

Poppy Garden

As you are probably aware, all the children in school have been busy making poppies for the Peace Garden at St Mary's Church. Please do try to visit as we think it will be a very moving experience. (We will be taking the children in Year 5 and 6 to visit.)



Poppy Peace Gardens

St Mary's Church, Yate

Saturday 27th October until Monday 12th November 2018

Poppy Peace Gardens at St Mary's Church, Yate and St John's Church, Chipping Sodbury.

Dodington Parish Council and St Mary's church have been very active in promoting and working with the local schools on the clay poppy project in Yate, Dodington and Chipping Sodbury.

There will be approximately 3,000 poppies made by all the local primary schools, guiding groups and youth groups half being displayed in the poppy gardens at St Mary's in Yate, the other half at St John's in Chipping Sodbury.

New Teacher

We are very pleased to announce that we have appointed Miss Leanne Palmer to cover Mrs Roper's maternity leave. She will be starting at Wellesley on 12th November and there will be a week's handover before Mrs Roper leaves us on 16th November.

Harvest Assembly

Many thanks to the children in Years 3 and 4 who led a very vibrant Harvest Assembly. We learned all about 'Harvest Festivals Around the World' with some very interesting facts and information. The children also enthusiastically sang some harvest songs, including our favourite Harvest Samba. Well done to everyone involved.

Tag Rugby Festival

On Wednesday 10th October children from Years 5 and 6 represented Wellesley at the South Gloucestershire Tag Rugby Festival. They played several games improving each time. They did themselves proud as they had only had two hours training. Congratulations to Thomas, Finley, Lola, Macy, Harrison, Henry, Callum, Charlie St and Rhys.

FOWS Bedtime Story

On Wednesday night children in KS1 returned to school in their pjs with their teddies for our annual Bedtime Story. Our teachers read some lovely books and the children enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies provided by FOWS volunteers. A lovely time was had by all. Many thanks to everyone who helped.

Skipathon

Last Friday we had a very active morning as children completed our annual Skipathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Children had to take part in a variety of activities from speed skipping to relays to French skipping to skills work. Oak House won the overall competition and two children from each class were chosen to receive a small prize because they were a super-skipper or showed great tenacity in improving. So far we have raised £110; pleased don't forget to bring any more donations in to school.

Class Assemblies

Year 2 shared with us their work based on the topic of 'the Great Fire of London'. They regaled us with facts they had found out about London and told the story of 'Katie in London'. They then shared their knowledge about the Great Fire and displayed beautiful fire pictures made from colour mixing. They finished with a fantastic song all about the Great Fire. Well done for all your hard work!

Year 1 led a fabulous assembly all about Bears! They brilliantly re-enacted their own version of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'; sang a bear rap and shared interesting bear facts. They have clearly enjoyed this topic very much (as evidenced by their writing at home and playing 'Bears' in the woods!)

Year 5 presented us with a very slick assembly showcasing all the work they have been doing this year which has included learning about 'the Fastest Boy in the World' and Ethiopia; rounding in maths; performing 'Living on a Prayer' with a musical accompaniment of recorders, ocarinas and glockenspiels (a Wellesley first!) They did a superb job and definitely deserve a week off after all their hard work!

Road Safety Team

Last week we had an assembly from the South Gloucestershire Road Safety team on the theme of 'Be Safe, Be Seen'. Children learned about the benefits of fluorescent clothing in being seen in the dark and also in wearing light colours. We would like to remind all parents of this at this time of year as well, especially with Halloween and Bonfire Night looming!

Fire Fighters

This week, as part of their work on the Great Fire of London, children from Y2 had a talk from our local Fire-fighters. They were taught about safety in the home and what to do in case of a fire. They were also very excited to learn and practice the 'stop, drop and roll' technique for putting out fires.

Multicultural Week

This week the children have been learning about cultures around the world. Learning has been based around special festivals and the countries they are held in. On Monday the children travelled the world with their passports visiting all the countries and trying a range of activities from designing a Fabergé egg to tasting Indian food to doing an elephant dance. Over the rest of the week they have learned more about their chosen country and its culture.

Many thanks to Mrs Theophilus for organising such a fun and informative week.

Visits to Wapley Woods

On Monday 1st October Year 3 joined with children from Culverhill for a sunny and beautiful walk in Wapley Woods. After we crossed the bridge into the field, we mixed the classes together so that we had Culverhill and Wellesley children in each group. We were given a sheet which had a list of different animals and plants that live in the woods and we worked together to spot them. We noticed it was cooler in the shade of the woods and we compared it to the pictures from Into The Forest which we have been reading in English lessons. When we were walking back we spotted a couple of bug hotels and saw that there was a yellow hard hat and a shoe in one of them! We are looking forward to working with the Culverhill children again.

Written by Year 3

On Tuesday children from Y1 and Y2 also went to Wapley Woods. Year 1 were using their senses to explore the woods and Year 2 were identifying trees and the leaves they found. It was a lovely afternoon out. Many thanks to all the parents who supported this visit – without you we could not have gone.

Cost of Trips

At Parent Forum parents have said it would be helpful for budgeting to know the approximate cost of the trips we have planned across the year. Here is an outline of the 'big trips' we plan to do. There may be some other more local trips but these will not be expensive. These figures are based on last year's prices.

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
EYFS						Bristol Zoo £13
Year 1					Visit to a Castle £15	
Year 2			SS Great Britain £13		Birds of Prey Centre £14	
Year 3		Stone Age Adventure £8	@Bristol £14		Bristol Museum £10	
Year 4	Aerospace Bristol £13				Caerleon £15	
Year 5			New Barn £82			Mojo Active £35
Year 6			WW1 Experi- ence £18		Hooke Court £250	

House-points

During our annual review of our Behaviour Policy we have decided to make a slight change to the way we award house-point certificates. The children will now get these for achieving 10, 25, 50, 75 and 100 house-points; they will continue to get badges for 50, 75 and 100 house-points.

Head Teacher's Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have earned a Head Teacher's Award:-
 Y1: Brooke, Artley, Rosie and Greyson for lovely senses poems.
 Y3: Jasmine for beautiful artwork and Tess for 'beating the clock' with her times tables brilliantly.
 Y6: Emily-Rose for her brilliant story based on 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'.

Dates:

Friday 26th October: FOWS Halloween Disco
Monday 5th November: INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Thursday 8th November: Y4 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 8th November: EYFS Maths Information Session 7pm
Friday 9th November: Open Afternoon 2pm
Wednesday 14th November: Parents Evening (early)
Thursday 15th November: Y3 Class Assembly 9.15am
Thursday 15th November: Parents Evening (late)
Friday 16th November: Children in Need Day
Wednesday 21st November: Flu Immunisations EYFS-Y5
Thursday 22nd November: Y6 Class Assembly 9.15am
Friday 30th November: Christmas Fair 5.00-7.00pm
Monday 10th December: Y1/2 Christmas Production (parents) 2.00pm
Tuesday 11th December: Y1/2 Christmas Production (grandparents) 2pm
Tuesday 11th December: Y1/2 Christmas Production (parents) 5.30pm
Wednesday 12th December: EYFS Christmas Play 2.00pm
Thursday 13th December: EYFS Christmas Play 2.00pm
Monday 17th December: Y4 Cycle Training
Tuesday 18th December: Christmas Dinner
Thursday 20th December: Carol Service 9:15 am
Friday 21st December: INSET Day – school closed to pupils
Monday 7th January: start of new school term

Please note all key dates on available on the school website: www.wellesleyschool.co.uk