



# Newsletter

## 9th November 2018



This week's assembly focussed on Armistice Day which is this Sunday. Miss Henderson explained to the children why we celebrate Armistice Day and why this is year is particularly important because it marks 100 years since the conflict ended.

The children were asked to imagine that one grain of rice represented one man that left home to fight in the war and Miss Henderson explained that she would need 6,000,000 grains of rice to show the number of men that fought in the war and 885,138 to show the number of number of men that lost their lives in the war. This helped the children to understand why Armistice day is so important. Over the next few weeks the children will be making their own version of poppies and these will be on display throughout the school to mark the World War 1 Centenary.

**Year 2** children have been learning about the artist Andy Goldsworthy who makes sculptures and artwork from items in the environment. To tie in with the theme of Remembrance Day they made poppies in the forest using natural materials and a splash of paint.



**Reception** are continuing with their topic 'Is there really a happy ever after' which focuses on fairy tales. They have enjoyed reading the Jolly Postman and today they walked to the post box to post their letters and are excited to see if they reach their destination. Thank you to all the volunteers who were able to walk to the post box with us this morning.

**Nursery** children have really enjoyed this week's topic all about fireworks. They have learned that although fireworks are fun they can also be dangerous so safety always comes first. This will be continued next week when the fire service arrive and the children have an opportunity to use the fire hose and have a close look inside the fire engine!

**Year 6** started a weekly writing competition this week called the 100 word challenge. Each week the children are given a prompt and the aim is to produce a piece of writing in as close to 100 words as possible (but no more)

This week the prompt was **...I wondered what was behind the door...** Why not take a look at the class blog to see some of pieces of writing the children have produced, it's very impressive!

The children have also been sharing via the blog, photos of their bee models and the reasons behind their design and name

**Please take a look at all of the class blogs: [www.brookburn.net](http://www.brookburn.net) or [www.bookburn.manchester.sch.uk/blogs](http://www.bookburn.manchester.sch.uk/blogs).**

**Year 4A** children have been planning their class assembly which is on 22nd November at 9.10am. They have been coming up with ideas of how they can share what they have learned with parents and Carers.

**Year 5** were joined by Matt from City in the community who came in to teach the children about programming and coding a robot. They discussed where technology is used with different sports and discussed what they would like their robot to do.

This week Madam Warrington has been teaching children a song all about fireworks. The song gave the children the opportunity to practice their colours in French as well as learning some new words.



**Reminders : Height and weight measurements - 14th Nov, Y4A Assembly for parents - 22nd Nov 9.10am, PTA Meeting 7pm - 12th Nov, Parents Evening 19/20 Nov - Book your place via Parentmail**



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### Attendance Awards w/e 2nd November



Rec 2 - 98.7%

Y2A - 98.3%

Y2B - 97.3%

Y5B - 100%

Y4B - 99%

Y3A 100%



The Unicef team went on a walk through Chorlton to investigate which areas were calmest and which were most congested/polluted.

They presented this to the school as part of our UNICEF assembly and introduced a poster competition for the children, as a means of promoting our campaign against air pollution.

### Dates for your Diary

#### November

12th-16th Anti Bullying week  
12th Cross Country final at Wythenshawe Park  
12th Fire Fighters visiting EYFS  
12th PTA Meeting 7-8pm  
14th Child Measurement Programme  
16th Children in Need  
19th Parents Evening (until 6pm)  
20th Parents Evening (until 7pm)  
22nd November - Y4A Class Assembly (9.10am)  
26th Y5/6 Athletics  
27th Year 6 Victorian Day  
29th Y1/2 Christmas Play

#### December

5th Nursery Christmas Singalong  
6th Reception Christmas Production  
7th PTA Winter Fair  
13th Y3/4 Christmas Production (9.30am & 2pm)  
18th Y5/6 Christmas Production (9.30am & 2pm)  
13th LINK LT Trust Meeting  
19th Senior Citizen's Christmas Party (2pm)  
20th Brookburn's Got Talent  
21st School Closes at 2pm

#### January

7th School re-opens for Spring term  
14th PTA Meeting 7pm  
21st Y5 trip to Air raid Shelter  
24th NSPCC Assembly & Workshop

### Dolphins News



Bonfire night was the first of our celebrations at Dolphins this week. We had great fun creating rockets from card, decorating them with jewels and sparkles followed by paper tissue flames. We had an assortment pictured around the hall but all of them were taken home by their proud creators!

The next festival was **Diwali**, the five-day festival of lights that is celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains across the world. We decided this festival was best celebrated with our stomachs, and had an amazing snack including samosas, onion bhajis, naan breads, and of course everybody's favourite mango chutney!



The theme for the EYFS children currently is 'People who Help Us', such as firefighters, paramedics, and dentists. They have been creating

artwork with this theme in mind (pictured) and the EYFS children loved getting their hands covered in paint! A poem will be displayed with all the artwork too, combining different artistic forms and creating a stronger impression.

### Class Assemblies

The class assembly dates have now been added to our website calendar: <https://brookburn.manchester.sch.uk/calendar/>. Please take a look so that you can come and see what your child has been learning.

You can choose to view the calendar as a list or by month and if you click 'export' this should allow you add the school dates to your own Gmail calendar.