



## HUNTLEY NEWS November 2025

### Our School Vision

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

### Curriculum:

#### Remembrance Day activities.

At 11:00, we watched the live broadcast from the Cenotaph in London all together, as we observed a two minute silence. The children carried out activities in class linked to different aspects of the World Wars. Year sixes investigated the differences between WW1 and WW2. Estuary found out about the role of animals in WW1 and River focussed on what it would have been like during WW1 for children. Class Stream found out why we wear poppies and the importance of Remembrance Day.

We also all watched a live lesson from the Blue Cross charity all about Animals in World War One.

Thank you for all your donations to the poppy appeal which the year sixes organised in school.

#### Autumn Poetry Competition

We were totally blown away by the standard of the entries this year. This is the third year we have been running this competition and the standard gets better every year. There was a real range of poems this year and lots of children chose to write their own as well. The children spoke clearly and loudly, considering their audience.

We were very proud of the confidence and courage they showed in speaking in front of the whole school. It was really tricky to judge this year and we had to look over the recordings to come to conclusions

The winners were: Y6 Violet, Y5 George, Y4 Teo, Y3 Amelia Y2 Guy, Y1 Finley C and YR Lily.



#### The Wild Place – Class Stream visit



At the end of November, Class Stream visited the Wild Place in Bristol. This is what the children had to say.

Finley: I liked seeing the giraffes and they were so tall. Matilda also liked watching them eat leaves and Oliver learnt that they have a long tongue as well as their long neck.

Emilia: I learnt all about Africa- it is hot there.

Jasmine: I liked seeing the zebras – they are black and white. We learnt that a group of zebras is called a dazzle! Ollie liked the zebras too.

Finian: The tortoise looked like a rock! I learnt it can hide when predators come.

Luan liked seeing the wolverine and Arthur enjoyed seeing the red panda hiding in the tree.

Avery: I liked the bears and wolves. I learnt about Africa and liked touching the skin of a rock python.

Raffy: My favourite animals were the wolves and the bears. I found out that wolves used to live in the Forest of Dean! Griffin and Cody enjoyed seeing the wolves too.

Lilah-Mae and Pearl both liked seeing the meercats and thought they were cute.

Lily learnt that cheetahs run very fast- 70 miles per hour and Albert liked dancing like an ostrich!

It sounds like a very busy and exciting day!



### **Cooking at Newent School**

Our year sixes were kindly invited to Newent school to carry out a cooking session. The school has launched a new 'Newent Experience' scheme and we were the first school to be invited to take part.

The children baked hedgehog bread with Mr Carter and then had a tour of the school and got to meet some of the other teachers.

One of the children said it was really nice to meet the teachers and realise that they were kind and friendly and not scary! It made them feel quite excited about moving to secondary school.

The new head teacher has also visited our school and is excited to make new links, share resources and help ensure transition remains as smooth as possible for the children moving on there.



### **Behaviour/ Attendance**

#### **Change in house names**

As I am sure you are aware by now, we have decided to change the names of our school houses to mark our 150<sup>th</sup> year. Thank you for all the great suggestions we received- from gems, Victorian characters, local landmarks and wildlife. We have chosen to use the names of trees found in our locality. A big thank you to the Downs family who came up with this suggestion alongside some lovely reasons for their choices and how they link to our school values.

## Open Days

A huge thank you to the children in Y6 (and some of Y5) who did an amazing job of showing perspective parents around at our recent open days. They certainly did the school proud and I had some really lovely, positive feedback. Thank you!

## Personal Development:

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

**Head teacher award-** Louie for a positive attitude towards aspects of school life and showing always volunteering to help out. Ted G – for showing a positive attitude towards his learning showing our value of perseverance Willoughby – showing our school value of respect towards others and upholding all our school values.

**Class Stream-** Finley C, Finian, Griffin, Oliver T

**Class River-** Jude, Holly, Charlotte

**Class Estuary-** Milo, George, Luna, James G, Olivia

**Class Ocean –** Louie, Will

**Writers of the week-** Ted G, Albert, Cecelia, Arlie



**Science certificates-** Teddy, Louie, Will and James D. Isaac

**Handwriter of the week-** Rafael, Finley T



### 99 Club passes

Rupert

Martha, Bailey, James G (x2)  
Matilda, Milo, Freya, James D,  
Georgia, Angus, Henry S and Arlo.

Felix and Holly

### Numbots

Glass – Guy

Aluminium – Holly

Tin – Raffy and Finley T

**Odd socks Day** – On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, along with thousands of other schools we celebrated Odd Sock Day. This year we took part in a BBC live lesson which focussed on speaking out and we carried out a range of challenges. Odd Socks day links with our core school value of respect, we are all different and unique which makes us all special.



## Georgia

Last year Georgia shared with us her amazing journey during her Look Who's Talking presentation. Well, it is a year down the line now and Georgia has been updating me on everything that has been going on and she is very proud to share. Georgia explained that she has just been for her one-year check at the hospital in Bristol. The check took 2 ½ hours in total and she had lots of different things to do. This included walking down steps, jumping off them too, lots of stretching and balancing on one leg. There was a lot of walking and a lot of checking! The doctors are very pleased with the amazing progress Georgia has made.

12 months ago, Georgia had major spinal surgery and since then has learnt to walk again. She came back to school, firstly in



her wheelchair, but now she is walking again and uses her frame to just help with this. It has been a really busy few months for Georgia with so many physiotherapy sessions and visits to the hospital. To start with, she says she was having three physio sessions every week and had to do lots of exercises every day! It has been incredible to see her progress over the year and we could not be prouder of her courage and determination. But Georgia does say that it sometimes feels much longer than one year since her operation!

Georgia is feeling proud too, in particular with how her swimming has been going and also that she is able to be outside with her friends walking again.

Next year, Georgia is planning to do a really long walk in Winsor to raise money for her Uncle Gary who has MS.

What an incredible young lady you are Georgia!!

### **Other news**

**Bags 2 school** – Thank you for all your donations for our Bags 2 school collection. We raised a fantastic £69.

### **Crazy hair day**

This was certainly a creative day with so many crazy hair styles! Thank you for your support and for donations for the PTFA Christmas Hamper raffle.



**Book Fayre** - The book fayre will run in the school hall on 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to those PTFA members who are helping to make sure it runs smoothly.

### **High Five Netball**

Well- done to the players in our recent league game. They played Elmbridge school and were unlucky to lose by just one goal! The team this time were Violet, Ida, Tamlyn, Brody, James, Norah and Willow. Good luck to all the netball team in their future games.