



Ide Primary School

Newsletter



13th November 2018

WW1 Centenary Assembly

We decided that it was important to mark this special remembrance day in school and over a week, classes were involved with learning about the symbol of the poppy. On Friday, we invited some members of the community to join us for our assembly. Simon and James from Ide Rugby Club gave a superb presentation, with lots of very interesting information. Elm class had been reading the book 'Poppy Field' by Michael Morpurgo and Monty and Olly read out a poem that the class had written together, inspired by the book:

Shades of Freedom

We have freedom!
Heaven lies before us
Bravery in our hearts
The poppies grow like a red sea of hope
We are given back our country air, shaken by the dawn
Amid the poppies, soldiers of every land lay sleeping
New life has begun with the sunrise as a new day
lights up the soul
Our spirits cannot be taken, we are filled with joy
Hope like a happy gift
A dream of endless possibilities
We have peace!

The staff read the poem 'Suddenly Everyone Burst out Singing' by Siegfried Sassoon (Miss Purcell's favourite war poem) and the Year 6s read an incredibly moving poem- 'The Wound in Time'- which was written especially for the centenary by the poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy and performed on beaches all around the country last weekend. There were a few tears in the audience as we watched their mature and heartfelt performance. We finished by all reading the poem 'Poppy Poppy' together. Simon commented on how engaged and knowledgeable the children were and how nice it was to see the hall filled and with such a warm atmosphere.



Family Groups

The children loved working in their new house 'family' groups across the different classes, creating poppies to hang. We will be working in these groups more as the year goes on.

Key Dates

November

Wednesday 21st Chestnut 'Into Film' festival

December

Monday 3rd Clive Pig (Storyteller) in Elm class- Ancient Greek Storytelling

Wednesday 5th Oak Christmas Production (afternoon and evening, times tbc)

Thursday 6th Apple Christmas Production (am)

Friday 7th FIS Christmas Fete (after school)

Monday 10th Singing group at Jubilee club

Thursday 13th KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm and 6pm

Friday 14th Pupil Christmas Lunch

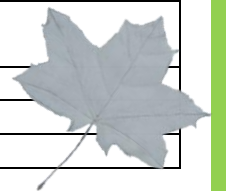
Tuesday 18th KS2 Carol Concert at St Ida's church 2-3pm (parents invited)

Friday 21st Last day of term

January

Monday 7th Non-pupil day

Tuesday 8th First day back for pupils



Super Sports!



Tennis at St Lukes



Cross Country at Killerton

"I really enjoyed crossing the finishing line and hearing people cheering."

"I was really pleased with my achievement."

"When I fell over during the race, I enjoyed hearing lots of cheers and encouragement from my team."



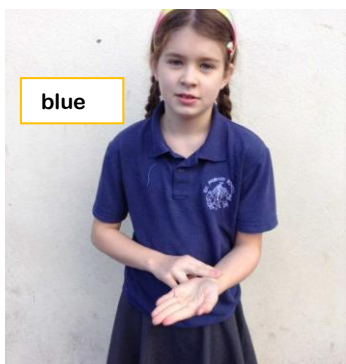
Signs of the Times

Year 6 have been learning many signs including the alphabet, colours, greetings and questions starting with who, where and why.

"There aren't signs for names so we have made some up! Including for Miss Parkin!"

"Making up your sign for your name is a great way to begin to express yourself because you attach a sign to the letters of your name which means something to you, so I chose a horse"

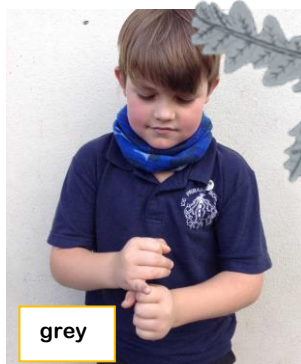
We play Simon Says games but it's "Miss Parkin Signs"



blue



hamster



grey

FIS News

Thanks to all those who came to the quiz, fish and chips night last Friday. It was well attended and helped to raise some valuable funds for the school. A reminder that there is a **FIS Christmas planning meeting TONIGHT, Tuesday 13th November, at The Huntsman at 7.30.** Please do go along to support FIS if you can, I know there are some exciting Christmas ideas in store!

Walking Bus

Next week is Road Safety week and we will be having a visitor from BRAKE (brain injury group) to talk to the children about staying safe on the roads.

We will be doing a big promotion of the fantastic **walking bus** that goes from the Twisted Oak every morning (separate letter to follow!) including an incentive for children to earn stamps and prizes for using the bus! Miss Purcell will be walking with the bus on Thursday and Friday of next week so please come and join in!

Lateness

It can be hard to get up and ready during these dark winter months however please can we remind you that lessons start at 8.50 and if children arrive after nine o'clock they will be marked as late. After 9.10 it will be classed as an unauthorised absence. This will then be counted as part of a child's absence record. We can't be flexible on this as valuable morning learning starts right at the beginning of the school day. Thank you.

Need to Read!

Chestnut class would love to have some parents/grandparents to help with reading in year 5/6. However much or little time you can spare, please let Miss Purcell or Miss Parkin know if you are able to help.

Message from The Huntsman

A reminder that, as a courtesy, the Huntsman has limited spaces available at the front of its car park for the use of residents and visitors. A section of the car park, from the rear gate onwards (very clearly marked with a rope on the ground), is strictly for the use of pub patrons only at all times and must not be used for parents/carers parking, however short your stay.

