

ALL SAINTS' CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER

What a jam-packed newsletter we have for you this week. Please do read the reports below, and see the photographs which show the depth and breadth of learning and enrichment which takes place here day in day out. From planting to Sports Leaders training; Gamelan workshops to marking World Mental Health Day with our 'Hello Yellow' day today and much more it has been a great week. It culminated with the wonderful Year 6 Class Assembly; thank you to the staff and pupils for such a special occasion; the first class assembly we've been able to hold since the start of the pandemic. With storytelling, singing and prayers, Y6 shared with us what they had learnt this half term from their 'Empire, Commonwealth and Slavery' topic and from their reflections for Black History Month and finished with prayers which reveal an understanding of what equality, diversity and inclusion really means. As we head into the weekend, I am sure you will join me in wishing our Cross Country squad good luck for the PPSSA competition tomorrow morning. Mrs Haxton-Bartlett and I will be cheering them on. My best wishes for a great weekend.



Worship Theme for Next Week

The Power of Song

LIVING WALL

I am sure you have all noticed the transformation of the perimeter fencing on one side of our Junior playground. Thanks to funding from the governors (made possible by contributions from you, as parents, to the Governor's Maintenance Fund) our Living Wall has taken shape over the course of this week. Climbers have also been planted, planters refurbished and painted and we all think it looks absolutely wonderful. Of course there is much more growth and colour to come, and we can't wait to see it flourish and bloom. A huge thank you to all the gardeners from Harry Holdings Ltd—Jamie and Else pictured here—not only for a super-efficient job putting it together but also for teaching the children who helped with the planting so much about growing, root systems, how plants communicate, why certain plants have been chosen and so much more. Thank you governors and thank you parents.



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Dates For Your Diary:

Please note this section is updated regularly as is the calendar on the website. In future newsletters, new dates will be added here in red.

Saturday 15th October

PPSSA Cross Country

10am—Wimbledon Common—
details to follow

Wednesday 19th October

KS2 Eucharist in church—all
welcome 11am

Friday 21st October

Break up for Half Term at
3.30pm

31st October

Children Back to School

Tuesday 1st November

11am KS2 Eucharist in the
church—all welcome

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th November

Parent Consultations: 4pm-
8pm via Zoom

Wednesday 30th November

KS2 Advent Eucharist in the
church—all welcome

Saturday 3rd December

FOASS Christmas Bazaar

**Note this year this will be
2pm to 4pm**

Tuesday 6th and Friday 9th December

Nursery and Reception Nativity

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December

Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity

Tuesday 13th December

Junior Carol Concert 6.30pm in
the church

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch

Friday 16th December

2pm End of Term

HELLO YELLOW MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Celebrating Mental Health Day. 'If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours!'



WELLBEING THROUGH ART CLUB

In Wellbeing Through Art Club this week we were busy creating our hot air balloon collages. This was linked to our Hello Yellow initiative where we had to take a moment and reflect on our wellbeing. We made our own hot air balloons so we can lift ourselves and look at ourselves from above, take a rest and think of something that makes us happy! *Mrs M*



SPORTS LEADERS

As sports leaders we have learnt that if we are making the game for little children, the game needs to be suitable for their age group so everyone can take part. It would be helpful in PE if we make teams then it would be easy for us to point out if it is fair for everyone. We learnt to be positive and listen to each other and have sportsmanship. It is very important to be honest and finally you need to be very safe during all your games. *By Toby, Eva-Rose, Luca & Jamie D.—Y4*
Thank you to Mrs Haxton-Bartlett for organising this new initiative.



