



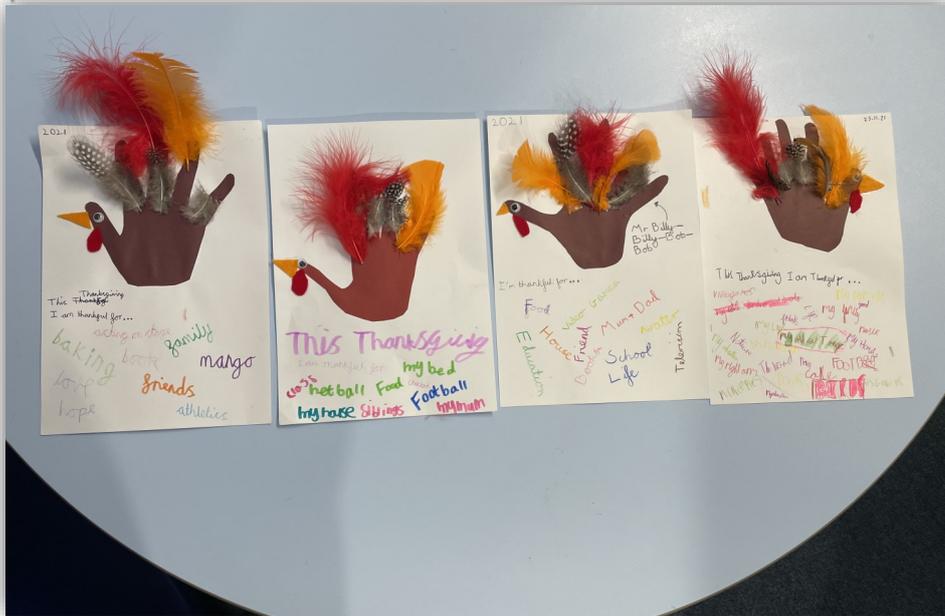
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WEEKLY BULLETIN

THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOV' 2021



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week seems to have flown by! While the temperature has dropped this week and children are now coming in in their warm coats, we have been fortunate to have beautiful sunshine.

You will all be pleased to hear that the temporary classrooms have started to be removed. Frustratingly, there has been another short delay after Catherine Street was closed this morning due to a gas leak. However, the builders are confident that it will be removed by early/mid December, with the whole site back in our hands by the end of January.

Today we had our Year 5 sharing assembly which marked the penultimate week of the mini-police programme. The project alongside the Hertfordshire constabulary allows children to learn about policing and community safety in a fun way. Many thanks to the police for coming in to work with us. We are

hoping to continue with the project again with next years Year 5.

We have been lucky enough to have three guest speakers this week in assembly. To begin with we had Mr Eddie who played various brass instruments to the children accompanied by Karen Dore. We will be offering brass lessons to children from January so please let the office know if you are interested.

On Tuesday, Rosemary Stephenson, from the humanist society came in and talked about her beliefs with Key Stage 2. They were also treated to an assembly with Megan Foxcroft who spoke to the children about Thanksgiving and why it is an important holiday for Americans. Thank you!

If you would like to share some of your knowledge or experiences with the children or know someone who has a story to tell. Please get in touch.

Have a good weekend! Mr Smithard

## HOT CHOCOLATE FRIDAY

Apologies but Mr Smithard was out with some Year 5 Mathematicians today. It will be back next week.

## PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

These weeks question to discuss at home is from Stan:

***Why can't everyone just be themselves?***

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – SCHOOL CLOSED – Occasional Day

Mon 29th Nov—Hanukkah Assembly

Tue 30th Nov—Netball vs Garden Fields

Tue 30th Nov—ALSA Wreath Making

Thur 2nd Dec—Netball vs Killigrew

Sat 4th Dec—ALSA Christmas Cracker

### Matti's Miracle

By Ann Jungman & Michael Foreman

Recommended by Alex (Year 3)



“Berlin in 1938 is not a safe place to be if you're Jewish. For Matti it means being sent to England for safety. Placed with a foster family in the British countryside, Matti is happy but desperate for his parents to join him. He starts working on a plan, but will it work out in time?”

### MESSAGES FROM THE OFFICE

#### Pedestrian Gate

Please make sure the pedestrian gate is fully closed when you leave the school site. Thank you.

#### Breakfast & Afterschool Club Book System

Bookings are via School Gateway, with priority access being given to all families currently attending ABC...XYZ from Monday 22 November. If you want to be added to the waiting list please email the school office with the days you require. We will be honoring ABC...XYZ's current waiting list.

#### Lost Property

We have a few items with no names in. If your child has lost something please pop into the office and see if we have it! PLEASE LABEL ALL BELONGINGS!

### HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME? Starting a conversation about online safety from the NSPCC

*“It can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online or who they might be speaking to. But talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you. It can help to:*

- ⇒ *Reassure them that you're interested in their life, offline and online. Recognise that they'll be using the internet to research homework as well talking to their friends.*
- ⇒ *Ask your child to show you what they enjoy doing online or apps they're using so you can understand them.*
- ⇒ *Be positive but also open about anything you're worried about. You could say "I think this site's really good" or "I'm a little worried about things I've seen here."*
- ⇒ *Ask them if they're worried about anything, and let them know they can come to you.*
- ⇒ *Ask them about their friends online and how they know they are who they say they are.*
- ⇒ *Listen for the reasons why your child wants to use apps or site you don't think are suitable, so you can talk about these together.*
- ⇒ *Ask your child what they think's okay for children of different ages so they feel involved in the decision making.”*

Source: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> Accessed 25.11.21

