

**NEWSLETTER**

**OUR SCHOOL VALUES: RESPECT - UNDERSTANDING – PEACE – HONESTY – RESPONSIBILITY - TEAMWORK**

**13<sup>th</sup> November**

What a busy start to the term with an abundance of opportunities to engage with your child’s learning through our maths workshops, consultation appointments and in year 2, the end of key stage assessments meetings. This term promises to be full of music and excitement with the KS1 Nativity, KS2 Carol Service and an abundance of pre-Christmas fun!

Last Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed so many opportunities to be **FRESH** whilst on a fantastic Geography trip to the **River Chess**. They were very eager to get into the water to take depth and velocity measurements, and also to investigate and record the fish in the river. They were **fascinated** to find out about the unique characteristics of chalk streams and were conscious of the threats which this important habitat faces. Lots of wet wellies on the way home, but lots of happy children too!



**Welcome**

A very warm welcome to Ms Seaton, a new member of our office staff, plus two children - Amelia, who has joined Y5 and Julian Y2.

Our vision is for every child within the Hawridge & Cholesbury family to grow, flourish, **‘have life and ....have it more abundantly’** (John 10:10 KLV); to be fascinated, rounded, eager to make a difference, spiritual and have high aspirations through Jesus’ teaching and our curriculum.

We live our vision through our natural setting and our school values: **Respect Teamwork Responsibility Understanding Peace Honesty**



Please take some time this evening to have a look for unwanted clothing. Pop them into the provided bag or a bin liner and bring them to the area near the pond before 9am on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. A perfect time to have a clear out before Christmas and **make a difference** to others.

**Fire Engine Visit**



Year 2 had a very exciting Thursday when the local fire service brought a fire engine to school. The children were **fascinated** to learn about all of the different pieces of equipment and share their knowledge from the Great Fire of London.

Another opportunity for our children to **flourish** and learn. Mr Jackson was so proud of their behaviour and the respect they had for the emergency services.



We hope **consultation appointments** were helpful. Feedback has been very positive. If you do have any concerns or complaints which you do not feel were resolved with the class teacher, do not hesitate to contact me (our Complaints Policy is on our school website). Just a reminder that appointments to discuss children with SEND are being held this week.

**Attendance**

Please ensure you read the attendance letter that Mrs Woodward recently emailed out. Our High Aspirations target is 97% across school and last half term it was just 96.2%. Last week Cherry Platts had the best attendance with 99.3% and the week before it was Windmills with 100%. Super attendance!

## BMX



Year 5 and 6 had the amazing opportunity to participate in a workshop run by Mike Mullen from the BMX Academy. Mike says *'My passion is not just to teach BMX but to help people to improve their growth mindset, confidence and well being. To build belief, find courage, boost resilience and unlock hidden potential.'* He really is **eager to make a difference!**



The day was full of complete **fascination** and **high aspirations** as the children had the chance to ride a BMX bike along ramps and even try some challenging tricks - have a look at the pictures! The day was topped off with a whole school inspirational talk and display by Mike (including a heart stopping jump over Mrs Nash) and a motivational insight into how his journey into the world of bikes began... We send a heartfelt thanks to Mike for inspiring us here at Hawridge and Cholesbury and helping us to become more **rounded**. For me, watching the children's complete awe and total enthusiasm felt like a **spiritual** moment. All in all, the day truly encapsulated our FRESH vision.



On Friday we marked Armistice Day with a special child-led act of worship followed by two minutes silence. Led by Mrs Birley, the children reflected on the joy that bright and cheerful poppies bring, reminding us of the peace those who have died in war have brought to their families and friends, and the good things they have done for their country. The red petals remind us of the danger and harm brought about by war, and the fragility of the poppy reminds us of how God comforts those who are grieving for the loss of someone they love. Finally we are reminded of the part we can play in bringing peace to the world particularly now when the world seems such a troubled place.



Emily, Thomas and Matthew laid the school wreath during the service at St Leonard's Church.

*Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2*

Finally, please Reflect on the abundance of opportunities for H & C children to flourish and grow. Look out for further information about our Christmas Fair after school on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December.