



**Friday 24th November**

### **Year 4 Girls' Football**

On Tuesday a team of year 4 girls went to Langtree to play in a Partnership Football match. They made a super team and we were very proud of them all, their teamwork and sportsmanship. The team came 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Well done everyone! Poppy and Rosaline were given the Olympic Value medals. Poppy was given hers for “determination” and consistency and Rosaline for “being resilient” with a brave performance as goalkeeper.



### **Cough sweets and lip salves**

As the winter months take hold, we are seeing more and more cough sweets and lip balms being brought into school. Please do not give these to your child to keep in their book bag. Whilst no medical form is required, please ensure they are handed to the teacher. Firstly, because we want to be sure that you are aware of what your child is bringing to school and ingesting. Secondly, because we do not know who they belong to, who should be taking them or who may see them and perhaps eat or use them in innocence. They can be dangerous.

### **Trainee Teacher**

We are pleased to be welcoming Miss James to Year 6 from Monday next week. Miss James is a Teacher Trainee working with Reading University. She will be with us until February half term.

### **Scooters and bikes on school premises**

The ground is becoming very wet and slippery so please can we ask that once on the school site that children do not ride bikes or scooters. Whilst we love to see the children cycling or scooting we do not want any accidents.

### **Cauliflower cards**

We would like to thank everyone that supported this fundraiser, from the purchases made you raised an amazing £326.50. The cards, mugs, wrapping etc all looked wonderful. We do hope that you were all pleased with your items.

## Children In Need

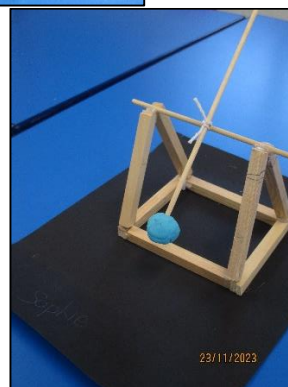
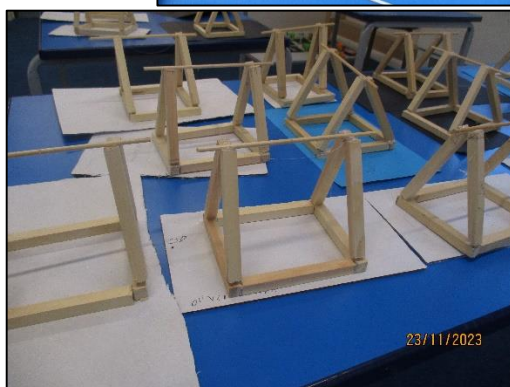
We raised an amazing £337.60 for Children In Need last Friday. Thank you all for your support.