LIVING WALL CONTINUED

As a whole class, we learnt that sometimes plant roots can absorb too much water and this can cause them to leak, but if there are plants next to it, they can absorb the water and grow. We also learnt that animals breathe in oxygen and release carbon dioxide and plants breathe in carbon dioxide and produce oxygen for us. We enjoyed getting muddy, separating the plant roots and getting the chance to plant. *Ms Atkinson—Y4*

'You need to take plants out of their pots and loosen and spread out the roots.' *By Henry Wat—Y2*

'Roots get bigger as the plants grow.' *By Katie—Y2*

'Trees give out oxygen which is very important for humans.' *By Esther—Y2*

'Plants and trees help to stop floods.' *By Henry B—Y2*

'Hornets don't spread pollen like bees and they are predators.' *By Wilf—Y2*

'The roots suck up nutrients and water from the soil.' *By Yara—Y2*

'I learnt that you can make honey out of pollen.' *By Zalan—Y2*

'When plants die the seeds that are in the flower head spread to grow more plants.' *By Ben—Y2*

'I learnt that plants can't get sick like we do but they can get sick in a different way.' *By Verity—Y2*

'In winter plants die but they grow back.' *By Isabella—Y2*



GAMELAN WORKSHOP

Follow the link in this QR code to hear Y4's Gamelan performance on the day.

'I learnt that in Indonesia, before you Gamelan you must take off your shoes.' *By Sophia—Y4*

'The Gamelan instruments come from Indonesia. They take their shoes off to show respect. They do not step over instruments.' *By Tali—Y4*

'I enjoyed playing the instruments because the sound of me and the whole class playing the instruments was so satisfying.' *By Alex L—Y4*

'It was so fun. I was good at keeping the beat.' *By Finn—Y1*

'I liked it when Hugo played the gong.' *By Ivo—Y1*

'I loved it and liked looking at the instruments.' *By Edward—Y1*

The music workshop was really good. At the workshop all the instruments came from Australasia. The instruments were very delicate but some of us were hitting a bit too hard so we had to be careful. First we played an instrument and then we swapped with a person who was playing the same instrument too! They were so fun to play with. In Australasia they have core values for instruments. You do not: walk over instruments and to show respect: You take your shoes off; so many of us loved it and wanted to keep on doing it. We all loved it, we can't even imagine anyone who doesn't like it. *By Viola—Y3*



KNIT FOR NOWT

Knit-for-Nowt is a charitable service based in Yorkshire. It appeals for knitted, crocheted or sewn hand puppets and 'worry monsters', which are used by ELSAs/therapists across the country, to help assist children identify their emotional mind-set. They are made by a dedicated team of volunteer knitters/makers and then donated. We were very lucky to have been chosen and the children have been using them in PSHE from KS1 through to KS2. *Mrs McGrath*

'These puppets can be used for children to help with their emotions' *By Karim—Y6*

'Thank you to the charity Knit for Knowt, for making these for us' *By Ava—Y3*



Y6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

For our class assembly we did it on the topic of black history: We learnt about the story of Henry 'Box' Brown and his dramatic escape to freedom. We loved the fact that everyone enjoyed our assembly and we hope that everyone understands how important black history is and how hard it must've been for Henry and other slaves. It was also a special assembly for some people as it was their first class worship! *By Maddi & Xanthe—Y6*

This morning, Y6 led our act of worship, about Black History Month. Y5 wrote some reflections about the worship:

'Y6 talked about resilience and how we are all unique and special in our own way.' *Dior—Y5*

'I liked how they talked about how we should be equal to everyone. I liked how they expressed their feelings.' *Dalia—Y5*

'I liked how they acted out the story of Henry Brown and how he managed to run away from slavery. I can't believe he managed to stay in a box for an hour!' *Kiki—Y5*



PPSSA MATCHES

Netball: We played OLV and we won 3-2. The second game we played St Michaels and drew 5-5. The third game we played Sheringdale and we won 8-0! I learnt that as long as we work as a team and we try our best we can always win our games! *By Elim—Y6*

Football: Yesterday at football we played two matches. We played against Granard and Sheringdale. We drew 2-2 against Granard and 0-0 against Sheringdale. We went into penalties but unfortunately lost the shootout 5-4. It was very fun and I hope I can do it again! *By Sonny—Y6*



BROWNIES

5th Putney Brownies are looking for girls aged between 7 and 10 years old to join the unit. We have lots of fun learning new skills, playing games and taking on challenges as well as making good friends. We meet on a Monday evening at All Saints School.

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