



'Placing learning at the heart of everything we do'
Raising Aspirations, Realising Ambition and Stimulating Curiosity

Newsletter No 6

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers

Time has flown since half term and there have been many opportunities and experiences for the children to enjoy so far.

Children from every year group had a great time at the Bonfire Night stories – with some memorable singing and, for some, their first experience of an open fire.

Pupils in Yr 5&6 had the opportunity to stay at Morfa Bay for their residential trip and those who went had an enjoyable time, taking part in new experiences and challenging themselves. Some very exhausted children returned home, and a very quiet weekend at home was needed.

This week, the children in Yr 4&5 went to the American Museum in Bath as part of their topic. Whilst they were away, EYFS and Year 1 had an 'out of this world' experience when the Science Dome came to school.

I would like to thank members of staff and volunteers for their time and effort organising and running these experiences, and for the voluntary contributions you make. Without these, the children would miss out because we would not be able to offer such exciting opportunities.

Reception and Year 1

Ducklings and Goslings have started term 2 with a bang! We have been thinking about Guy Fawkes, bonfires and fireworks. We recreated a bonfire using natural materials and paint. It was great fun using straws to make the paint run and merge together to create a flame effect.

We thoroughly enjoyed tramping up to the nature area through the autumnal leaves, all wrapped up, to experience hot chocolate and smores around a real bonfire.



For Remembrance, Ducklings and Goslings made their very own poppies and wore them to a very special assembly with the whole school.

We thoroughly enjoyed the snow – what a wonderful surprise! As well as being great fun, it provided lots of wonderful opportunities to mark make and write and make "iced tea and soup" outside.

In computing, we have been thinking about keeping safe when using iPads, computers and smart phones. Smartie Penguin taught us a catchy song to remember.

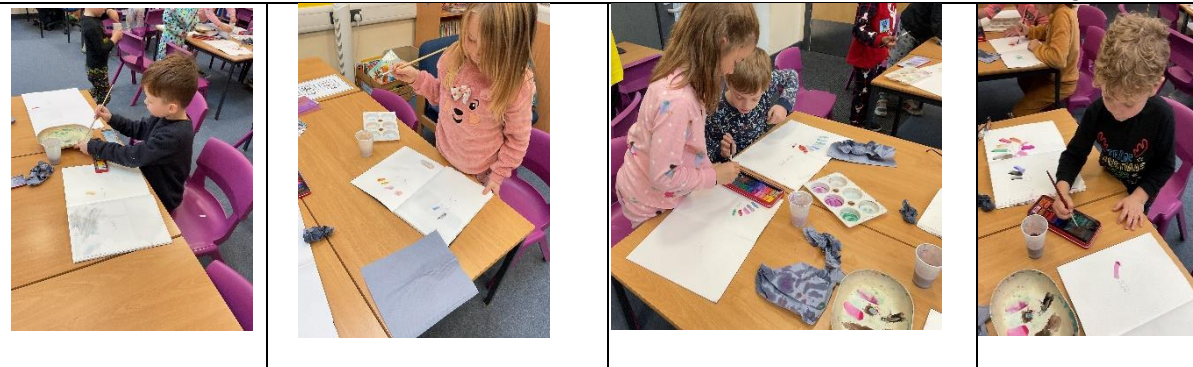


Pufflings have had a great start to the new term. We had lots of fun this week, spending time around a bonfire with amazing stories, hot chocolate and s'mores. Pufflings have also started to explore the difference between nocturnal and diurnal animals in science, inspired by our class book 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. In computing, Pufflings have been using the iPads to explore the stars and planets, inspired by our class book 'Man on the Moon (day in the life of Bob)'.



Years 2 & 3

In Art we have been looking at the artist Lowry. We explored the colours he used in his artwork and whether they were cool or warm colours. We then made different colours using paint.



To celebrate Bonfire Night, we created a picture using oil pastels and tissue paper. Some children were also lucky enough to attend bonfire stories, where they enjoyed s'mores and hot chocolate around the fire.



In Science we have been learning about how to keep our bodies healthy. We carried out some exercises and thought about the effect it had on our body.



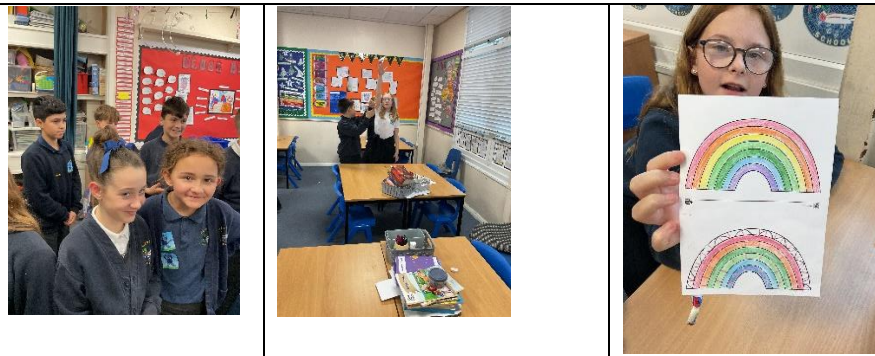
Years 4 & 5

All three classes visited the American Museum in Bath on Wednesday 20th November. They worked in their classes on three different activities focused around the Native American tribes and the geographical landscape of America. We had a wonderful time physically exploring artifacts, placing animals in their correct climates and exploring the museum.



