



# HUNTLEY NEWS November 2024

## Our School Vision

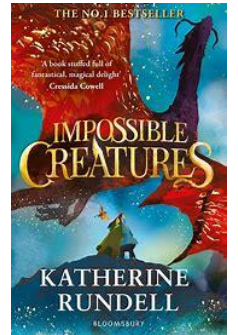
Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

### Curriculum:

#### Cheltenham Literature Festival.

The children in Class Estuary and Ocean went to the Cheltenham Literature festival and listened to Katherine Rundell speak about how she writes books and gets her ideas and inspiration.

Before the workshop there was a trial to do with lots of puzzles to solve! It was really interesting to hear about her life and how she writes her books. Class Ocean always read her book 'The Explorer' and we have some of her other books such as 'Rooftoppers, The Good Thieves and her new book, Impossible Creatures in school.



#### Korean Assembly for whole school



Miss Ethridge (Mrs Andrew's sister) is currently working at a school in South Korea. She has been home visiting and came into school to talk to us all about life in South Korea and going to school there. Children go to school as we do but then they have extra

lessons in the evening where they go to specialist academies. We had a look a different types of food and some of the sights there are to see.



#### Korean Day for Year six

In Class Ocean the children had a Korean day. The children were given letters from their South Korean pen pals and then responded to them so that Miss Etheridge could take them back to Korea with her. They then got to taste different Korean foods. Eryn explained that were a few different things such as a sweet potato cake and spicy pasta. They also learnt how to say hello in Korean.



## Autumn Poetry Competition

Almost all the school entered the Autumn poetry competition this year and we were amazed at the high standard. It is lovely to see the confidence, challenge and fluency develop across the school. It was incredibly hard to choose just one

winner – everyone did so well and we appreciate it can be quite daunting learning a poem off by heart and then performing it in front of everyone. Well done to everyone who took part!!



The year group winners all received a book token from the PTFA.

Year Six – George  
Year Five- Imogen  
Year Four- Norah  
Year Three – Milo  
Year Two- Amelia  
Year One – Guy  
Reception- Finian



## CLIVE challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the challenge set by CLIVE over the half term. After watching live Harvest lessons the children had a go at making Caribbean Patties. I hope you enjoyed them- they sounded lovely.



## Ukulele Concert

After ten weeks for ukulele lessons, Class River held a concert for their parents. They have been having lessons with Gloucestershire Music every week this term and have learnt a range of songs. The performance was recorded and will be circulated.

## Personal Development:

**Certificates:** These children have been awarded certificates over the past few weeks.

**Head Teacher award-** Classes Ocean and Estuary for an amazing visit to the Cheltenham Literature Festival

**Class Stream-** Alexander, Oliver T, Ollie G, Guy

**Class River-** Tilly, Angus

**Class Estuary-** Will, Elsa, Ida

**Class Ocean –** Eryn H, Jenson, Henry

**Writers of the week-** Valentino , Rupert

**Science certificates-** Georgia

**Handwriter of the week-** Charlotte

**Times Tables Rockstar-** Norah

### 99 Club passes

Sybil

Brody, Ralph



## Class Stream reading raffle.

Congratulations Emilia and Felix who won Class Stream's reading raffle.

## Harvest Festival

Well done to the children in year six who all volunteered to read in the Harvest Festival. Thank you too to Class River for learning a harvest poem for us all to enjoy.

Gloucester City Mission were very grateful for all the kind food donations. Thank you for your support

## Wear it pink day

Thank you to the school council for organising Wear it Pink Day in aid of Cancer Research. Everyone came into school wearing something pink and there was a cake sale on the day. An amazing £316 was raised. Thank you for your support.

## Chess Club

Thank you to the PTFA for funding some chess sets for our new chess club run by Mr Wilkens. The children are enjoying improving their game and trying every week to beat Mrs Wilkens. I think this week we may have been successful!!!



## Odd Socks Day

At the start of National Anti- Bullying week we all wore odd socks to school. We had a special 'Odd Socks' worship and sang along to a song by Andy and the Odd Socks. We thought about how we are all different, unique and very special!



## It's an Education

Erin has recently been involved in a performance for the Westbury Youth Project. Along with about 15 other children, she did a variety of sketches in a variety show that had the theme 'It's an education. Due to the theme they also had all the schools' badges on display so Erin was representing Huntley!



## **Thank yous and dates for diary.**

### **Firstly, some big thank yous!!**

Liz and David Price – for painting the school crossing. I'm sure you all agree it looks so much better! They also cleared leaves in the playground over the holidays. Thank you both!

Phil Bevan - for chopping back the path ways, bushes and clearing the playground of many, many leaves on more than one occasion!

James Milsome – for providing staff with new office chairs. It was like Christmas had come early!

Mrs Jarman - from Edinburgh, who kindly donated £20 to Forest Schools (through Mr Mirfin).

Chris Taylor – From CST Plumbing, who completed a lot of repair work over Half Term and always provides his labour free of charge.

Gardner Garages, Huntley – For supporting the school in fundraising activities in the run up to Christmas.

Mr Mirfin- for making us a reindeer (as he does every year) to raffle off at the school plays to raise money for Forest Schools.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!** To the now Mrs Andrews (Miss Etheridge) who got married during the half term break.

### **Dates for the diary.**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dress Rehearsal 2:00

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Forest Edge Benefice Family Carol service – Huntley Church 3:00

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Evening performance 6:00

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December- Evening Performance 6:00

Party Day and Christmas dinner - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christingle Service – 1:30 in the church Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December Everyone welcome.