



11th November 2022

Newsletter No.5

Dear Parents and Carers

Despite only having been back at school for two weeks since half term, so much has been happening for the children!

On Monday and Tuesday last week, all year groups had a session with Urban Strides, a dance workshop which warmed the children up and taught them some great skills. Do ask them to teach you a few moves! Also last week, year 6 had a fascinating day immersing themselves in a World War 2 experience. From schooling, to evacuation, air raids and rationing, they really learnt a huge amount whilst also affirming some prior knowledge. Thank you to you all for supporting the children for dressing for the occasion, it was great to see them all head back in time. On Wednesday, Year 4 took a trip in to the city and had a wonderful day with workshops at the museum, fudge making and a guided tour. Do ask them what their favourite part of the day was!

Elsewhere reception have been exploring with wool and sticks, year 1 have been fully immersed in Nursery rhymes and have made some wonderful puppets to sing along with them! Year 2 have been cooking on stoves, year 3 have been enjoying James and the Giant Peach and year 5 have produced some beautiful poppy artwork in remembrance. The children are soaring to success in so many ways.

Across the school parents and carers are kind enough to volunteer their time and enthusiasm for trips as well as our reading and library volunteers. We really are grateful for your time and energy in supporting the children. Not only is it positive for the children to feel parents are supporting their school, it is with immense pride that we hear your feedback about how well the children engage with the activities, and how safe their behaviour is when they are when out and about. I talked to the year 4's about being ambassadors for our school on Wednesday and they took this role seriously. Anyone who saw The Bellbird children in Cambridge would have been thinking 'What a fantastic group of children!'

School council have also continued to volunteer their own time for their roles. This week they met to decide the winners of the Road Safety poster competition they organised. Thank you to all those who entered, the winning and highly commended entries are overleaf and you will no doubt soon see them on our perimeter fences.

Speaking of fences, you will have noticed the work on our roof is progressing and the main structural work is nearly complete now. With finishing and making good, the building team plan to be finished by Christmas meaning the temporary fencing will be able to come down. The loss of space has been a frustration for us, however the improved roof and drainage will be most welcome and we are looking forward to having all of our outdoor spaces back and key stage one being able to enter their classrooms from their outdoor area again. We will update you as soon as this is possible.

Across the school today we observed silence for the armistice today. The children were respectful and steady as we would expect. A poem was read which ended; 'for those on the frontline, not just back then, it's happening today, their sacrifices help to keep us all safe' We will remember them.

A few final reminders; our year 6's have bikeability next week so please remind them to bring their bikes. Friday 18th November and Monday 21st November are training days for the school staff and the children are not in school. We look forward to fundraising for Children In Need on Thursday 17th November instead with our 'Spotacular' day!

Best wishes

Mrs Kendall and Mrs Pentney



**Year 2
have been
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school
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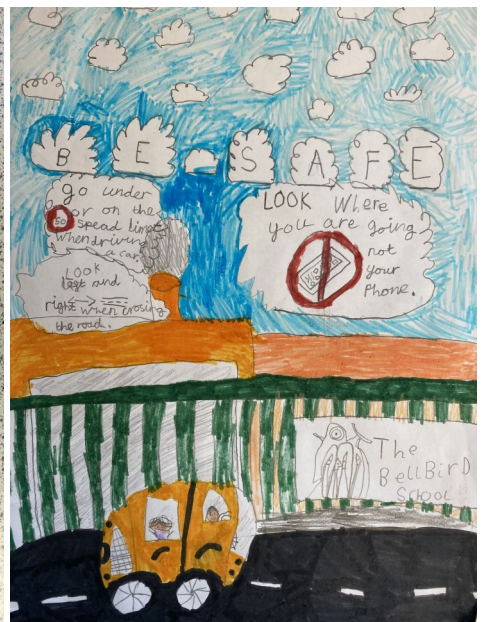
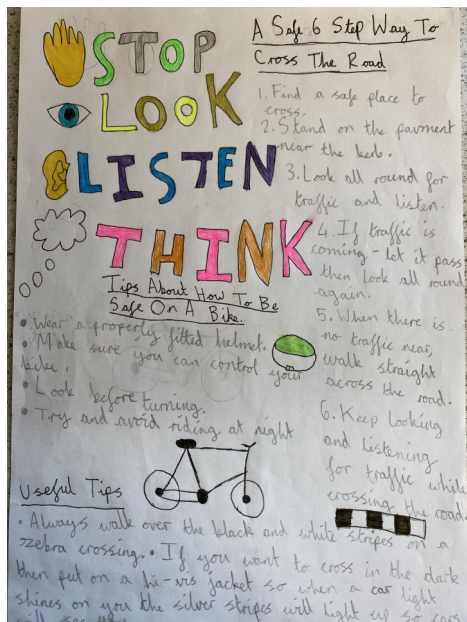


Year 1 warming up for Urban Strides.



Year 6 had a fascinating day immersing themselves in World War 2.

Wonderful entries to the school council road safety competition from Chaehee, Poppy and Alice. Great work!



School Term Dates

Autumn term 2022

Professional Day: Friday 18th November 2022 (Staff only)

Professional Day: Monday 21st November 2022 (Staff only)

Last day of term: Wednesday 21st December 2022

Spring term 2023

Professional Day: Wednesday 4th January 2023 (Staff only)

Term Starts: Thursday 5th January 2023

Half term: 13th – 17th February 2023

Last day of term: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 17th April 2023

May Day: Monday 1st May 2023

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June 2023

Last day of term: Wednesday 19th July 2023

Diary dates: see table overleaf

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Further dates will be shared over the year. Please see the previous page for **term dates** and **inset days**.

Autumn term dates	Event
14th—17th November	Year 6 bikeability
28 th November	Flu vaccinations: round 2
7 th December	Presentation and tour for New Reception parents September 2023: 9.15am
12th December	Reception and Year 6: weighing and measuring
13 th December	Reception sharing assembly: Nativity (time tbc)
15 th November	Reception sharing assembly: Nativity (time tbc)
19 th December	Carols Around the Tree KS1 and parents: 9.30 – 10.00am
21 st December	Carols Around the Tree KS2 and parents: 9.30 – 10.00am

Spring term dates	Event
Week beginning 23 rd January	Year 4 bikeability (details to follow)
9 th February	Year 4 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
15 th March	Mothers Day event in school am (details to follow)
21 st March	Year 3 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
24 th March	Reports out to parents
28 th March	Parent consultations 8.00 – 11.00
30 th March	Parent consultation 3.30 – 7.00pm

Summer term dates	Event
Week beginning 8 th May	Year 6 SATS week
17th May	Reception: Vision screening
25 th May	Year 1 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am
9 th June	Sports day times tbc
28 th June	Year 6 pupils Induction day at Sawston Village College: all day
29 th June	Year 6 Induction evening at Sawston Village College: pupils and parents 4 – 7.30pm
11 th July	Year 2 sharing assembly: 9.10 – 10.00am