



Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School

Curiosity, Compassion, Courage

Friday 26th November 2021

Good afternoon Kennet Valley Community

This October and November have been very busy for the children at the school, with school trips, author talks and remembrance work, as well as all of their usual lessons. Staff have continued to be very proud of how well the children have settled and how well they are all working in class.

For this newsletter I thought I would use the phrase "A picture tells a thousand words" and try to add as many pictures as I could of some of the key events that the children have been involved with. I am hopeful that you will all enjoy seeing them.

As we head towards Christmas we have lots planned - from the panto visit, classroom crafts, Songs in the Playground for you to watch, the class Christmas parties, and nativity films to send you.

Many thanks - Mrs Russell



Trips to Avebury

As part of their history work, Wrens and Kingfisher classes have visited Avebury to find out more about the Stone Circle and the history of this beautiful place. They explored the area, visited the museum and took rubbings of the stones. They followed up this trip when returning to school, including make a salt dough stone circle of their own. Thank you to all the parents who came along to help with these trips. As a school we are using the local area as much as possible - This is particularly true of Wrens who have a weekly walk around the village, West Woods or The Dene.



Author Talks

All of the children (apart from Yr4 who were on residential) were very lucky to take part in several Author talks, which was organised as part of Wiltshire Councils 'Year of Reading'. Among the authors that the children heard were Guy Bass and Robert Sterling. All the authors were incredibly inspiring, funny and a real joy to listen to.

We asked several questions, some of which were answered which was very exciting to hear.



'TIS THE
Season
OF Giving

The 12 Days of Christmas!

This year Kennet

Valley C of E VA Primary school are pleased to be collecting for Love Marlborough Kids Meals. This is the 4th year that we have been collecting to support food banks and charities.

As a church school, we feel it is vital that we all understand the importance of giving as well as receiving gifts during the Christmas Period.

If you would like to donate to this charity collection, please bring any of the following items to Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School, Lockeridge, Marlborough by Thursday 9th December 2021

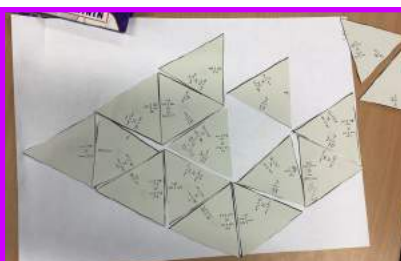
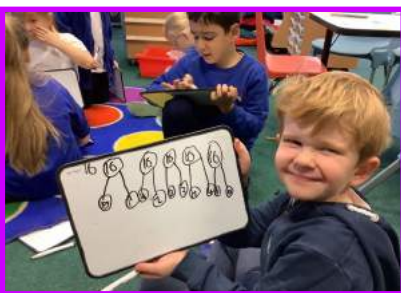
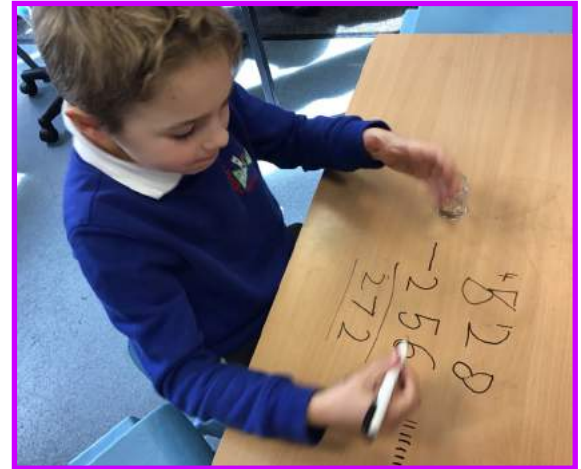
- ☉Cooking Sauces
- ☉Tinned vegetables
- ☉Chocolate Treats
- ☉Jars of jams or pickles
- ☉Dried Pasta
- ☉Little toys for stocking fillers
- ☉Christmas Cake
- ☉Mince Pies
- ☉Toiletries
- ☉Tins of Soup
- ☉Rice
- ☉Biscuits

Your generous gifts will be used to make up important Christmas Hampers for families living in the whole Marlborough Area. We welcome all donation - big or little. THANK YOU!

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Maths around the school.

Over the last 4 years Maths has been a focus for us and now we always ensure that children have lots of practical equipment and different methods to answer the questions that they are given.



Wrens' Trip to Marlborough College

On Friday 26th November, Wrens class were very lucky to have an afternoon at the Science Department of Marlborough College. They were invited by Mr Birkill and the children loved their time at the college. We would all like to say a HUGE thank you to Mr Birkill for arranging this fantastic afternoon of science activities.



A big thank you to Marlborough College for providing transport for this afternoon as well.



Remembrance Day

This year the School Council made the plans for our Remembrance. They decided that each class should provide some art work to go onto a whole school display in one of our corridors, and asked Mrs Hues to put it up for them.

On the 11th November the school gathered together in the playground to observe the 2 minute silence.

Many of our children also took part in the Marlborough Remembrance parade and service, as they were representing organisation such as Brownies, Guides, Scout and Cubs.





Year 4 Residential

The year 4 children trekked off on their residential in early November. They went to Charthouse in Somerset, which is a new centre for the school to use. While they were there they went caving, gorge walking, rock climbing, made rockets and played team games. The 3 staff who took them were incredibly proud of how the children approached each activity and how much they pushed themselves to achieve as much as they could. Well done Year 4.



Out of school achievement

Well done to India who was one of 5 winners in the Marlborough Cinema Logo competition. The task was to design a logo for the new Saturday morning 'Kids club'. Each Saturday the cinema will use the logos on the screen prior to the film being shown.

Great work India - We are all very proud of your achievement,



Netball Festival - An enormous WELL DONE to all the children who took part in the netball festival this week. They played tremendously well and came 2nd and 3rd in the two tournaments. Amazing results!

What if my child develops Covid-19 symptoms?

As a school we are very lucky that we currently have had very few cases of Covid-19. We would, of course, love this to continue and with this in mind would like to remind you to continue to be vigilant and not to send your child to school if they have any of the following symptoms.

Anyone, including children, who develops symptoms of Covid-19 should stay at home and self-isolate. You should then arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. Do not send your child to school with Covid-19 symptoms. If your child receives a negative result, they may return to school.

What if a member of the household develops symptoms?

If another household member, such as mum or dad, displays symptoms then they should self-isolate and seek a PCR test. Children however can attend school even if a household member has tested positive for the virus- assuming they are not displaying symptoms themselves.

This is clarified in the latest guidance which states: From 16th August, you will not be required to self-isolate if you live in the same household as someone with COVID-19 and any of the following apply:

- You are fully vaccinated
- You are below the age of 18 years 6 months
- You have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID-19 vaccine trial
- You are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons