

# Curiosity, Compassion, Courage

We were all very excited to finish this week with our Maths Day. All of the children and staff looked amazing in their number costumes - we had dice, calculators, algebra and a very impressive function machine. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the costumes. I have included lots of pictures for you to see.

On Monday 16th we are supporting Children in Need by coming to school dressed in a colour from the rainbow. We hope to make a huge school rainbow which we will share with you next week.

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome a new pupil to the school. Bella has joined our Year 6 group and we all hope that she has enjoyed her first week with us. We now have 77 children on roll and it is great to be growing in numbers.

I hope that you all saw my little film on Sunday, and hope that you all know that you can approach school if you have any concerns or needs that we can help with - either for yourself or for another family.

I hope that you all have a happy and safe weekend. Next week promises warm weather for a few days which will be lovely.

Many thanks for your continued support,

Mrs Emma Russell

## Topic Blocks

We are now coming to the end of our Music block, and are getting ready to move on to a History block.

During our music block, children have been looking at different aspects of music - For example, Year 6 have been exploring the sounds around the local area. They have then composed their own musical motif using: their voices, body percussion, instruments and even some beat boxing. They have been inspired by a piece of music called 'No Place Like' by Kerry Andrew. Year 2 and 3 started their block by looking at Stone Age music while year 4 and 5 have been using "A Night on the Bare Mountain" by Modest Mussorgsky as inspiration for stories and artwork. Reception and Year 1 used music to make links to traditional tales such as Little Red Riding Hood.

It has been really lovely to move around the school and hear different music playing in different areas.



## OF THE WEEK

Term 2 has started very well and I know that staff struggle to decide on who to give their Star of the Week awards to because all of our children are focussed and working hard. This week the following children have been awarded Star of the Week for their attitude and fantastic work. Well done to them all.

**Reception - Freyja**

**Year 1 - Jacob**

**Year 2 - Rupert G**

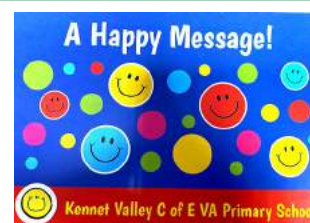
**Year 3 - Violet**

**Year 4 - Toby**

**Year 5 - Honey**

**Year 6 - Ollie J**

You may have received one of our postcards this term. The Blue card is sent from staff to you to let you know that your child has been amazing during the week. All staff are using these. I now have my own card which I send out if a staff member has commented about a child make a leap forward in their learning, being incredibly hard working or having a great attitude in class or with their friends. These are a delight to send out and I hope that you are all enjoying reading them when they arrive with you.



## Remembrance Service

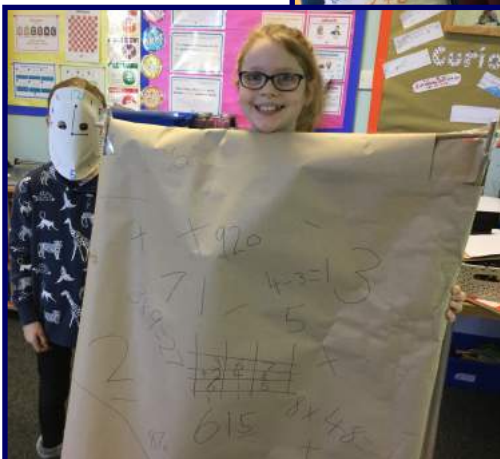
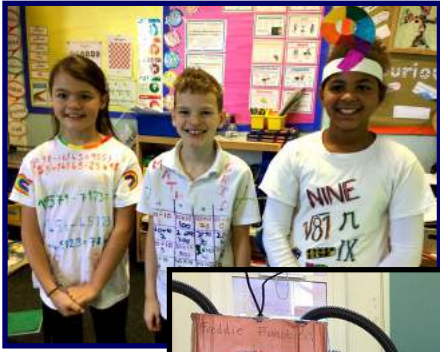
This week we marked Remembrance Day by having a service on Tuesday 10th November, and a 2 minute silence on Wednesday 11th November. This year the Blue Bubble led the Service and we were very pleased that Maria could also join us. The children read poems, letters and prayers during the service as well as showing some beautiful artwork. A big thank you to them for all their thoughtful work to make this a special event at our school.



Year 6 have taken part in 3 sessions with ARK (Action for River Kennet) over the past term. They have been finding out about how to keep the river healthy, the creatures and animals that live within the river and its banks, how to save water and how to protect our local river. They have all enjoyed these Zoom sessions and we are very pleased to keep our links with ARK. We hope to continue to work with them in the future.



# Maths Day Photos



# Upcoming Events



## Children In Need



**On Monday 16th November**

we are having a Rainbow Day to raise some pennies for Children in Need.

We are asking children and staff to come dressed in one colour from the rainbow, so that their tops, trousers, jumpers are different shades of the same colour.

We will then make a whole school rainbow picture (following social distancing rules).



Pudsey Ears welcomed and encouraged too!



We are also going to make some 'Marvellous Money Metres'! For this we are asking children to bring in any spare **1p, 2p, 5p, 10p or 20p** coins that you have at home, in the bottom of your bags or down the back of the sofa! Children can bring in any amount of money to help with the collection - whatever you can spare.



At school we will line the coins up to see how many metres we can make from each class. We are delighted that a local company has offered to match fund up to £100, so that we can give even more to this wonderful charity.

If your company would be able to add to this match funding, please get in contact.



# The 2020 Reverse Advent Calendar



Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary school are pleased to be collecting for their Reverse Advent Calendar for the 3rd year.

We are collecting for the Trussell Trust, a charity that provides a food bank for those in need. As a church school, we feel it is vital that our children understand the importance of giving as well as receiving gifts during the Christmas Period. This year we are extending our usual 12 days of Giving to 20 days!



We are asking for donations of:

- \* Tinned fish
- \* Tinned meat
- \* Snack pots of noodles
- \* Tinned Sponge Puddings
- \* Tinned custard or Rice Pudding
- \* Tinned fruits
- \* Biscuits
- \* Long life milk
- \* Pasta Sauces
- \* Bags of Rice or Dried Pasta
- \* Bottles of Squash
- \* Cereals
- \* Tea or Coffee
- \* Chocolate Christmas Gifts
- \* Shower gel or soap
- \* Shampoo or conditioner
- \* Washing up liquid
- \* Toothbrushes
- \* Toothpaste
- \* Deodorants



If you would like to make any donations to this worthwhile and vital cause please deliver them to the School Office before Friday 11th December 2020. Many thanks - The children and Staff of Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary

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