



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 7th November



As the autumn weather sets in, all children's will need to wear a coat. Please, could I ask that your child's name is written in their coat? Coats often go missing and it is always easier to reunite if a name is written in it.

This weekend, many of us will gather together, not to glorify war, but to remember its victims and the sacrifices that all communities have made over the years. When we pause for two minutes on Sunday we think about the families of those who never came home or those who came back from war permanently changed, as much as those who never come home. Next week, we will be honoured to take our Year 4 children to a service of remembrance at County Hall. We will still be selling poppies on Monday and Tuesday for those children and families who wish to make a contribution if they feel it is appropriate.

On Tuesday we sent home a '**Cut Your Carbon**' form. Please stick it on your fridge at home and see if you can try to complete one or more of the challenges for the month of November. Instructions are on the back of the sheet. Tick the ones you have completed. Then return the form on **Friday the 28th November**. Thank you.



☐ Make 3 evening meals plant-based across the month.



☐ Make 3 journeys active across the month.



☐ Meal plan to reduce food waste for one week.



☐ Lower your washing machine temperature to 30°C for three washes across the month.



☐ Have a 'device-free' day.



☐ Drop your heating by 1°C for a week.

Shire

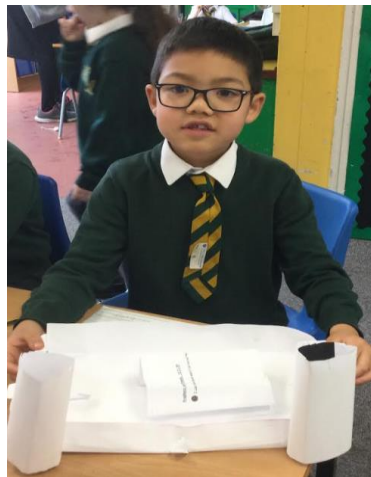
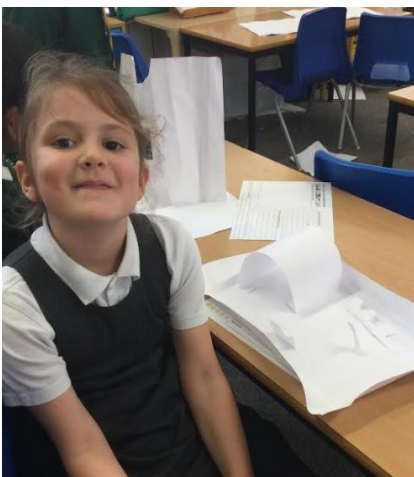
The children began learning a dance based on the Jungle Book. They were pretending to be trees and animals, practising their marching and movement skills. A great start to our new unit. Well done Year 1.

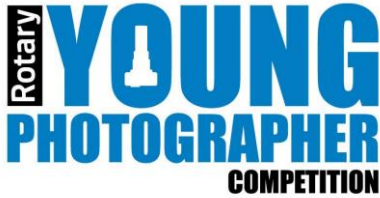


Anning

Anning class are having a great start to Autumn 2, with lots of Concentrating Crocodiles and Persevering Parrots. In Science, they have started to consider the conditions that different plants need to thrive and in DT they are thinking about the best way to create a free standing castle. In English there was lots of talk about whether Guy Fawkes should still be the focus on the 5th November and have been thinking about different reasons that he agreed to take part in the plot.

This prompted some good reasoning and verbal skills.





We're excited to announce the Rotary Club's annual **Young Artist, Young Writer, and Young Photographer Competitions!** These fantastic opportunities invite students to showcase their creativity and talent.

Each category has a special theme this year—students can express their ideas through **art, writing, and photography** for a chance to win local and regional prizes.

Please find attached posters on how to enter.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic book fair is coming to school on Tuesday 18th November until Monday 24th November. There will be a lovely collection of books for different age groups. The book cases will be available to look at and order from in the school hall at the end of each day during this time period. We are also running a book review competition where your child has the chance of winning a £5 book voucher that they can spend at the book fair. There is one voucher available for each class. All your child needs to do is tell the teacher (Maurward class) or put in writing (Shire class upwards) why they would recommend their chosen/favourite book. The competition starts on Monday November 1st with the deadline Friday 14th November. Please send the book reviews to the office with your child's name and class on the back.



Your child/ children will be coming home today with their individual and sibling photo's

Please can you order before **Wednesday the 4th of December** to enable them time to process the order and deliver to school before we break up for Christmas holidays.

Bling Your Bike to School

Friday 28th November



The theme for 'Bling Your Bike' this year is 'fabulously festive'. Be creative as you like, but please make sure your bike or scooter is safe to ride. Don't obstruct the brakes, wheels or steering with your decorations.

Come and join us for breakfast from **8.30am on Friday 28th November**. We look forward to seeing you then!



Year Group	Event	Date
Iceni Class	Remembrance service –County hall Leave school at 10am	Tuesday 11th November
Shire Class	Library trip-1PM	Tuesday 11th November
Maiden Castle	Longleat Trip	Thursday 13th November
Whole school	Schooltastic Book Fair	Wednesday 19th November-24th November
Whole School	Local MP Edward Morello-School Visit	Thursday 27th November
Whole School	Bling your Bike	Friday 28th November
Whole School	Meet The Donkey-PTA	Monday 1st December
Iceni	Journey to the stable	Monday 8th December 9.30-
Whole School	Christmas Story Night 5pm -6pm	Thursday 4th December
Whole School	PTA-Christmas Shop	Thursday 11th December
Whole School	Rocksteady –Concert/ parents of Band members invited	Friday 12th December
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EYFS	Nativity	Wednesday 17th December
Christmas party day Whole school	Christmas party day/ Christmas Jumpers party clothes.	Thursday 18th December
Christmas Meal Reception/1/2/3/4	Local Food Links-Christmas Lunch	Friday 19th December