

Delabole Community Primary School Newsletter

November 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the second and what sometimes feels like a longer part of the Autumn term. As you'll read, we've already been very productive during our first week back and there's much to do as the children continue to shape their future.

Our Values and our Enquiry

This half term our Value is **Aspiration**. Our Enquiry focus is **What is Greatness?** Every class will question and consider the meaning of endeavour and use it as a driver for their learning. C4 will explore the vastness of Space and exploration of our Solar System throughout history until the present. C3 will discover the reasons and fate of the intrepid voyage from Newlyn to Australia made by seven Cornishmen in 1850s. C1 and 2 will step back into history and learn about the Great Fire of London in 1666 and the exceptionally great talent that rose from the ashes.

Phonics Workshop

As part of our commitment to making every single one of our children love reading Mrs Campbell and Miss Honey will be running the postponed Phonics Workshop this Wednesday 10th November at 5:30pm. It will be a bitesize parent session which is designed as an introduction to Read Write Inc. It's a fantastic opportunity to gain an insight into the structure of the program and how best to support your child. We would love you to join us, for a short presentation, opportunity to ask questions and to see the fabulous resources we are using in school.

Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying week will take place the week beginning 15th November. It will be an excellent opportunity for the whole school community to consider, reflect and celebrate Anti Bullying. It will also be an excellent starting point for our Pupil Leadership Tribe to lead Anti Bullying across the school.

The theme this year is 'One Kind Word.' We will be supporting this by taking part in 'Odd Sock Day'. All your child needs to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! Odd Sock Day will be held on Monday 15th November 2021. Children are asked to bring in £1 which will be donated to The Anti-Bullying Alliance. We will send out a flier at the end of next week as a reminder.

Harvest Collection

Thank you for the many donations that we have received from the whole community. They have now been passed to our local Food Bank who will distribute the food where it is needed across our wider community.



Remembrance

On November 11th, Class 4 children will be attending the Remembrance Service at the War Memorial led by Rev. Angela Cooper alongside our community. The children will arrive at 10.50am.

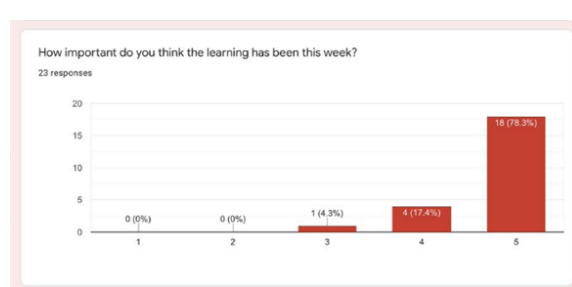
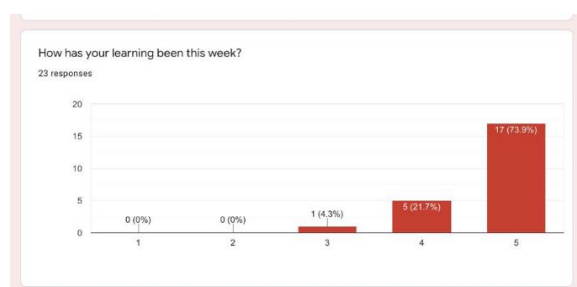
Christmas Performances

We have taken the hard decision not to perform as a whole school as part of our Christmas celebrations. It is clear, given the current number of Covid cases across our community that it would be unwise at the moment.

Reception Class will host a live performance in the last week of term during the school day which will also be filmed for those unable to attend. We will keep numbers to a minimum of two per child and ask that every adult takes a LFD test and wears a mask during the performance.

The remaining classes will separately record and present a Christmas song and dance to accompany the Nativity scene which will be shared digitally via Seesaw.

Thank you for continued support. We all know that is not what we want but in order to keep our community safe and school open we must act cautiously and balance all of our decisions.



Cop26 – Seeds of the Future

Our Tribe came back from the break in earnest to learn more about Climate Change and the current Climate Crisis. Their learning reflecting the narrative at COP26 led by the World leaders and our children considered how the future is theirs to shape. Across all the age ranges, every child developed their knowledge and understanding of rising global temperatures, the terrible consequences and the opportunity that must be urgently taken to shape a better sustainable future for our planet.

One thread that resonated for the whole tribe was the decline of biodiversity both globally and locally. As a culmination of their learning journey, each class was able to plant an oak sapling in the school field. These local trees will make a difference to our habitat and atmosphere.

The saplings also tell their own story. In March 2020, the school first closed because of the Pandemic, and we were all in the grip of fear. In a final moment of despair and hope, Miss Honey and Mrs Cox, the last two remaining adults on site, hurriedly removed the saplings from their bursting posts and planted them carefully in a small patch of our Science

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Garden. Nobody knew at the time what the future had in store for those saplings and so it is a rather wonderful moment that they have been replanted by the children as a future legacy for school.



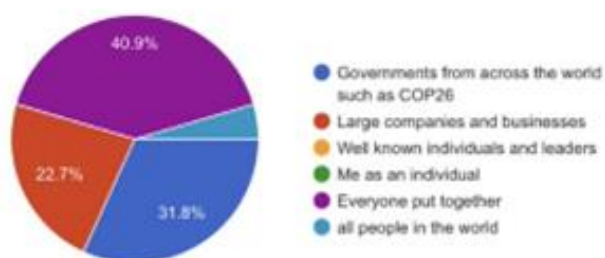
Best wishes,

The Delabole Team

Key Dates

Wednesday 10 th November 5.30pm	Phonics Workshop
Thursday 11 th November	Remembrance at War Memorial - Class 4
W/C Monday 15 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 15 th November	Odd Sock Day - £1 donation
W/C Monday 29 th November	Clubs finish this week
December – Various dates	Bikeability for Year 6
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Parties and Last Day of Term
Tuesday 24 th to Friday 27 th May	Year 6 Bristol Residential

Who do you think is the most responsible for reducing Climate Change and it's impact



Which phrase best describes the situation with our climate?

