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We Will Remember them



Dear Parents/carers,

Remembering

On Wednesday 11th November at 11 am we kept our two minutes silence. Many activities took place across the school – have a look at the photographs (on the next two pages) to give you a flavour of what went on.

Mask Wearing

Thank you so much for supporting us and wearing your masks at drop off and pick up.

New Playground

We are hoping to use our new playground for the first time next week as it is now complete and safe to use.

Virtual Visitors

As I have said before we are still working on improvement projects. Next week we have two visitors from the Hampshire team virtually visiting us to support us with further improvements in writing and our writing project.

Keep in Touch

Remember to keep in touch with your child's class teacher through the email addresses on our website. They can help you with how to support your children's learning.

Help with your Child's Reading

Our English team, Miss Hunter and Mrs Arnell, have put a sheet together to help you support your children with reading. Hearing them read is really important but the questions will help you develop reading beyond just hearing them read. You can see the help ideas on page 7.

Flu Vaccination

Flu vaccinations went smoothly on Wednesday and all were complete by 12.30. Huge thanks to Miss Rorich and Mrs Webb for organising.

Support at Christmas Time

This has been a difficult year and many people have lost work or been furloughed. This can make Christmas shopping daunting rather than enjoyable. If you are struggling please let me know through a phone call, email or seeing me on the gate and I will see if I can match people with the Isle of Wight Radio toy appeal who are able to provide a gift for children who may not otherwise receive one.

Remembrance Day

This week we payed our respects to the armed services, which resulted in 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock on the 11th day of the 11th month. Here are some examples of what the children did.



Here is another amazing photo take by our caretaker, Mr Cox.



Year 2 completed some wonderful silhouettes.

Miss Jenkins' class created a poppy garden at The Patch





2GC spent their 2 minutes outside. They were so quiet they even heard a boat on the Solent blow its horn.



Miss Saunders' class with their poppy display.



Year 5 created a poppy wreath that was displayed in their window upstairs.



REMEMBRANCE DAY

Mr Pig would like to say a big thank you to all of the children that helped decorate him by colouring in lots of poppies.



Working together for a successful future

Out and About

On Tuesday morning **1KS** had a little trip up to the Patch during PPA. The children had fun bug hunting, playing on the swings and using the binoculars to spot birds!



Year 3 have just begun their new topic on the Stone Age. **3PT** visited the Patch on Tuesday afternoon. The children looked at examples of Stone Age cave paintings that have been discovered around the world. Whilst on the patch they had a go at creating their own pictures inspired by cave paintings, using chalk and charcoal.



The RAS Out and About group enjoyed exploring different activities on the Patch on Wednesday morning linked to the phonic sound of the day /ss/. The children listened to the story *The Kiss* by Linda Sunderland. They hunted for 'kisses' around the nature area, designed dresses using grass and leaves and made spiral snakes (that hiss).



Working together for a successful future

In Literacy, **2KA** have been sharing the story *Marshmallows* about a boy who is toasting marshmallows when he meets a creature in the woods. The children visited the Patch on Wednesday afternoon to have a go at making a fire and toasting their own marshmallows! They all had a go at creating sparks to light the fire using a Flint and Steel. The children enjoyed a hot chocolate around the fire too. We all had such a super afternoon!



Out and About next week

It looks like we will be on-site, on the Patch, so please wear joggers/ suitable old trousers and bring wellies to school in a named bag. Thank you in advance.

Tuesday am - 1KS

Cooper, Rueben, Jacob, Hannah, Teddy, Paloma, Logan, Harvey, Jesse, Fletcher, Oscar S, Marnie, Tula, Kaelan and Tommy.

Tuesday pm - 3PT

Jude, Toby, Charlotte, Kahlel, Farrah-Mai, Jack, Brooke, James, Chyna-Rae, Chloe Shambrook, Evie, Chloe Stay, Freya, Gracie and Summer.

Wednesday am - RAS

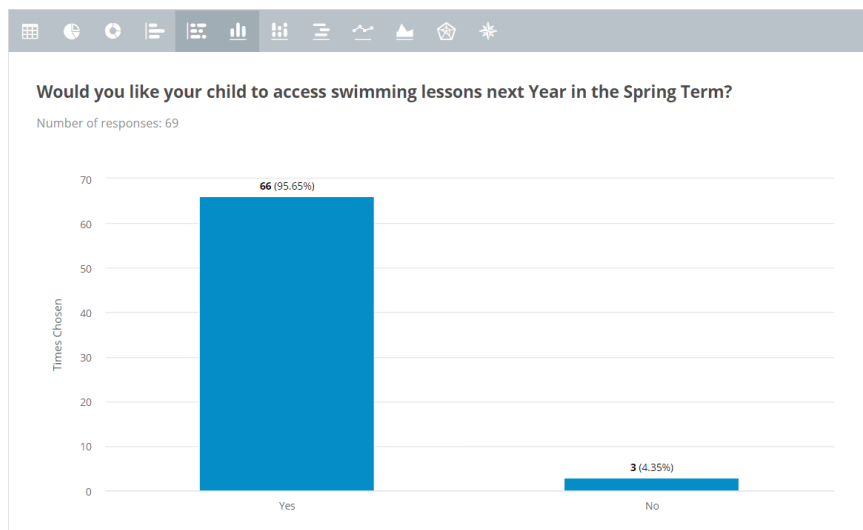
Annie, Ayia, Ayrton, Emily, Freddie, Harlan, Jacob, Juniper, Kamahlie, Milana, Peyton, Ralph and Riley.

