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# Newsletter

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Our Christian Value of the  
Month is:

**Perseverance**

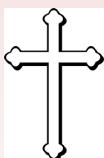
*"I can do all things through  
him who strengthens me".*

*Philippians 4.13*

## Perseverance Prayer

Lord Jesus,  
When I feel worried about  
facing a new challenge,  
help me to persevere.  
When I feel like giving up,  
help me to persevere.

Amen



## McMillan Coffee Morning

We would like to thank our wonderful school charity ministry for their meticulous planning of the recent MacMillan Coffee Morning. Their efforts included the creation of informative leaflets about our coffee morning and asking for cake donations, as well as invitations which reached our local community.



On the day of the event, our Year 6 pupils assumed a variety of roles, warmly greeting everyone, serving delicious cakes, and assisting with the subsequent clean-up.

A sincere thank you is also owed to every member of our school community who contributed by baking or purchasing cakes.

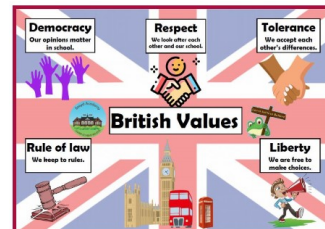
We are immensely proud to announce that, thanks to the generosity of everyone in our school community, we raised a remarkable **£400.00** for this worthy cause. Thank you all once again for your invaluable support.

## Dodgeball Tournament

Recently, eight children from Year 5 and 6 attended a dodgeball festival at John Masefield High School, competing against five other schools. Our children demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship, earning stickers for embodying the School Games values of teamwork, respect, and honesty. They secured victory in four out of the five matches played, thoroughly enjoying this enriching experience.



## British Values



### What are the 5 British values?

- Democracy;
- The rule of law;
- Individual liberty;
- Mutual respect;
- Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

### Why do we teach the British Values?

It ensures young people understand the importance of respect and leave school fully prepared for life in modern Britain.



We encourage you to engage in discussions with your children about these values.

## School Parliament Meeting



We are pleased to report that our School Parliament convened for their first meeting of the year. Each ministry presented their action plans to our School Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. The session fostered a productive environment, allowing for insightful questions and meaningful discussions centred around our plans for improvement. We eagerly anticipate our next meeting.



## HALF TERM (28th October—1st November)

Nov 4th - Children back to school - Kindness Day

Nov 11th— National Anti-Bullying Week

Nov 15th— Children in Need

### Class 1

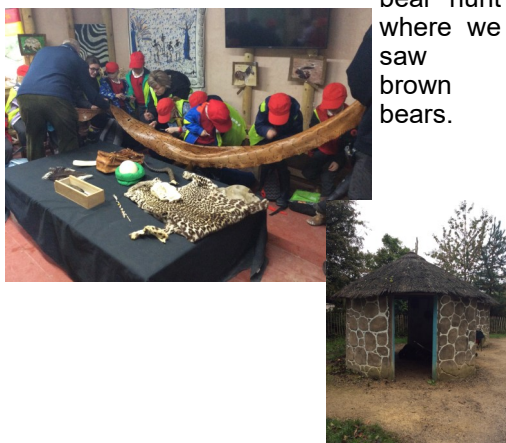
In Art, Class 1 have been making self-portraits linked to our 'Me and My Family' Topic. The children worked really hard on choosing the right colours and making them look like them!



### Class 2

Class 2 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Bristol Zoo Project. We learnt about African habitats and got to see a real snake skin and were amazed at how long it was. We visited the giraffes and the zebras and were shocked at how smelly they were! We all laughed with the Lemurs - ask your child what they did to make us laugh! We ended our trip on a

bear hunt where we saw brown bears.



### Homework

Research suggests that those children to read regularly to their parents and are supported in completing homework make more progress than those who do not.

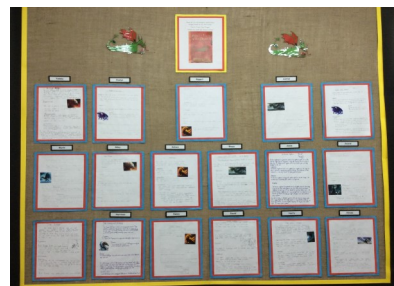
It not only supports their learning but promotes independence, organisational skills and responsibility.

We have listened to parents and carers views on the amount of homework given and now only set the key fundamentals; reading, spelling and timetables. Your child's homework expectations can be found on their class newsletter.

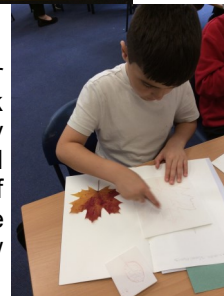
If you are struggling with accessing or supporting your child with homework please do let their class teacher know. We are here to help!

### Class 3

In English we have created non-chronological reports based on our own fictional dragons. Our fabulous work is up on display outside the classroom.



Our watercolour leaves also look amazing on display and we have moved on to creating leaf printing blocks. We cannot wait to see how the prints turn out!



### Class 4

To enrich their topic in Science on Space, Class 4 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Techniquest Cardiff - a science discovery centre. The children participated in a captivating planetarium show, learning to identify stars, planets, and constellations visible from Earth, and ventured beyond the Milky Way. This excursion undoubtedly sparked a profound interest in cosmology and astronomy among the pupils.







## Childhood Anxiety

Herefordshire is providing free access to an app that can help support families in dealing with anxious children.

Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is an engaging child-led, parent/guardian supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets.

It facilitates graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation to empower 7-12 year olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to self-manage fears, worries and anxiety.

To use the app sign up at:

[luminova.app/handw](https://luminova.app/handw)

## Apple Tree Check

On Friday 11th October the whole school walked in the glorious autumnal sunshine to check on our House apple trees, planted at Homme House. The house captains cleared the weeds from the root area and we all commented on how much they had grown. We cannot wait until they start bearing fruit for us to eat!

## The Big Apple

We would like to say a huge thank you to those parents who took time out of their busy weekends to run children's activities and a very successful raffle at the recent Big Apple event. Mrs Whittaker, Mrs Hugill, Mrs Champion, Mrs Price, Mrs Jones, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Park and Miss Haynes all took time out of their busy weekends to help raise money for school. Their efforts were rewarded with a total of.....being raised across the weekend.

## KS2 Poetry

Recently, Toni Cook from Ledbury Poetry visited Classes 3 and 4 to conduct wonderful poetry workshops. The children explored various poetic forms, including Haikus and Kennings, and subsequently crafted their own poems centred on the theme of Autumn. The experience was immensely enjoyable, fostering a renewed appreciation for poetry and creativity among the children.



## Some of the children's comments from the workshop included:

**'I liked that it was free and you could be creative', Jacaio**

**'I liked that you could write whatever you wanted', Callum**

**'It was really fun and new!', Mathilde.**

**'We could do freestyle poems which meant you could choose whichever you liked', Lilah**

## Parking

A polite ask that in the mornings you are mindful of our staff having to park on the roadside. If you are able to park further up the road then please do so, so that our staff can park closer to school, especially as the nights draw in. Please always park as close together as you can to ensure that all spaces are used effectively.

Our school was never built with cars in mind, and we are luckier than some village schools but please be mindful of each other, and our neighbours when parking. It is safest to park on the road between the school and the church, Please never block the school gate or park on the zig zag lines, these are there to keep our children safe and for our buses. Please only use the drop off zone to pull into, to ensure a constant flow of traffic.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Blue Peter Book Badge

Blue Peter has introduced an amazing new Book Badge, beautifully designed by Sir Quentin Blake, along with a dedicated monthly book club. This badge will be awarded to children aged five to fifteen who share their thoughts on a book, create character illustrations, and express their love for other books and authors. This is an exciting badge to earn especially knowing that reading is a superpower that can ignite children's imaginations.



To apply click on the link: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-bookbadge>

## Online Safety

Staying safe online with Google Families Google have a one stop resource to help you and your family stay safe online. It includes how to set up parental controls and important steps on how to keep your children safe online. You can find out more here:

<https://families.google/>





## Is my child too ill for school?

Please use the link below if you have any concerns about sending your child to school when they are feeling unwell.

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2t59qj31Z6zX7XsMZ85BAA3VFzt1uw-7lj8NtGVM8zNidl0nd9ZJfy2QU\\_aem\\_h2Lklfc\\_SUoVNiD-deB9GvA&scrlybrkr=3e0aeda4](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAR2t59qj31Z6zX7XsMZ85BAA3VFzt1uw-7lj8NtGVM8zNidl0nd9ZJfy2QU_aem_h2Lklfc_SUoVNiD-deB9GvA&scrlybrkr=3e0aeda4)



## Charity Ministry Fundraising Events

### Remembrance Poppies

Upon our return to school on 4th November, the Charity Ministry will be selling poppies to support the British Legion Poppy Appeal with a suggested donation of 50p per poppy. Your support will make a meaningful difference. Thank you.

### Bags 2 School

The Charity Ministry has arranged for Bags2School collection on Wednesday 20th November.

### How does it work?

Bag2School are a fundraising scheme which collects and sells your unwanted textiles to importers and wholesalers overseas to benefit the Circular Economy. The school will receive 20p per kilo donated.

### How do I get involved?

Further information will be sent to parents.

Please check the Bag2School website carefully for a list of items that CANNOT be accepted: <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

### Meet and Greet PowerPoints

Should you wish to access the information given at our Meet and Greet, along with class newsletters and knowledge organisers, they can be accessed on our school website under 'Our Learning'.

### Street Tag

## Much Marcle Friends Update

At the last Friends meeting it was decided that an additional £100 would be given to each class to put towards the trips for the rest of the year. This will help with the increasing cost of transport.

It was also suggested that each class will put forward '3 wishes' for items they would like the Friends to help in buying for their class. We will let you know the wish lists and our progress towards them.

Other fundraising efforts will go towards supplementing our library, with new exciting books for all to access.

Their next event will be the Christmas raffle at our Christmas Concert.

## ATTENDANCE

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|---------|-----|
| Class 1 | 98% |
| Class 2 | 97% |
| Class 3 | 96% |
| Class 4 | 96% |

**Our target is 96%**

**Red** = Below Target  
**Green** = Achieved Target  
**Blue** = Above Target

Well done to Class 1 who have won the attendance cup for best attendance in Autumn Term 1.

### House Points Update

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Pearmain</b> | <b>Pippin</b> |
| 412             | 373           |
| <b>Pomeroy</b>  | <b>Russet</b> |
| 289             | 463           |

### Reminders

The PE Kit timetable will continue next half term.

We wish you a relaxing half term and we will see you on

**Monday 4th November**

