

# Kilby St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter



**October, 2024**

**Christian Value Focus: Friendship**

**British Value Focus: Democracy**

What a wonderful welcome I have received from children, staff, parents, and governors! I am enjoying my time at what is an incredibly special school, with children at the heart of everything.

We have many opportunities and activities planned for this term including the annual Shoebox Appeal and Harvest Service. It is not always possible to fit every activity into what is always a very busy term, however, we aim for variety and breadth to ensure all children have opportunities.

Our Breakfast and After School Club continues to be a positive and fun time for those who attend, creating a relaxed start to the day and a calming end.

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Hanna Spencer to our office team, starting today! Along with Sam Elwell we know that their support will be invaluable in our endeavours to work together as a whole school community.

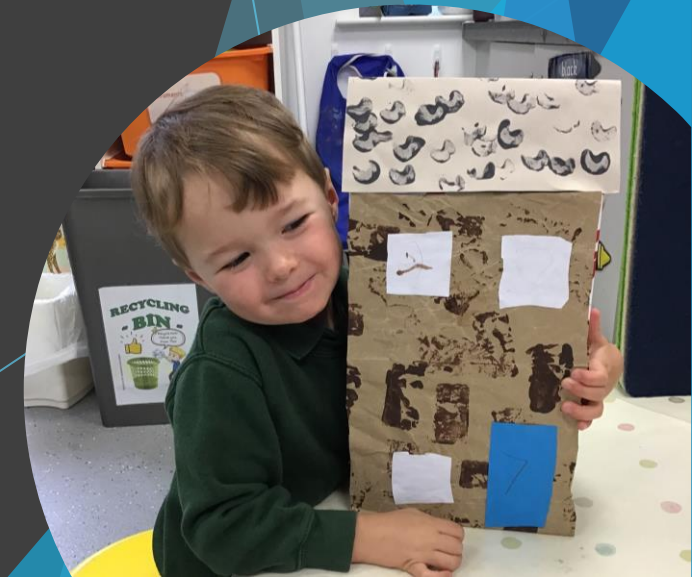
As a final note we are delighted inform you that Miss Hartshorne is making a good recovery. I know that you will all be wishing her well.

Mrs Maher



# Seedlings News

- ▶ Seedlings have had fun learning in our 'All about me' topic. We talked about where we lived and then looked at our houses using Google street view. We were very proud of the super models we made!
- ▶ We have also been learning about our bodies; naming different body parts and the amazing things our bodies can do. We've been thinking about the people such as doctors and nurses who help us to stay healthy and well. We have loved looking after each other in our doctors role play area too!



# Oak Class News

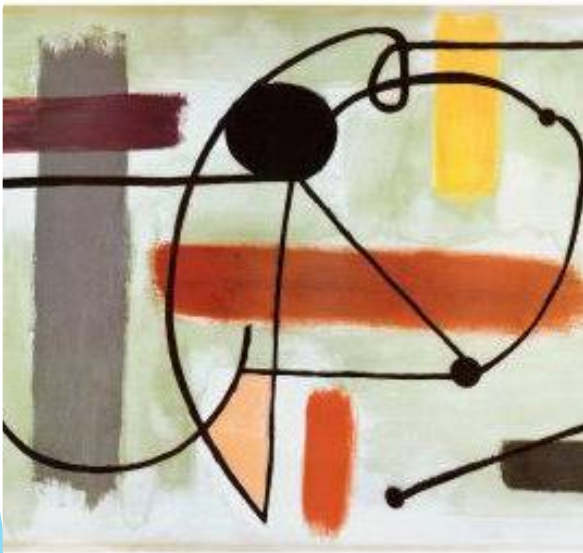
- ▶ In our topic 'All about me' we have been finding out about our senses and how they help us to find out about the world around us. We have tried to use lots of different words to describe objects - the leaf feels 'prickly', the lemon tastes 'sour, the vinegar smells 'disgusting'!
- ▶ In maths we have been comparing weight and using scales to find out which objects are heavier and which are lighter. We have also spotted patterns everywhere in our classroom and outside. We have used beads, buttons, cars - even ourselves!- to create our own repeating patterns.
- ▶ This week we found out that Tinkerbell has come to stay in our classroom whilst the weather is so bad. We haven't seen her yet as she is so shy but she wrote to tell us she loves to watch us learn our sounds and we are writing letters to her to make her feel at home.



# Willow Class News



- ▶ In Literacy we have been reading *The Gingerbread Man*. We read the story carefully, acted it out and used adjectives to describe the characters. We have written our own instructions before making our own gingerbread people. We loved smelling the spices coming from our new school kitchen.
- ▶ In maths, we have been learning about number bonds to 10 and 20. We have been using our related facts to help us. If we know  $2+8=10$  then  $12+8=20$ . Some of the children have created their own maths game using counters and quizzed their friends.
- ▶ The children have also created their own piece of music using untuned percussion instruments. We have learnt stick notation to record these and performed them to each other.

