



Eyrescroft Primary School

Inspire. Achieve. Celebrate.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really busy week this week with mock SATs for Year 6, Remembrance Day and of course Children in Need.

It was fantastic to see so many extra ears on display today! All of the children looked great and everyone made an excellent effort. Judging by the number of cakes received, the cake sale is sure to be a success and we hope to raise lots of money from the raffle too. Thank you to Miss Elliott in Year 2 for donating a beautiful homemade Children in Need themed cake for the raffle.

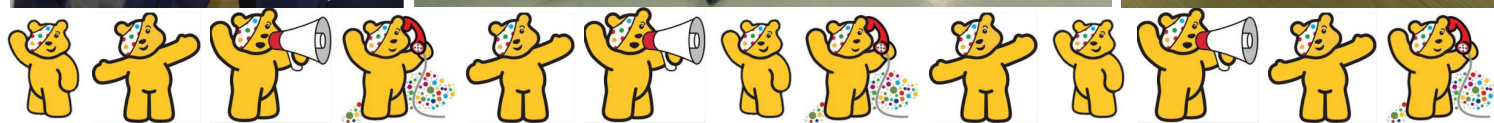
We believe that the involvement of parents and carers in children's education is vital and we are now seeking volunteers to come into school and help with children's reading. This has proved invaluable and also extremely effective in the past and we are keen to get parents and carers back into school again. If you would be interested in volunteering some of your time each week, please contact the school office or come in and have a chat to us.

CHILDREN IN NEED



It is that time of the year again where the UK comes together to raise money for those children in the UK and other countries who are not as fortunate as others. To date BBC Children in Need has raised over £600 million!

So far school has raised £251.53 and we will let you know the total amount raised in next week's newsletter once the cake sale monies have been counted.



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS THIS WEEK

'Good Worker' Award

- FS Puffin - Kieran
- FS Woodpecker - Charlie
- Year 1 Lark - Kiera
- Year 1 Dove - Jack
- Year 2 Nightingale - Armandas
- Year 2 Swallow - Olive
- Year 3 Kestrel - Christopher
- Year 3 Kingfisher - Mia
- Year 4 Chaffinch - Reuben
- Year 4 Eagle - Karlis
- Year 5 Swift - Cloe
- Year 5 Wren - Samuel
- Year 6 Heron - Jennifer
- Year 6 Robin - Brody

PSHE Award

- 'Know how to help if someone is being bullied'
- FS - Megan
- Year 1 - Libby
- Year 2 - Imogen
- Year 3 - James
- Year 4 - Riley
- Year 5 - Thomas
- Year 6 - Harmony

Star Award

- KS1 - Dylan
- KS2 - Paige

PSHE award theme for next week is:
'Try to solve problems'

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

The class with the highest attendance this week is Mrs Panton's Robin Class in Year 6 with 98.57%. Well done! The school's overall attendance was 93.63%.

If your child is absent from school because of illness, please make sure you let us know so we can record it as an 'authorised absence'.

Any child's absence, for which parents have not provided an explanation, is recorded as 'unauthorised absence'.

MEET OUR STAFF... MR GIBSON

Hello, my name is Vic Gibson and I have been lucky enough to have worked at Eyrescroft for nearly a year. I have worked in a variety of KS2 classes and am currently working in Year 6 as an Intervention and Support Teacher. It is crucial that everyone in Year 6 gets as much support as possible as they begin their journey on the road to the SAT Tests next May.

I live at home with my wife and daughter whilst she prepares to move to Leeds next year to do a Masters Degree. I have a son who is a real life rocket scientist!!



Apart from my family I am passionate about my football team - Leyton Orient, who I follow all over the country. My other passion is Tai Chi, which I practice nearly every day. It helps keep me calm and grounded.



I have really enjoyed my time here at Eyrescroft. The staff and pupils make coming to work a real joy and we are all excited about the future.

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Throughout the world the poppy is associated with the remembrance of those who died in order that we may be free, but how many of us are aware of the reason of how and why the poppy became the symbol of remembrance and an integral part of the work of the Royal British Legion?



Flanders is the name of the whole western part of Belgium. It saw some of the most concentrated and bloodiest fighting of the First World War. There was complete devastation. Buildings, roads, trees and natural life simply disappeared. Where once there were homes and farms there was now a sea of mud. Only one living thing survived - the poppy.

The poppy flowering each year with the coming warm weather, brought life, hope, colour and reassurance to those still fighting. The poppy came to represent the immeasurable sacrifice made by service men and women and quickly became a lasting memorial to those who died in World War One and later conflicts. It was adopted by The Royal British Legion as the symbol for their Poppy Appeal, in aid of those serving in the British Armed Forces, after its formation in 1921.

Still today, the Royal British Legion helps to provide thousands of modern veterans, service men, women and their families with vital advice and support.

We would like to thank everyone that donated money to the poppy appeal and for the respect that everyone showed in school for the two minute silence. We will confirm how much money we raised once the Royal British Legion let us know.

FAITH FOUNDATION

We are the Faith Foundation!

Our aim is to raise awareness about different religions and cultures. We want everyone in our school to respect each other and understand about different religions around the world.

We are:

Reanne and Thananehayyan (Year 6)

Rihanna and Tilly (Year 5)

Lewis and Ella (Year 4)

Mia and Jessica (Year 3)

We are very excited about working on this project! We will let you know what we have been up to in future newsletters.



KEYBOARDS FOR SALE

We are currently selling some full sized keyboards that have been used in school. There is only a handful so it will have to be on a first come first served basis. They are £15 each. We are selling them to raise funds for some lovely new items for our new Nurture Room. If you would like one please see Miss Hamlet in the school office.

PLEA FOR NUTURE ROOM HOME COMFORTS

As mentioned, we are currently in the process of redesigning a room into the Nurture Room. This room will be used as a welcoming, safe place for children who may benefit from a little quiet time, for nurture groups and for meetings between parents and the Behaviour and Welfare Team. We would be most appreciative if you have any spare cushions, lamps, throws, puzzles, lego or pictures or anything else you would like to donate.

BEHAVIOUR TEAM DROP IN SESSION

Members of the Behaviour and Welfare Team are available for a drop in session on **Monday 16th November** 3:30pm until 6:00pm during parents' evening. If any parent or carer has any issues or concerns about their child they would like to talk about, please pop along to the new nurture room.