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Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was a pleasure to lead our Remembrance Service for Years 3, 4 and 5 in the hall on Thursday. The children behaved impeccably and were very profound in their reflections of what Remembrance meant to them. All our classes, including Year 6, who visited Patrixbourne church, took the opportunity to reflect, highlighting how this moment unites us as a country. This morning Miss Sopp shared a piece of work that Ethan did in Year 6 as part of their morning work that was so moving that I thought I would share it with you all.

*It is 1918 on November the Eleventh, the war has finally ended. Sadly, the men in the war died. Meanwhile us poppies have been hiding under the soil waiting to burst through the ground. Today is the special day when we arise. It's a beautiful sight seeing a field of red poppies and it's remarkable because of how tough we are. For years to come we are remembered as a symbol of peace.* Ethan

#### COVID Update

Parents may be aware that we have had a few pupils test positive for COVID this week. These cases are almost exclusively in one-year group and DFE advice was sent yesterday to the parents of children who have been deemed a close contact. Whilst I know that knowledge of cases being in the community will bring some concern, they are still extremely low and the school is in contact with the DFE and all COVID safety advice and protocols are being followed.

A quick reminder that if your child is displaying any COVID symptoms they are still required to book a PCR test (not just an LFT) and wait for results before coming back to school.

#### Year 1 Canopy

As the winter season approaches, being able to go outside and enjoy learning becomes more and more challenging for our younger year groups. Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some work done to make this even more easy for our Year 1 classes, with the addition of a new waterproof shelter. This will mean that, while the rest of us huddle up inside with a nice warm cup of tea, Year 1 children can continue their continuous provision outside.



### NSPCC and Children In Need

This week sees the school supporting two charities, both NSPCC and Children in Need, starting with an NSPCC assembly on Monday and a dress up day on Friday.



### Competition

If you would like your child to enter our **competition** for a fantastic hand made bag filled with lots of goodies, then Ivy, Lily and William would like them to design a poster or picture that highlights this year's NSPCC assembly theme of Staying Safe (also incorporating the charity's colour green into the design too).

### Dressing Up

To help raise money for the charity, on Friday 19th November, we would like children to bring in a donation and wear whatever they would like around the theme 'green'. The money raised from

the day will be shared equally between the NSPCC and Children In Need.

### Book Fair

The scholastic book fair has been very busy over the last few days. The fair will remain open until Tuesday with sessions for parents to buy books from 8.30 – 8.50 in the morning and from 3.20 – 3.45 in the afternoon. You can access the book fair through the Bridge Bees entrance.

### Brickmas at the Beaney

There are lots of exciting activities at the Beaney Museum in the run up to Christmas including workshops, city trails and different exhibitions.

<https://canterburymuseums.co.uk/events/merry-brickmas/>

As a school we have three entries in the brick model competition too, if you would like to see them (and vote for them) the exhibition is free to all and the school could win a fantastic LEGO education pack.



### Messy Church

A final reminder that Messy Church is this Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November. All our families are invited from 4pm to 5.30pm in the school hall. There will be craft activities, drinks and snacks followed by a short worship led by Revd. Estella.

