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## HURST GREEN NEWS

### FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Your child/ren may have told you that we are once again back in our bubbles. With cases of Covid on the rise and a few cases in our school community, we are keeping the children separate as much as we can. Staff are wearing masks around the building, bubbles have their own bathrooms and we are still cleaning at regular intervals during the day.

If your child presents with a temperature above 37.8 degrees, a new continuous cough, or a loss/change in taste and/or smell, please keep them at home and book a PCR test straight away.

Please remember to return your Facebook permission slip if you haven't already done so.

Many thanks, **Miss Flack**

#### **KS2 Movie Night - POSTPONED**

We will now be holding this on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December – we will remind you nearer the time so if you have not yet returned the form, there will be an opportunity to do so.

#### **Steve Clifford – Author visit**

No doubt the children have come home and told you all about Mr Clifford who spent Wednesday and Thursday with us talking to them about creative writing and telling them some of his stories. He commented on the childrens' super behaviour and also mentioned how friendly the school community was. Thank you for making him feel so welcome on the playground.

#### **Special mention**

We had news this week that Amber achieved GOLD in her Taekwondo competition last weekend. This is a disciplined sport and takes great skill and concentration. Well done Amber!!

**Miss Golding**

#### **Collective Worship – Compassion**

This week we have done collective worship in our classrooms and have learnt about the story of the Feeding of the 5000, which illustrates compassion in people and the human ability to show kindness and to share. It is often easier to keep things for ourselves but Christians believe that we should share with all people in need. This may mean our time, our friends, our toys, our money or even kind words.

#### **Attendance for this week**

Willow – 83.5% - 0 late arrivals  
Silver Birch – 85.8% - 3 late arrivals  
Chestnut – 88% - 2 late arrivals  
Maple – 85.8% - 1 late arrival  
Oak – 87.6% - 0 late arrivals

**Whole School – 86.3%**  
**The national average is over 96%**



### **Nursery**

We have been on a nature walk this week with all the children collecting leaves, sticks and conkers. We have been talking all about what we have found. We have been learning about twos of things and have been finding pairs. We have played sound games to encourage our listening skills and counted and danced to 100!

### **Willow**

This week we have been learning about circles, triangles and squares in Maths. We had a visit from the author Steve Clifford and we enjoyed hearing the story he told us. We learnt about Remembrance and the importance of poppies. We also enjoyed listening to some wartime songs.

**Head Teacher Award:** Arabella for always being kind to others.

**Reader of the week:** William

### **Silver Birch**

In Silver Birch we have been learning the traditional tales from our class book The Jolly Postman. We have worked very hard to re-tell the stories both orally and in writing. In Maths Year 1 have been focusing on finding different ways to make numbers to 10 and have been recording them as addition calculations. Year 2 have been learning different addition strategies to help solve calculations to 100.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 1:** Imogen E for being so helpful to her friends, and the teacher.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 2:** Jack for making a big effort in class all week.

**Reader of the week:** Henry

### **Chestnut**

We have been very busy this week working on multiplication skills in Maths; exploring different methods and developing our problem solving skills. In English we continued to learn about Skara Brae, how to use apostrophes and we loved working with Steve the author on our story writing skills. The children conducted an experiment in Science to answer the question "Does the surface of a ramp affect the distance a toy car can travel?" In RE we are exploring Islam and we have been comparing similarities between Christianity and the Islamic faith.

**Head Teacher Award Yr 3:** Edward for his enthusiasm about all his learning and amazing Power Point Presentation.

**Reader of the week:** Harry

### **Maple**

We have been discovering how hieroglyphs written on so-called dragon bones found on a market stall, led to historians finding out about the Shang Dynasty. We studied the symbols and decoded them, which has given us inspiration for our writing in English. We have designed suspicious characters who work in the market, and we have written dramatic opening paragraphs to deliver our protagonists into their hands. In Maths we have found prime numbers and have multiplied by 10, 100 and 1000. Our French speaking is improving and we enjoyed learning the history of the Eiffel Tower.

**Head Teacher award Yr 4:** Oliver for working so hard to improve his handwriting and presentation.

**Head Teacher award Yr 5:** Charly for all his hard work, learning the times tables.

**Reader of the week:** Filip

### **Oak**

In Maths we have been learning how to do short and long division, and how to use factor pairs to divide mentally. We are working hard on our tables as this will help us with many areas of Maths. In English, we have been reading our new book 'Darwin's Dragons' and we had a brilliant day yesterday with the author C.S Clifford. He inspired us to write about the year 3033 and we are really proud of the work that we produced. We have begun our new topic of Evolution and Inheritance and are learning about Darwin's work on Evolution.

**Head Teacher Award:** Toby for always working hard in every subject - wow!

**Reader of the week:** Lois

## Art Club

This week we embarked on creating a piece of work using a one point perspective. We followed steps starting with simply writing our name, building it up to angular bubble writing and then drawing a dot at the top of the page. Using a ruler we then drew a line from each corner to the dot, creating our design. We have nearly finished, but I think they look very pretty already!

