



NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children were involved in a variety of activities to help them think about Remembrance Day yesterday. Key Stage 1 children dressed up for the occasion and their outfits were amazing! Photos are on both our Facebook page and the school website.

Parent Forum meeting

Thanks to all the parents who attended our curriculum Zoom meeting on Tuesday evening. We discussed our REACH curriculum, outlined our approaches for teaching both mastery for maths and reading and talked about how we have reviewed the teaching of our foundation subjects in light of lost learning due to the Pandemic.

We also fed back on the feedback from the questionnaires and decided a termly parental overview of information for each class briefly outlining what will be taught in each subject area would be really useful. These will go out after Christmas for spring term.

Keeping Safe in and out of School

In our PSHE lessons this week and as part of our 'Keeping safe in and out of School' topic, we have been discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lessons, the children learned about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- **P**rivates are private
- **A**lways remember your body belongs to you
- **N**o means no
- **T**alk about secrets that upset you
- **S**peak up, someone can help

The lessons are delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate. More information about the Underwear Rule, including a short film and a parent guide can be found at:

nspcc.org.uk/underwearrule



Stars of the week

Well done to this week's winners who received their awards on Monday!

R	Aiden C
E	Brooke
A	Oliver C
C	Emily
H	Poppy
Miss McNicoll's 5Ws award	Finn

Star Writer Award

Class 1: Ivy

Class 2: Willow

Class 3: Jacob

Class 4: Alissia

Class 5: Reuben

Malcolm's Attendance Award

Well done to Class 2, who have the best attendance this week!

Finally, Classes 4 and 5 had a visit today from Sara Britcliffe, Member of Parliament for Hyndburn and Haslingden. The children interviewed Sara on matters they had discussed as part of UK Parliament week and as part of their topic on British Values. They asked some great questions and were great ambassadors for our school. I'm sure we have some future politicians in our midst!

Yours sincerely

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