



PRIORSLEE ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been as busy as ever - with Maths Week activities in every year group, Diversity Day activities yesterday and Remembrance workshops and activities throughout this week.

Our maths leads, Mrs Orme and Mrs Emery, have been working with the teachers to organise lots of exciting Maths Week activities. This included a fabulous Year One escape room maths game, and lots of team quizzes and activities. We hope the children have enjoyed participating. I was lucky enough to work in Holly Class yesterday morning and watch their maths lessons. I was so impressed by how confidently the children explained their answers, and their use of mathematical language. The children worked extremely hard, and it was fabulous to see how they continually challenged themselves with our bronze, silver and gold activities. Many of the children even reached the challenges during the lessons and were so proud of themselves for attempting them.

Yesterday, the school participated in our own Diversity Day, where we talked about the words that are special about us, and about the protected characteristics that must always be respected by everyone. The children also created their own self portrait, which is then doing to be part of a whole-school display.

As part of remembrance yesterday, the children in Year Six watched Hobgoblin Theatre Company's performance of 'The Last Post', after reading the book by Keith Campion. As it links to the children's current theme of World War One, the emotive performance really helped the children to empathise with the soldiers and their families who lived during the Great War. The children were extremely reverent, some even comforting each other during sad moments. We would like the performance to become an annual remembrance event.

Today, the children enjoyed a fascinating remembrance workshop which was delivered by the amazing Heather from TAARC ([TAARC - TELFORD AFRICAN & AFRO-CARIBBEAN RESOURCE CENTRE](#)). The children learnt about the Commonwealth, the wide range of people from across the world who lost their lives in conflicts, and the meaning of Remembrance Day. These workshops really did help the children to understand why we wear poppies.

Our School Councillors have also visited Priorslee's clocktower for, something that we hope will become, a local tradition. The children were beautifully behaved, and extremely respectful. The children read poems and laid a wreath. They were joined by other schools and local community groups, and it was an amazing way to show our respect as a school community. Thank you so much to Sam Lane from the Co-Op for organising this! All children in school also participated in the two-minute silence, showing real respect for the occasion.

Mrs Lane has been working hard with our FOP team to organise a Christmas Fair, and as part of this hard work she has spoken to the landlord (Tony) at the Priorslee Lodge, who has sent a polite reminder for parents not to park on the hill leading to the pub's top car park. He has very kindly said that parents and carers may park on the top car park, but asks that you do not park on the hill.



Next week, I am meeting with Kaleigh from Opal and several others in our school community to make plans about how to enhance the children's play experience at lunchtime, and how to teach the children how to play. So many of our children since the pandemic have lost confidence, or have become used to playing on electronic devices, and can struggle to think of games or activities during lunch and break times.

It will also be anti-bullying week, and Mrs Bagshaw has organised lots of fabulous activities and assemblies for the children to participate in. The week concludes with Children in Need on Friday, which is a MUFTI (non-uniform day). The theme for Children in Need is be 'Spot-tacular', so we ask that children come in non-uniform. Remember that it is November and will be cold - so please ensure that it is appropriate to be out during break and lunchtime, with no cropped tops or heels please, as these seem to be creeping in each non-uniform. You can give a donation if you wish via MCAS.

Finally, on Monday 21st November, it is England's first match in the World Cup. We would like the children to come in any football kits they may have or sports clothes (non-uniform) - these can be as bright as you wish, as we hope to create a carnival atmosphere. Each class has been allocated two countries from the World Cup Competition, and they will be learning about those countries in the morning, as well as participating in a whole school opening ceremony mock event. The children will then have an opportunity to book a special World Cup Group B themed lunch, and then watch the England match in class, and participate in further activities based upon geography, and statistics. Miss Brown, Miss Biddulph and Miss Hudson will also be holding mini football workshops for Years One - Six throughout the morning, and teaching the children a range of football skills. Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear.

We hope you have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Many thanks,

Mrs Cooper
Head of School

