



Friday 13th November 2015

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers;

What an amazing week we have had! I have been fortunate to be involved in so many new and exciting learning opportunities that it makes me want to go back to school as a child!

The week started off with the children understanding what **Remembrance** and the **Poppy** represent. This was followed by a moment of silence on the 11th hour, the 11th day of the 11th month. The children were very **respectful** reflected on the past.

Also on the 11th November was the start of **Diwali**, the festival of light. Happy Diwali to all of our Hindu, Sikh and Jain family and friends. I lit my Diya with pride and looked back fondly on the Rangoli artwork that I have been gifted during past Diwali festivals.

The **School Council** have been working with **Crawley Borough Council** and **planting bulbs** around the school and path to ICC to help look after our environment. They were all a credit to the school and I would like to say thank you to **Kate Stott** and **Mr and Mrs Wolthers** for volunteering their parental support and working alongside the children on this project.

Year 6 went off to London to visit The **Tower of London** and The **Golden Hinde**. They linked their learning that has been happening across the year group over the last term and a good time was had by all. I have had a report from the general public and a guard at The Tower that the children were true **ambassadors for The Mill** and I want to thank the children for being so sensible and mature - well done! It is great to receive positive messages from the general public.



The **Enchanted Forest** was the location that **Year 1** found themselves in this week. The environment and natural surroundings inspired the children in their writing and creative thinking. Combined with all of their efforts in Art and Writing week, the children are really progressing in their learning. I cannot wait to see their final pieces! Again, the park commented on the outstanding behaviour of our children.

I was whisked off to **Ancient Egypt** and entered with caution, King Tut's Tomb as **Year 3** investigated a crime scene! Open questioning, interview techniques, recording and reporting skills were all going on as the children tried to get to the bottom of who had broken in to the tomb! I have had to have an alibi where I was on that fateful day, I can see many of our Year 3's working in the judiciary system in the future!

Adjectives, verbs, adverbs and clauses combined with **Pie Corbett** and **Talk for Writing** strategies has been a focus for **Year 5** as their writing has been brought to life with inspirational language. A favourite sentence opener this week for me has been, "bellowing into the empty darkness, trying hard to forget the distant memories, the man sat by the dying embers of the fire.....!" Wow!

Christmas Bazaar Committee – We will be holding a Christmas Bazaar this year to accompany our Festive Family nights where the children will join you in celebrating through singing. If you would like to help me organise the Christmas Bazaar, I am looking for lots of willing, energetic volunteers! Please can you let me know if you are interested? See me on the gate, call or email me!

Lunchtime position – Chartwells, our lunch provider are looking for someone to join their team.
Kitchen Assistant required. 2 hours a day in term time only. They will supply uniform and training and DBS will be applied for on your behalf. **Please contact Tracie Taylor on 07786747299 or email tracie.taylor@compass-group.co.uk** if you are interested in applying.

Bikes and Scooters – It is great to see so many children scooting and cycling to school as well as walking. This helps with the environment and traffic. However, please can you all help me keep bikes and scooters safe and tidy in the designated area. Sometimes our friends, siblings like to borrow them and then forget to put them back. Please can we refrain from letting this happen as they are not school property and in fact belong to individual children. If by chance you have an extra Spider-man scooter at home, one of Reception children has lost theirs and we are hoping it might be somewhere else by mistake. If you do see it – please let me know.

Star of the Week – This week are stars are below as always, there have been so many wonderful learning experiences and efforts it was hard as always to choose. My EggCellent award this week goes to **Miss Grace Dearle**. Miss Dearle has been busy behind the scenes organising a Teddy Bear's Picnic in Year 1 and 2 to help raise money for the Children in Need charity. They managed to raise over £60. Well done!



Reception:	Kandinsky –	Declan Jackson	Matisse –	Shahani Herath Mudiyanse
	Picasso –	David Efimov		
Year 1:	Monet –	Florence Hescott	Hockney –	Ousman Jadama
Year 2:	Goldsworthy –	Evie Prosser	Lichtenstein –	Megan Van Heerden-Wolfe
Year 3:	Hokusai –	Wanesa Szablinska	Mondrian –	Reece Foxley
Year 4:	Moore –	Jamelia Edouard	Miro –	Reece Greenwood
Year 5:	Rousseau –	Azraa Mirza	Van Gogh –	Isaac Hilton-Walker
Year 6:	Da Vinci –	Kieran Dunne	Riley –	Amina Chenchana

House of the Week – This week's winners of the Mill House Cup are ... all of the houses!!! For the first time in my teaching career, all 4 houses earned the same points with a score of 39. Thank you each and every team member of the school for your contributions in your learning and efforts.

Attendance Cup – Well done to Miro class for achieving the highest attendance this week. You have been in school for 99.3% of the week. Thank you for giving your efforts to your learning.

Have a wonderful and an enjoyable Children in Need weekend!

Kind regards,

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