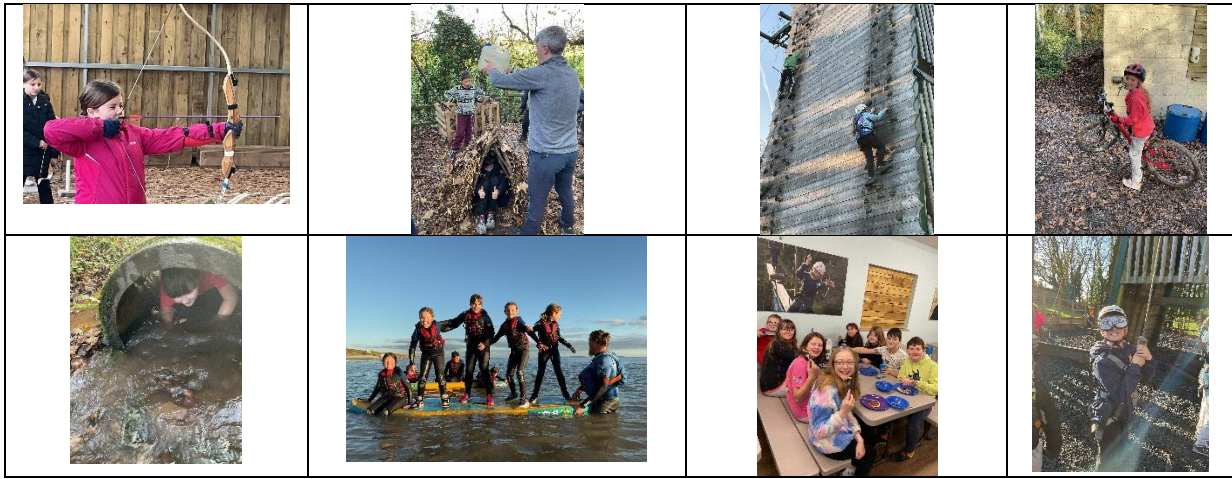
Year 6

During PSHE, we talked about what people believe to be 'normal.' We had a brilliant discussion and voted on different things we thought to be normal or abnormal. The children had to justify their choices. We used the idea of rainbows to think about our perception.



Morfa Bay

What a busy week! We went all the way to Wales and enjoyed exploring a range of different activities. The children were willing to give everything a go and worked as a team. Some children conquered their fears, while others found new things they enjoyed. A photo session for parents will follow soon for children who came along on the trip.



General News

PE Kits

A gentle reminder of the PE kit requirements that your child should come to school wearing:

- Plain t-shirt in the colour of your child's house (these can be sourced from Scholars)
- Dark black or navy jogging bottoms or shorts
- Daps or trainers
- School jumper

We are seeing increasing numbers of children wearing branded/logoed jumpers. This is not uniform, and we want the children to look smart even on PE days. Thank you for your support.

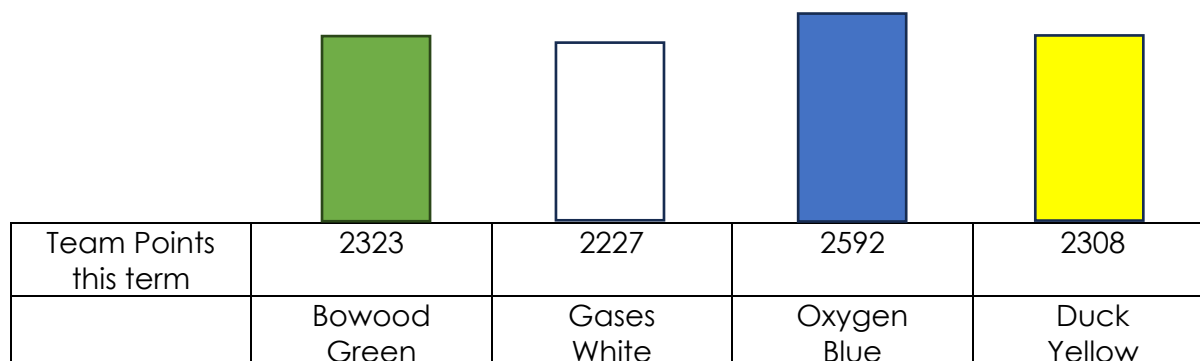
Staffing

As you know, Mrs Clifford is expecting a baby; and has now started her maternity leave. I'm sure you will join us in wishing her well at this exciting time. To maintain consistency and quality for the children, Mrs Warne will be teaching in Avocet full time until Christmas.

I wish to share with you that Mrs Reddy will not be returning to Sandpipers in January 2025. For consistency and quality, Mrs Bunton, with whom the class is very familiar, will be teaching from Monday 9th December.

Scores and Rewards

Team Points:



Spikey Points by Class:

Ducklings	Goslings	Pufflings	Eider	Sandpiper	Teal	Curlew	Avocet	Kingfisher	Mallard
31	0	156	222	227	67	266	201	213	203

Attendance by Class:

Ducklings	Goslings	Pufflings	Eider	Sandpiper	Teal	Curlew	Avocet	Kingfisher	Mallard
95.80	93.42	96.83	97.30	94.96	95.11	96.73	96.17	97.24	96.31

School Average 96.07%

Congratulations to Eider Class, who had the best attendance this week – and will be sitting on the benches in assembly after half term. Don't forget how important being in school is to let children learn and build social skills – which will help them throughout their lives.

Have a great weekend

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