

Himbleton Herald - Issue 4 2024/25

Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:

Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.

MRS SHAW'S MESSAGE

Well, what a soggy week we had last week! We certainly needed our coats and umbrellas, but it was positive to see that the new flood defences by bridge at the bottom of the hill appear to be working well. Fingers crossed that they continue to help prevent floodwater causing the disruption it has done in the past! As a school, we are looking forward to our Harvest Festival in church on Friday which, as last year, will be an opportunity for the whole school to celebrate together in a collective worship. Children will be walked back to school after the service and should therefore be collected at the end of the day from school at the normal time.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee morning last Friday, both those who donated a fine array of cakes and those who attended the morning itself. Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took their hosting roles very seriously, ensuring cups were refilled and that everyone had a lovely time.

We are very pleased to share that, alongside donations given for leftover cakes at the end of the day, we raised in the region of £170 for this worthwhile charity.



Week Commencing 30th September 2024

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Our whole school attendance last week was 96.3% and our attendance to date is 98.0%. Our target is a minimum of 97%.



WRAPAROUND CARE

Our after school care is proving to be very popular and on certain days, we are now full. If you do not require your place at after school care, please let Mrs Stewart know by 9.00am on the day so that the place can be offered to another child on the waiting list.

SUPER SCIENCE AT HIMBLETON

We are delighted to share with you that, after a considerable amount of time and dedication from Mrs Wilcox, supported by Mr Jenkinson, Himbleton has been awarded the Primary Quality Science Mark. Valid for 3 years, this award is in recognition of Science subject leadership, the commitment of staff, development of the teaching and learning of science across the school and wider science-based opportunities available to all. The PSQM logo will now be proudly displayed on the website and school letterhead.



OUR VALUES' THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In collective worship this week the children explored the Bible story of David and Jonathan, two friends who showed courage as well as true friendship in difficult circumstances.



"A true friend accepts who you are, but also helps you become who you should be." (Unknown)

HOUSEPOINTS

Congratulations to Ash House who were again awarded the weekly Dojo Points' Trophy with an impressive 3,346 house points to date.



REVEREND SANDLAND

We were very pleased to welcome Reverend Sandland to our school to lead collective worship for us last Wednesday. All the children participated enthusiastically in a quiz about Harvest and the ways in which it is celebrated across the world. We are looking forward to seeing him again very soon.



HARVEST FESTIVAL DONATIONS

On Friday we will be welcoming donations for the Droitwich Food Bank which will be collected from church after our Harvest worship.

CELEBRATIONS

Very many congratulations to Jesse, Molly, Maia-Grace and Toby for Gold Awards for outstanding work, and to Poppy, Albie, Freya and Lyla for Gold Awards for living our Christian values. We are very proud of you! In addition, well done to Isabelle for sharing her Level 1 swimming achievement and Jonah for sharing his acting medal from home.



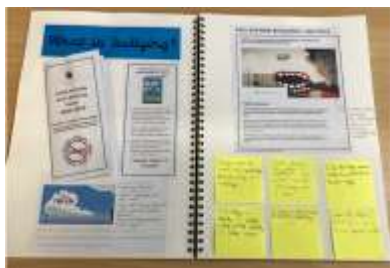
SUPER READERS IN KS1

Children in Key Stage 1 worked hard on their reading skills last week, looking carefully at applying their phonological knowledge to decoding new words and making sense of the text.



LEARNING IMPORTANT LESSONS IN UKS2

In last week's lessons, our oldest children focused on direct and indirect speech as well as active and passive voice. Both concepts can be tricky, but the children worked hard and produced some effective writing. In their PSHE lesson, Year 5 and Year 6 discussed what they thought bullying was before reading through Himbleton's 'Child-Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy' and watching 'For the Birds' (Literacy Shed) and discussing 'Jake's Story' (BBC class clips).



GOD IS A V.I.P.

Last week EYFS were discussing the word God and how it is such an important word for Christians. The children listened to the Lord's Prayer and talked about the meaning of each line, coming up with their own ditty of "Our God is a VIP, just like you and just like me."



WHAT HAPPENED NEXT TO HUMPTY?

In LKS2, children been exploring their class text, 'After The Fall' - the tale of what happened next to Humpty Dumpty. This involved summarising and sequencing the story in the form of a story map, which then helped Year 3 and Year 4 to retell the story in their own words focusing on extending sentences using coordinating conjunctions.



PUPIL PARLIAMENT

Last week, our pupil parliament met for the first time as a group of pupil leaders of the school. They talked about our school rules and discussed their understanding of these, as well as considering the impact they have on children's choices of behaviour. Pupil parliament members have been tasked with seeking the views and opinions of others which will be discussed at the next meeting in 2 weeks' time.



UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Wednesday 2nd October** – Head Boy and Head Girl interviews
- Friday 4th October** – Harvest Festival Service at Church (2.00pm – 3.15pm) – children only - collection as normal from school)
- Sunday 6th October** – Himbleton Church Harvest Festival Service including Messy Church and art activities. (11.00am)
- Thursday 10th October** – KS1 Nature in Art educational visit
- Friday 11th October** – Deadline for return of Cauliflower cards
- Wednesday 16th October** – Open Afternoon (1.30pm-3.15pm)
- Tuesday 22nd October** – Individual school photographs
- Tuesday 22nd October** – Parent consultation meetings (3.30pm-7.00pm)
- Wednesday 23rd October** – Parent consultation meetings (3.30pm-5.30pm)

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BAGS2SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who brought bags of unwanted clothing for our collection. The company took 130kg of bags, all of which represent funds for our school.



OPEN AFTERNOON

Don't forget our Open Afternoon on Wednesday 16th for prospective and current parents and carers. Please email Mrs Stewart in the school office for more information:

office@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk