hawks.

"Bullying should not be a thing!", said Kaitlyn from Hawks Year 4.



## Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a lively and productive Autumn Term. Events include:

### Laches Wood

All of Year 5 enjoyed visits to Laches Wood for a taster day of the activities they have to offer in order to whet their appetite for their residential trip in Year 6. All children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the site during orienteering, firing arrows in archery, toasting marshmallows and experiencing the adrenaline rush of the power fan. Great fun was had by all!



## International Day

As an introduction to our History topic on the Mayans, we spent the day looking at traditions from Mexico. This included painting stones in the style of 'day of the dead' skull art, creating day of the dead festival masks and learning Spanish phrases and greetings.



## Diwali Day

Year 5 have also been learning about the Hindu Festival, Diwali as part of their RE studies. The festival of Diwali means 'festival of light' and it celebrates the victory of light over darkness. The children used a variety of media to create a range of Diwali inspired art. They created Mandala patterns with watercolour and added patterned detail with fine liner pen. They created traditional Rangoli patterns using coloured rice, lentils and pasta. They also created diva lamps using clay and then decorated them brightly with mandala inspired patterns. Year 5 children also had the exciting opportunity to learn Bhangra dancing, which was very enjoyable and a little exhausting!



**Year 6 News**

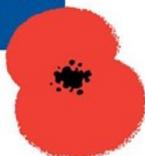


**Bikeability**

Year 6 completed Bikeability Level 2. The Bikeability Level 2 course aims to develop riders' skills and confidence for cycling on single-lane roads and simple junctions with mostly moderate motor traffic flows, and prepares riders for cycling on more complex, often busier or faster roads and junctions. Year 6 were fantastic and enjoyed cycling around the local area.

**Remembrance**

The Year 6 chosen charity is the Royal British Legion and Year 6 sold Poppies and poppy merchandise to the rest of the school. Year 6 also wrote poetry inspired by remembrance.



Representatives from each class presented a Remembrance Assembly with Mrs Berry to the rest of Key Stage 2.

**Election Time!**

Mrs Lindsay's and Mr Doughty's classes have been getting involved in the General election. After reading summaries of the main party's manifestos, the children took part in their own vote.



The following number of pupils in each year group have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term:

	Reception 16	
Year 1	21	Year 2 33
Year 3	28	Year 4 24
Year 5	21	Year 6 31

What a fantastic achievement.

Well done everyone!

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!

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.