All the best

Michael Taylor

Celebration

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

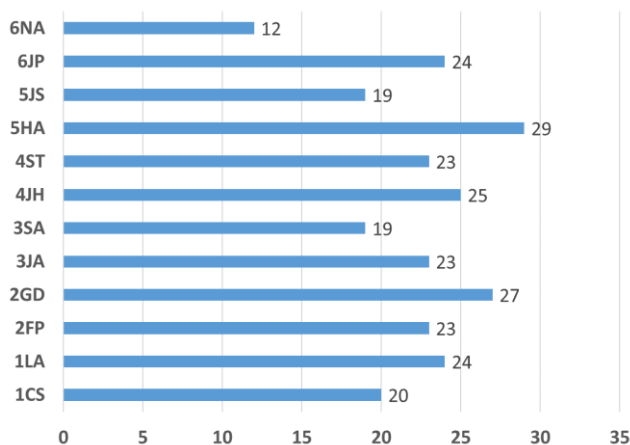
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| ☆ <b>Lily W (1CS)</b> for her excellent attitude towards her learning. <b>Mrs M Smith and Mrs Cork</b>   | ☆ <b>Ben S (4ST)</b> for having an extremely good week demonstrating great listening and focus. <b>Mrs Tomsett</b>   |
| ☆ <b>Barnaby C (1LA)</b> for always showing an excellent attitude towards his learning. <b>Miss Andrews</b>  | ☆ <b>Georgia D (5HA)</b> for giving 100% in all that you do. You show fantastic determination and resilience which reflects in your learning. <b>Miss Allison</b>                                  |
| ☆ <b>Tillie J (2FP)</b> for an excellent attitude towards all of her learning this week. <b>Mrs Franks</b>   | ☆ <b>Benji C (5JS)</b> for embracing new learning, persevering with his maths this week and for showing resilience. <b>Miss J Smith</b>  |
| ☆ <b>Elodie C (2GD)</b> for her amazing attitude towards her learning this week and for completing every activity with a smile. <b>Mrs Dennett</b> | ☆ <b>Teddie M (6NA)</b> for excellent contributions in English and engaging well with our text 'Goodnight Mr Tom'. <b>Mrs Allen</b>  |
| ☆ <b>Louis E (3JA)</b> for his creativity and resilience when weaving during DT! <b>Mr Ablett</b>  | ☆ <b>Lily-Ella H (6JP)</b> for demonstrating bravery and resilience when speaking out in front of an audience for the first time during our Remembrance service. Very well done! <b>Mr Perfect</b> |
| ☆ <b>Maria S (3SA)</b> for writing an excellent set of instructions for mummification. <b>Mrs Amelia</b>   |  |
| ☆ <b>Joni C (4JH)</b> for working extremely hard in maths and always trying her best. <b>Mr Harris</b>   |  |



Buster Book Club

This week, as part of our Buster Book Club, we are celebrating not just the total number of minutes read but also the number of children who have read in each class.

Well done to 5HA who won our key Stage 2 competition and well done to 2GD who won our Key Stage 1 competition.



Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts.

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11<sup>th</sup> November 2021



Chair Design - Strong shapes and WW2 Year 6 are designing chairs (Action man sized) for John Lewis this term. To begin, the pupils explored strong shapes within structures. We looked at the work of architects and identified shapes that they commonly use within buildings.

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21<sup>st</sup> October 2021



Year 1 Autumn Leaves  
Year one pupils have been making their own autumnal leaves from their mark-making work produced earlier in the term. During their country walk, Year 1 pupils collected large autumnal leaves.

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Year 3 Abstract Art  
Year three's term 1 art project celebrates the Folkestone Art Triennial and is inspired by the work of Ghanaian-born artist Atta Kwami who sadly died last month, age 65.

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Year 5 Dance  
Year 5 have been learning a dance linked to our focus text *The Lost Thing*. The children have worked really hard developing their sequencing of movements and have completed a final performance to share with you all!

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3<sup>rd</sup> November 2021



**Year 5 Science Day**

On Wednesday Year 5 were transformed into: planets, rockets, moon buggies, stars, the sun and so much more.

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4<sup>th</sup> November 2021



**Forest School for Year 1**

During Forest School this week the Year 1 children started to learn about our new Forest School area, the opportunities available to them and the rules that they will need to follow to keep safe while they explore.

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### Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

**CALENDAR >**

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Book Fair in	NSPCC Stay Safe Assembly
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Book Fair in	Basketball Competition
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	3JA Trip to Maidstone Museum	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	3SA Trip to Maidstone Museum	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Children in Need – Wear Green	

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>		
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>		
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu Vaccines	Sportshall Athletics Competition (Year 3 & 4)
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 4 Mayan Workshop	

<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Speed Stacking Competition	
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>		
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Salvation Army Christmas Concert	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>		