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*to book an appointment.*

School Newsletter 4

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#### A note from Mrs Bond

It was wonderful to welcome back all classes as we returned from half term. The classrooms were a buzz of excitement as Year 5 and 6 prepared for their visit to the Mosque in Fishponds and Chestnut, Willow and Oak classes journeyed over the bridge to Caerphilly Castle. As always, our children did us proud by showing respect, enthusiasm and curiosity on their visits.

As the week progressed, Year 3 and 4 produced the most incredible assembly for the school to help us all understand why Remembrance Day is commemorated. The children shared the different types of poppies people wear at this time of year and the symbolism behind them. They also created some incredible poetry and sang a song called 'Fields of Poppies'. This brought a tear to the eye of many adults watching. A huge thank you goes to all of the children for their excellent performance and to the staff involved for producing such a thought-provoking assembly.

After the assembly, the whole school gathered together on the Key Stage 2 playground and united for a minute's silence. It was an incredible act of respect and remembrance and I felt truly humbled to be a part of it.

It has also been wonderful to see our PTFA holding the nearly new sale. Thank you to all families, who donated old uniform. We plan to hold these events regularly so watch this space for further dates.

On Tuesday afternoon, I met with our co-chairs of the PTFA to discuss a plan of action for the Christmas Fayre and also some exciting projects we hope to be able to launch within the school. On Wednesday, we will be holding a virtual PTFA meeting via Teams. Please do join us online to see how the PTFA can support the school with these projects and how you can assist with the Christmas Fayre.

We look forward to 'seeing' you at the meeting.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Carol Bond

## Inspiring

We have been working hard as a staff team to continue to develop and build on the previous success of our Connected Curriculum. These are the foundations subjects, which we teach during the afternoon. As you know, in Term 1 and 2, we focus on history.

This week, Acorns class have been inspired by listening to the story of Rama and Sita and created story maps to help them remember and retell the story in their own words.



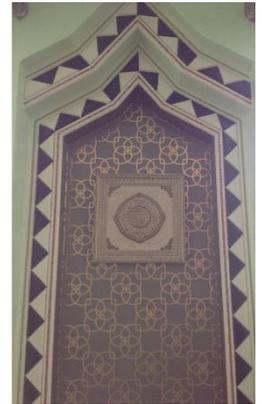
The children in Acorns class have loved learning about Diwali. This is the festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs. The children used chalks and 2d shapes to make Rangoli patterns.

## Enriching



As we continue to enhance our curriculum, we are widening the opportunities our children have to visit different places and immerse themselves in new experiences. Hazel, Cedar and Elm Classes were welcomed by the Imam at the Faizan e Madina Mosque in Fishponds.

The children in Year 5 and 6 visited a mosque last week as part of their Connected Curriculum and RE learning. We are so proud of how engaged they were and the respect that they showed. It was a real pleasure to accompany them.



Mattie and Max in Cedar Class have written this about the trip –

Last Thursday, Year 5 and 6 went to a mosque in Fishponds in Bristol. It was a fascinating experience and we learned lots of new things. The man had put together an interesting presentation for us, which had tons of facts e.g. there are 124,000 prophets. They took us to the prayer hall to watch some of the Muslims pray and it was inspiring. We all loved our experience and we hope that we can go there again.

Thank you to Mattie and Max for sharing their experience and also to all of the staff and parents, who made this incredible memory-making experience possible.

During the past week, it has been a delight to watch some of our year 6 house captains and their friends helping to sell poppies and accessories. Next week, the Royal British Legion will collect the money raised. We really look forward to sharing with you the total amount with have raised to support such an incredible cause.



This year's Children in Need will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November. On this day, all children will be invited to bring in a £1 donation to wear non-uniform. Children may choose to wear Pudsey merchandise, spotty clothing or their own clothes.

In addition, the children from Year 4 & 5 will be running a range of stalls during the morning, selling things from arts and crafts, to cakes and sweets, and will be also be providing a range of games and activities for the rest of the school to purchase and take part in. Pupils from Reception–Year 2 are invited to bring in an additional £1 donation to purchase 3 items from the stalls. Pupils from Year3-6 are invited to bring in an additional donation amount of their choice.

We are very excited about this event and we cannot wait to see what the children of Year4&5 produce.

'Together we can make a difference'

Thank you so much to Miss Green for all of her hard work in organising such a great event!

### House Team News

So many house points have been collected in the last fortnight, we can't believe how quickly these totals are growing. Well done to the children for following our Golden Rules and earning these points.

The house points so far are:



1<sup>st</sup> – Yellow – 1565 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Blue – 1556 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Red – 1343 points

4<sup>th</sup> – Green – 1320 points

### PE and Sports News

It has been wonderful to see the after school sports clubs running again this week. We are also really looking forward to competing against other schools again soon with football fixtures and an athletics event coming up in the next few weeks.