Wednesday pm - 2KA

All children

Swimming in Year 3 and 5

Thank you to those parents in Year 3 and 5 who replied to the swimming questionnaire. The overwhelming response was that you would like swimming to continue. A letter will be coming out to parents in due course with further details. Thank you for your continued support.



Skills to Cut Bills! Free virtual workshop to help IOW residents save £100 off your bills.

Presented by the Energy Saving Charity, Footprint Trust. Ray's amusing 40 minute workshop will explain the real costs of running everyday appliances and tips to reduce your energy and water bills.



There will be a choice of two workshops.

Thursday 19 November @ 11am or Thursday 26 November @ 7pm

It's completely free, you just need to follow the link below to sign up. The day before the event, you will be sent a 'Zoom' Link via email where you will be able to watch the presentation from your living room!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/monergy-skills-to-cut-bills-fun-webinar-to-save-100-off-your-bills-tickets-126552486895>

One Way System

Thank you for continuing to use the one way system into and out of school. This will continue for the foreseeable future. The double green gates will **NOT** be open, instead the smaller gate leading into the school grounds by the new playground will be open. Please do not queue up the path leading to Seashells, please do not arrive too early and queue along Beatrice Avenue either.

When you have dropped off your children please leave the site using **the new footpath down to Beatrice Avenue**, please do not exit via the Car Park - this was a temporary arrangement whilst the old building was being demolished.



Please can I remind you that cycling and scootering on site is **not allowed** (by children or adults!). When you have accessed through the gates please walk your bike or scooter and use the scooter and bike racks supplied to store them. There are racks on both sides of the building.

We will soon be taking ownership of our new playground, which we are very excited about. There is seeding and landscaping going on which will be looked after by a contractor of Sir Robert McAlpine's for the next year. It is already looking good but we can't wait for it all to be complete. The building still continues to be a wonderful space that the children enjoy learning and playing in.

Think You Know

Please find a link to home activity packs which contain simple 15 minute activities you can do with your family to support their online safety at home.

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets





What's for dinner next week?

(Remember all Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are entitled to Free School dinners.)



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Curry with 50/50 Rice	Beef Burger in a Bun	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Macaroni Cheese with Garlic Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
Vegetarian Bolognese with Spaghetti	Quorn Burger in a Bun	Lentil & Basil Whirl with Roast Potatoes	Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Vegetable Pasty with Chips
Cauliflower Broccoli	Coleslaw Mixed Salad	Carrots Cabbage	Vegetable Medley	Baked Beans Peas
Mixed Fruit Crumble with Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Lemon Drizzle Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Orange Cake with Choc Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

Support your child's reading

Here are some questions you can ask your child to support them with their reading.

A successful reader needs to read at a good pace and with expression. Encourage your child to **re-read** to achieve fluency. Use **Echo reading**- Adult reads with **good expression** and child echoes the sentence back.

Retell the story...

Adult: Can you tell me what happened in the story?
Child: In the beginning...
In the middle...
At the end...

Characters

Who is a good/bad character in the story? Can you tell me something the character **does** that tells you this?
Can you tell me something the character **says** that tells you this?
Child: A good/bad character is ____. I know they are good/bad because....

Characters

Who is your favourite character in the story? Can you describe their personality?
Child: My favourite character is ____ .
They are funny/ brave/ clever (etc)
when they ____ .

Setting

Adult: What is the main setting of the story? What other settings are there?
Can you find the words used to describe the setting?

Problems

Adult: What is the problem in the story?
How is it solved?
Are there any words you don't know the meaning of?

Language

Can you find adjectives used in the story?
Can you find verbs with ing ed in the story?
Can you find a sentence where the words are really descriptive?

Non-fiction

What features does the book have that make this non-fiction? How do they help you as a reader?
Can you tell me an interesting fact you found out from reading this book?

Positive Quote

"Strength doesn't come from what you can do. It comes from overcoming the things you once thought you couldn't."

Whole school attendance 96.47%.

Remember that good attendance will help your child to succeed at school.

This week 1KS achieved 99.23% attendance!

Well done.

Best wishes,

Samantha Sillito

Headteacher



Isle of Wight Cats Protection Adoption Centre

We are holding a Christmas Card Competition!

Design a card and ask a grown-up to post a picture of it to our Facebook page. They can also message it to us on Facebook, or you can send it in the post!

(Please include your name and age!)

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It must get to us by 28th November as the winner will be picked at our Virtual Christmas Fayre on Facebook on 29th November.

There will be a prize for the winner. Sweets and a £10 Toymaster Gift Voucher!! Thank you to Toymaster for donating the prize to CP



Here is my attempt. Age 33. (Too old to enter 😞) We hope you do much better!! We cannot wait to see what you come up with!!



Catering Vacancies

We are looking for enthusiastic Cooks / Kitchen Assistants to join our flourishing team, all you need is a passion for cooking, and training will be provided on the job with prospects to run your own kitchen.

A passion for working with fresh food is a must and be able to work to a high standard.

Caterlink is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults and expects all employees to share this commitment. An enhanced DBS disclosure must be obtained for this role. This appointment is offered on return of satisfactory professional references.

Job Type: Term Time Only
Position availability: Now
Hourly rates: Upon application

If you are interested email: Operations Manager at ycurran@caterlink.co.uk with a CV and covering letter.

Or
ring Caterlink Office – 01983 550500