

Tickford Times

13th November 2020

Covid-19 Update

Many of you will now be aware that it has been necessary for us to send home our year five children today, due to notification of a confirmed Covid-19 case within the year group. This follows a confirmed case earlier in the week of a pupil in year one. We are pleased to hear that both pupils are doing well.

These cases within the community remind us of the importance of staying safe through social distancing and following government guidelines for social distancing and lockdown. Please continue to work with us to make our school community as safe as we possibly can at this challenging time.

Harvest Donations

This week we were delighted to be able to hand over your harvest donations to the Milton Keynes Food Bank, who were packed 13 crates of food into their van, to help the needy across the area. Thank you again for all of your support with this venture.



Headteacher Awards

I was delighted this week to hand out my first Headteacher Awards, in line with our new behaviour policy. We'll be giving these out each week to children in every class who have really impressed in the preceding week.



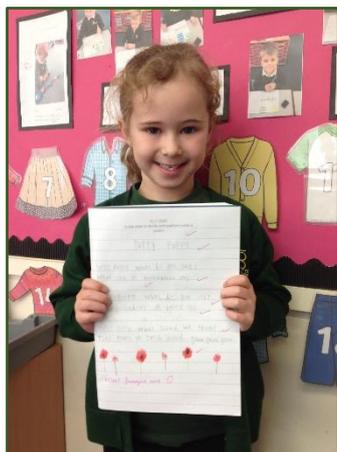
Huge congratulations to those children who won awards at the first opportunity, including Harley from Amber class, who is pictured above, looking suitably proud of his achievement.

Parking

Please can we remind you all to be considerate with your parking when you collect your children at the end of the school day and drop them off in the morning? The roads around the school do get very congested in the morning, but we ask that parents please avoid blocking pathways, gates and turning areas, particularly at these busy times of the day. Thank you.

Remembrance Day 2020

This Wednesday, children at Tickford Park observed a silence to remember those who have died in the line of duty in the first and second world wars. In their classes, children learnt about the significance of this day, including the symbolism of poppies.



Children in year one learnt a lovely Remembrance Day poem (see below), with actions, which they then wrote up beautifully and decorated. Here is Betsy with her version of the poem.

Poppy Poppy

Poppy, poppy, what do you say?

Wear me on Remembrance Day.

Poppy, poppy, what do you tell?

Many soldiers in battle fell.

Poppy, poppy what should we know?

That peace on earth should grow, grow, grow.

Odd Socks Day

On Monday, to mark the start of our Diversity week, we invite the children (and adults) to wear odd socks to school. There's no expectation to do anything else - all you need to do is wear odd socks! It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique!

The day has been created by the anti-bullying alliance and you can find lots of useful information, links and resources on their [website](#).

Throughout our diversity week, in our classes and across the school, we'll be exploring and celebrating the things that make us unique.

Children in Need

It was lovely to see so many pupils in their spots, stripes and bright colours today. Thank you to all who took part and to everyone who donated. As a school, I'm pleased to report that we've raised over £400 for Children in Need.

One of our pupils went the extra mile to raise funds for Children in Need this year. Murphy, a year 5 pupil, has been growing his hair for nearly two years but this morning had it all shaved off!



Murphy is particularly keen to raise awareness of Children's mental health, which is perhaps more crucial than ever, given the challenging circumstances that children and adults alike have faced this year.

If you would like to support Murphy's venture, you can access his *Just Giving* page [here](#).

Well done Murphy – keep up the good work!



Supporting Children in Need at Tickford Park.

