

# Waterside News

Empowering Learners to Achieve Dreams

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## Headteachers Message

Welcome Back!

We are now in Autumn 2 and the weather is definitely feeling cooler. As we head into the term the days seem very short of light. We have 6 weeks of learning ahead of us until the Winter break. This year we do not finish the school term until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. We will then return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

This half term is busy with events across school including Early Years Nativity, KS1 Production (this year the focus is on climate change), we have our annual Christmas concert delivered by our singing superstars and Christmas lunch and jumper day. All information will be sent out to you by class teachers and phase leaders.

It has been a great start to the term this week. I have observed the children in their learning and have been impressed by the way that they are able to articulate their learning and share with me their knowledge. It shows how far the children have come and the knowledge they have retained. Year 6 really impressed me this week with their in-depth and mature discussions.

This week all staff met for training on social and emotional learning. As a school, alongside of teaching children academic skills we believe it is vital to teach pupils how to develop socially and emotionally. To support parents with this too, we will be offering 2 workshops this half term, one around Red 2 Blue which focusing on mindsets and one around supporting your child socially and emotionally. Miss Williams will be sending out the dates for these.

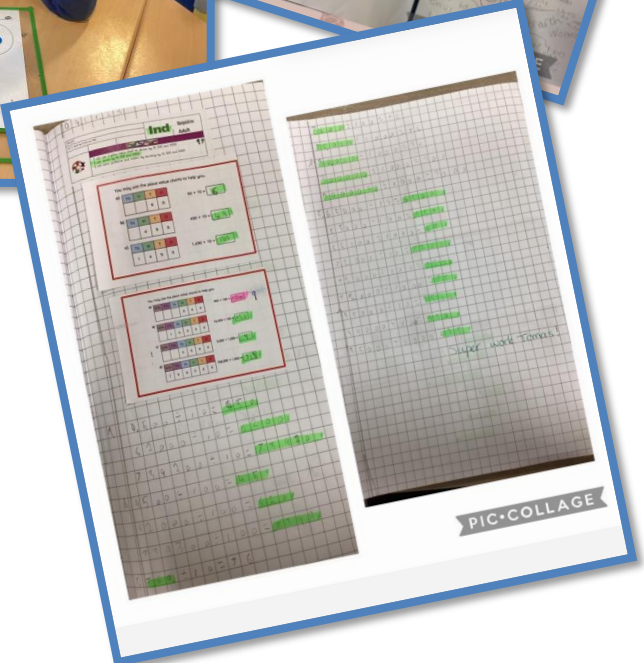
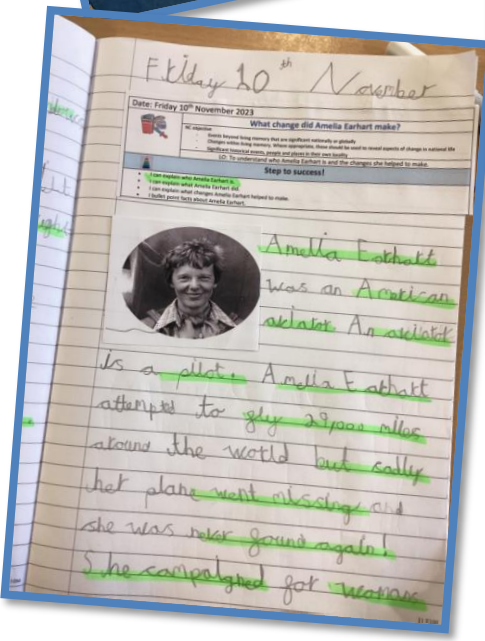
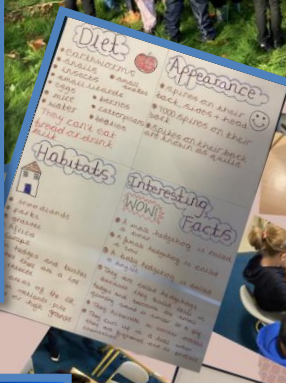
I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families who are celebrating Diwali this weekend a Happy Diwali and I hope you have a wonderful weekend celebrating with your family and friends.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs. Willis



# Look at our Learning





### Children in Need

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> we will be joining in the school across the country and taking part in Children in Need. The children will learn about charities and the importance of looking after one another. Children may come to school either in Yellow or dressed in dots with a donation made to children in need. The recommended donation is £1.

### Gates and Site lock up

As the dark night approach in Autumn 2 we always risk assess our site and procedures. After half term, the gates on the main playground will be locked at 3.45, re opened at 4.15 and then locked at 4.25. The only way to access the site will be through the gate by the office.

### Anti Bullying Week



Next week in Anti-bullying week and to kick the week off on Monday the children can come to school in Odd socks to represent that we are all different.

Over the week the children will learn about bullying, the effects of this and the different forms including cyber bullying.

The child will share and discuss issues and we will look at how we can develop our procedures in school to support children.



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR AUTUMN

- 13.11.23 – Odd Socks Day
- 14.11.23 – Y5 Parent Consultations
- 17.11.23 – Children in need
  
- 8.12.23 – Christmas Jumper Day
- 14.12.23 – School Disco
- 19.12.23 – 21.12.23 – EYFS/KS1 Production

### Help with Learning

If you require any support with learning, please contact your child's class teacher via class dojo.

### Help with Behaviour

If you are concerned about your child's behaviour, please speak with the class teacher or your child's Phase leader.

### Help with Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please raise these immediately with Mrs. Willis (DSL) or 01782235100 (Stoke)

### Help with online safety

If you would like information on how to ensure your child is safe online, please contact Mrs. Twigg or Mr. Grocott.