

# Newsletter 9 (2021-22)

November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Dear Parents,

We held a two minute service for Remembrance yesterday and it was so impressive to see all the children taking the occasion so seriously. They are very aware the two minutes should be show respect for those who died or are still suffering from illness and injuries caused during wars and conflicts. Here are two pictures which show children during their quiet reflections:



## PTA News

**The No Dinner Dinner** – The running total for meals not ordered is a fantastic £1100! You can still buy tickets on ParentMail until midnight tonight.

The current league table of the menus is: Menu 1 (Rosie Y1) 42.2%, Menu 3 (Julia Y4): 28.8% and Menu 2 (Isabella Y3) 27.9%. If you are buying tickets, please do not forget to vote for your favourite menu.

## News From The Charity Committee

We have a very active Charity Committee which meet regularly with Miss Rogers. They are brimming with ideas and are keen that we continue our excellent track record for supporting others who are less fortunate. I met with them today and we discussed a number of projects – all of which have been agreed to:

1. Annual Smartie Appeal for The Passage who look after homeless people in the Victoria area. We will give each child a labelled tube of Smarties on Tuesday. This is given with love from all of us and all we ask is that the children fill the empty Smartie tube with money which we then donate to The Passage.
2. Revamping of the School Food Bank. This tub is going to be decorated by The Charity Committee next week and placed back into the school hall. We are going to make each Monday Food Bank Day when we ask everyone to donate something to families that are less fortunate than ourselves.
3. A cake sale on December 3<sup>rd</sup> in aid of Cancer Research. More details to come shortly.

- The One New Toy project organised by The Salvation Army. We ask families to donate wrapped new toys which go underneath the school Christmas tree. These are then collected by The Salvation Army who distribute these to families across London.
- The children would also like to use the tree on the school hall wall to display memories of their lives that cause them great joy. I am going to send Christmas bauble templates home next week for children to colour, decorate and write their fond remembrances. The Charity Committee will then laminate these and hang them on the tree.

Phew, I told you they were enthusiastic!

### Lots of Successes in Different Areas of Endeavour!

#### **Skye (Y2) and Noa (Y3) – Tae Kwando Warriors**

Noa and Skye have been training in the Martial Art of Tae Kwando for just over a year now and are enjoying this sport enormously. At the last minute, they were asked to take part in a competition last Sunday but little did they know that this was a **National** competition and that they would both be competing against children from all over the country and who were much older than themselves!

Both girls fought extremely well and were competing against some of the elite and National Squad and this was their first tournament! Noa and Skye were both competing against girls in Years 4 and 5. Skye fought 5 times and came away with a Silver medal! Well done indeed – we are so proud of you both.



#### **A Day in My Digital Life competition**

You may remember a few weeks ago that Miss Cornelius told us about a competition called A Day in my Digital Life which asked children to show how they used the internet safely as well as making sure they took breaks from being online. Miss Cornelius submitted a number of posters drawn by our children and here are some of them:



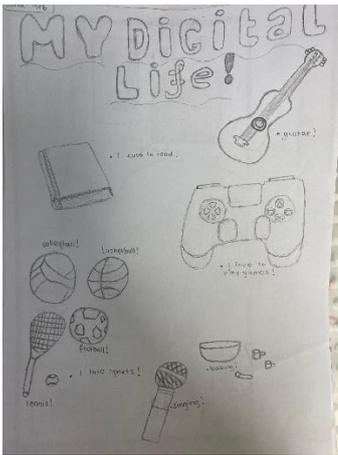
**Freddie (Y6)**



**Elizabeth (Y1)**



**Isabelle (Y6)**



**Anna (Y6)**



**Noah (Y1)**

I love all of these designs – how creative they are! I am delighted to announce that Noah and Elizabeth’s posters have been awarded a Highly Commended prize and their artwork will be displayed in The Houses of Parliament!

### Stars of the Week

**Nursery:** Alexandre is star of the week for being such a helpful member of the class. He always helps to tidy up and sets a good example of how to follow the class routines. We have been so impressed with how he has settled back in after half term. Well done, Alexandre. We are so proud of you!

**Reception:** Leonor, you are our Star of the Week! We are so proud of how well you have been listening in class and our trip to The Forest School. You are always excited to try new things and demonstrate a real excitement for learning. Keep it up!

**Year One:** Dara is the Star of Week because she worked hard in all of her subjects. She worked well with her partner, helping both herself and her partner learn!

**Year Two:** Rose, you are our Star of the Week! We have been so impressed with how your sentences in English are coming along nicely! You have many great ideas so keep up the fantastic work!

**Year Three:** Emma E has been challenging herself in all subjects this week. She continuously pushes herself and always tries her very best. She has really impressed us with her kindness and caring attitude to everyone in class.

**Year Four:** Lacey – you are always kind and thoughtful. You consistently display lovely manners to all children and adults that work with you. You are such a delight to teach and a great asset to our class.

**Year Five:** Marlena has had a brilliant week. She has worked well in class, producing work to a high standard. Also in class, Marlena has responded fantastically to questions during discussion times. Wonderful work!

**Year Six:** Epheson, congratulations! Since returning from Half Term, Miss Weekes and Miss Cornelius have been so impressed with your attitude towards your learning. You are focussed, listen so well and always try your best. Your Maths has been brilliant and we enjoyed your Remembrance poem enormously! We are very proud of you – well done!

**Friday TryDay** This week, we tried a rather old fashioned drink called Sarsaparilla. This is diluted with water and can be drunk hot or cold. Thank you to Mr. Higgins for sourcing this from Blackpool for me!

### Buster’s Weekend Friend

This week, staff unanimously chose Alba (Y5) as Buster’s weekend friend. This is because she works incredibly hard and sets a wonderful example to her peers. She looks after and plays with her Y1 Buddy extremely well, making sure that anyone who wants to play with them, can join in the fun. Alba has also

coped extremely well with a broken arm and having this in a sling. She has just got on with school life without a fuss. Well done indeed!

**Teacher Angel:** This week's Teacher Angel is Mr. Harding. The children think he is an amazing teacher who motivate their class by making sure lessons are both enjoyable and fun. Year Five children particularly think he is a great and funny teacher and all children are fully engaged during lessons.

I hope you have a restful weekend and keep safe.

With love and best wishes,

Ms. Woodford