



Friday 5th November

Dear All,

Welcome back to what looks set to be another busy term, I hope you all had a good break. The weather has certainly turned since we've come back so please do make sure that your child has a warm coat in school for playtimes. Also, welly boots as we still use the field when we can.

Thank you to the Friends who organised a fantastic film night on Wednesday. It was very well attended and an excellent fundraiser for the school. We hope to have more events soon, especially as we move towards Christmas.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Watts, Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Little Brown Hare: Coming back after half-term we have really noticed how autumn has arrived! There are lots more fallen leaves for us to enjoy, collecting them, throwing them in the air, running through them, and also talking about why they have fallen and have changed colour. We've been looking at pumpkins, scooping out the seeds with hands, breaking them into pieces and using them in the mud kitchen. We've saved the seeds to plant next year to show the life-cycle. We've also started a new focus book, 'Dear Zoo' and have made a role-play vets to care for the animals. Construction never stops at pre-school and the children have made castles, cars and zoos from wooden blocks and duplo, working together on their projects. As it's Diwali and Bonfire night, we've practised mark-making colouring rangoli patterns and sticking sparkly sequins on them, and have made bold firework paintings, talking about their colours and sounds as we work.

Blackbirds: Blackbirds class have been learning all about woodwork skills this week. We have been practising sawing, sanding, hammering and using a screwdriver to make a class sculpture with blocks that represent ourselves. In maths, we have been learning about 3D shapes and the children have made some beautiful castles and structures using the different shapes. We have been talking about what shapes we have used to make the buildings and practising using all the names. The children have also been learning about how to look after their teeth.

Wagtails: We started our week with "The Great Picasso Face Swap" which involved drawing a self-portrait before then splitting it into 6 pieces and swapping them with others in the room. This resulted in a range of very bizarre looking faces with multiple mouths and noses, being created in the class. We had to piece them together to make Picasso style portraits. We have also been looking at sound this week as a way of representing ourselves. The class enjoyed experimenting with lots of different instruments to see how they produced sound and how we could change the pitch and amplitude of the sounds.

Skylarks: Skylarks have been working hard on being 'bossy'! Learning how to give clear and precise instructions for others to follow has proven harder than they thought! We are developing some instructions for making a magical potion to help make people better behaved, as in the mean and cruel Grandma in Roald Dahl's book George's Marvellous Medicine. This has also stimulated a lot of discussion about what behaviours are 'good' and what affects our moods and choices. In art Skylarks have responded to faces and how people look from the outside, whilst also reflecting on what people are like on the inside. They were interested in what clues people give out about their mood, interests, personality etc.



NEWSLETTER



Dates for your diary

Skylarks Swimming – Fridays: 12th & 26th of November and 10th December

Tempest School Photos – Monday 15th November

Family learning Afternoon – Thursday 18th November

Friends of Erpingham Primary Thank you so much to everyone who brought back their Christmas Card designs after half term, they were all fabulous! The free proof and order forms will be back with you next week. We also had a great movie night on Wednesday after school, the children were brilliant and we had a lot of fun! An amazing £57 was raised for our school, so a huge thank you to everyone!!

From Reverend Heather

A Green Team?

Since I have come to the parishes I have met someone who does a bit of litter picking, someone recycling foil tablet packs and others who feel passionately about caring for our environment. It made me wonder whether anyone is interested in forming a local group to look at ways we can do more to care for the natural world in our own area. I'm not thinking of a committee and minutes etc! Just meeting up in the pub say to chat about a local project every so often. If you think you might be interested please make contact - Heather 01263 735922 canonhdb@gmail.com

A Quiet Space

Do you ever feel you would like a bit of peace? The world is a noisy place and so are our homes at times. I am planning to provide a silent space in Erpingham church on Wednesday 17th November at 7pm. You don't have to be religious! Bring a book, some craft work, sketch pad, or just chill with a bean bag. Arrive to music and once settled we will be silent for 30 minutes. I will say a prayer to end the silence and we leave - hopefully refreshed.





NEWSLETTER