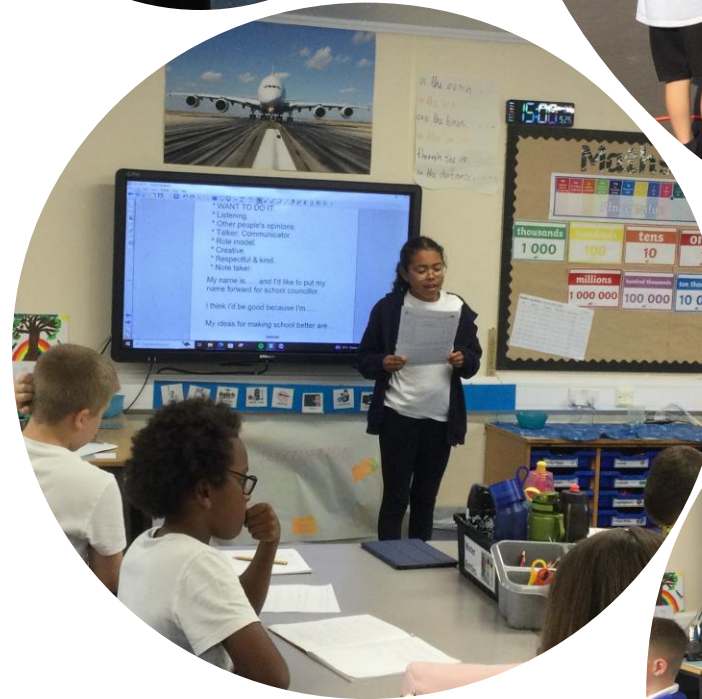


# Maple Class News

- ▶ Maple Class were learning about democracy last week and how the role of the school councillor is important. We voted and elected our new school councillors in class and across the school.
- ▶ As it is the dance festival soon, we are working hard to learn the four dance routines. The children will be rehearsing over the next week using the props and costumes.
- ▶ We have also been busy planning, painting and completing our art for the Harvest Festival Assembly. The art is in the style of Joan Miro. As a class, we picked 'Autumn Essence' as our inspiration. The children have surpassed my expectations and produced some lovely artwork in acrylic paints.

# Rowan Class News

- ▶ In English, we have been learning how to empathise with characters through a radio programme study, based on the book 'Friend or Foe' by Michael Morpurgo, which links with our World War II topic.
- ▶ In History, we have studied aspects of World War II, including local events. We learnt how Beaumanor Hall was used as a listening station and created our own codes to crack!
- ▶ In Dance, we are learning a Bhangra dance, ready to share with you at the Harvest Festival.
- ▶ All children in the class have been trained as Playground Leaders and are enjoying organising games for our KS1 children to play at lunchtimes. They are taking their responsibilities seriously and being great role-models.
- ▶ After half-term, our book studies will be based on: Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo and The Firework Maker's Daughter by Philip Pullman.



# School Council

Last week, the children wrote their manifestos and speeches in preparation for the class democracy. The children were all very excited and presented themselves well. Well done to the new school councillors that have been elected they are;

- ▶ Reception Zack Hill
- ▶ Year 1 - Dougie Goulding
- ▶ Year 2 - Timmy Grimadell
- ▶ Year 3 Phoebe Ashmall
- ▶ Year 4 Ben Mummery-Coltman
- ▶ Year 5 Theadora Sutton
- ▶ Year 6 Olivia Ostler.

# Diary Dates

- ▶ **Mon 7th October Shoebox Appeal Assembly - Parents 9:00**
- ▶ **Tue 8th October Parents' Evening**
- ▶ **Thu 10th October Parent's Evening**
- ▶ **Fri 11th October - Harvest Service 9:00**
- ▶ **Fri 11th October - Disco - see attached leaflet**
- ▶ **Thu 17<sup>th</sup> October - FOK EGM, Dog&Gun 6pm.**
- ▶ **Fri 18th October - BREAK UP**
- ▶ **21st-25th October Half Term**
- ▶ **Fri 29<sup>th</sup> November - Christmas Decorations Morning**
- ▶ **Wed 11th December Nativity - Afternoon**
- ▶ **Thu 12th December Nativity - Morning**
- ▶ **Fri 20th December - Carols around the Tree - 9:00**
- ▶ **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> December - End Of Term**





# Happy Birthday from Kilby!

- ▶ Ava
- ▶ Everlyn
- ▶ Elaina
- ▶ Meadow
- ▶ Blake
- ▶ Timothy



# Friends of Kilby

- ▶ Do you have some free time? Could you help to organise fund-raising events for our school? If so, come along to the Friends of Kilby EGM to find out more. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm @ The Dog & Gun, Kilby.
- ▶ Last year, Friends of Kilby helped raise funds for school trips, money towards our fabulous new kitchen and repairing the trim trail. Thank You!
- ▶ The curry evening arranged by FoK was a huge success resulting in a fantastic £1050 funds raised. Thank you to FoK for organising and to the family and friends who attended. The staff who were able to attend had a thoroughly enjoyable evening!
- ▶ Scan the QR code for 'Easy Fundraising', sign up and earn cash for the school, hassle-free!
- ▶ You can also buy lottery tickets to raise funds for our school.
- ▶ Some parents are undertaking a Triathlon this weekend to raise funds. Follow the link to their JustGiving page. Good luck, everyone!

[Charlotte Thompson is fundraising for Friends of Kilby Primary School \(justgiving.com\)](#)

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# Friends of Kilby Primary School



# Shoebox Appeal & Harvest Service

## Shoebox Appeal

- ▶ Parents and carers are welcome to the launch of the 2024 Shoebox Appeal which is being led by the organisation itself on Monday 7th October at 9:00. We hope that you can stay and find out about the appeal.

## Harvest Service

- ▶ This year will be held at school on Friday 11th October at 9:00. Father Philip will be leading and the children will share their learning too.
- ▶ Parent, carers and family are invited to join us.
- ▶ If you can send your child in with a tin or packet of food as a contribution towards the local Foodbank, The Well, this would be much appreciated.



# Sporting & E Safety News

- ▶ We are delighted to share with you the sporting events calendar for this year. With our Sports Partnership group, we can offer sporting and physical activities for every child this year, with over 20 different events throughout the year. See the attached calendar for the full list of events.
- ▶ Each month, we will share with you a guide to an aspect of E Safety. Each guide includes information about how to keep your children safe online. This month, the focus is Roblox. See the attached leaflet.