## Class Updates

<b>Oak</b>	<p>Oak Class have had a great week and it has been a pleasure to be with them all week. We have been learning all about our community superheroes and their real-life superhero qualities such as bravery, patience, kindness, being funny, smart and so many more. Please ask the children about the superhero photographs they made of themselves and talk to them about your own family and people in the community and the qualities they have. We are surrounded by many wonderful people and helping the children to see this can help them feel even safer in the world and inspire them in their own lives. As the nights have definitely drawn in, please consider adding lights and hi-vis clothing to any journeys you make out and about on foot or on bikes and scooters - the children are brilliant at telling us how to be safe and we have been creating lists with these ideas - try this at home and then they could go shopping for anything they might need to give them a purpose for writing. Please check their books bags this weekend - we have popped in a copy of the focus words and high frequency words that the children were assessed on last week. These words have no colour coding which can make some of them a bit trickier, please practice segmenting and blending these with your child and with some of the trickier high frequency words, reading them on sight. There is also a maths subitising game which the children have been playing- subitising is the skill of seeing the number without having to count and would be a great one to play at home. Hopefully they can explain this term and teach you the game!</p> <p>Have a safe and happy weekend and we look forward to hearing all about it on Monday.</p>
<b>Hornbeam</b>	<p>The Hornbeams have been brilliant authors this week writing their own stories about Ned the hedgehog. Ask them to tell you a Ned story! In Maths they have been working hard on subtraction using take away, drawing, the part-whole model and number lines! In DT we have been making frames after being designers and deciding on colours and decorations. Well done for a busy week Hornbeam class.</p>
<b>Beech</b>	<p>Year 2 have been busy this week planning and writing a letter to Father Christmas. The children learnt about the features of a letter before writing their own and including some interesting vocabulary they magpied from other texts. When we have completed our letters, we will post them to the North Pole in time for Christmas. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting using real objects and number lines as well as using our knowledge of number bonds to help us. Beech class have been practicing for the nativity and Mrs Morris and Mrs Hammond have been impressed with all the children who have learnt their lines already. As part of our topic work, we have enjoyed finding out about an important aviator called Amy Johnson. In PSHE, we have continued to reflect on the school value of 'kindness' and created a classroom display about what to do if someone feels left out.</p>
<b>Ash</b>	<p>This week, we have been developing our design skills to build a fully functioning shaduf. Did you know shadufs are still used to collect water in many areas of the world today? After exploring traditional Egyptian irrigation methods, our challenge was to design and construct a working 'shaduf' to lift water out of the river Nile. After discussing the different parts of a shaduf, we worked on creating a prototype using straws. However, we soon realised this wasn't strong enough, so after more discussion and evaluation we decided to make one with wood. We have designed, planned, measured, sawed, used a hot glue gun and woven to build our shadufs and we really enjoyed testing how much water we could collect with our finished pieces. We are really pleased with all of our hard work. See some photos of our designs on our class page on the website.</p>
<b>Rowan</b>	<p>Rowan have had a very busy week, getting stuck into some design and technology projects. We have been building lighthouses, incorporating both design and technology and science as we think about how to make our lighthouses light up. We have also been busy designing and starting to make frames for a different</p>

	<p>project, using skills like measuring and sawing. In English, we have been using expanded noun phrases in our writing. Here is part of Emily's writing:  <i>As the ship broke through the eerie darkness a blood curdling scream broke the silence of the night and filled the air with dread. The ship drew closer to the chalky, white cliff. The ghostly, white moon watched over the commotion. As shadows cast over him he still watched with bated breath. Loose rocks fell down into the crashing water. There was no light to guide the ship to safety. The lighthouse had gone out.</i></p>
<b>Maple</b>	<p>What a hectic week in Year 5! We've been exploring D&amp;T across the school this week with a focus on frames. In Year 5 we've decided to build boxes using wooden frames attached together and reinforced with cardboard before adding a functioning lid that includes a hinge. We're quite proud of our 'simple but strong' hinge design so keep an eye out when we finish our projects next week. We've spent a lot of time finalising our non-chronological reports we've been writing about our invented Lost Things so keep an eye on the website for this over the next week. In fact, if you hop onto the Maple page of the school website right now you'll be able to see a few photos from this year, some Kennings we wrote back in October and even a video of the whole class playing and singing 'Mary had a Little Lamb' on our ukuleles! We're hoping to get more and more on the website as the year goes on (especially videos of our ukulele progress!) so keep an eye!</p>
<b>Willow</b>	<p>This week we have enjoyed writing our Greek myth scripts, we will complete these next week so that we can begin filming our movies. In Maths we have continued multiplying 4-digit numbers by 2-digit numbers and have also applied our measuring skills to our frame making in DT. Our frames will hold our cams toy, based on our myths that we are writing. We hope, once we've tested them, to share these with our Oak buddies. In PE, we practised accurate, long passing in football and moved on to our first small-sided game - please make sure football boots and shin pads are in school each week. We have a supply of both boots and shin pads for pupils, if they need to borrow some. The Greek museum will be open for parents to visit from 2.30pm on the 12<sup>th</sup> December.</p>

Children in Year 3 class enjoyed making shadufs in their DT lesson.



## Important dates

Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	FOWPS & The Cherry Tree Inn Wreath Making workshop and dinner.
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOWPS Christmas Fair <a href="http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3">http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3</a>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	FOWPS Online Christmas Raffle: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/yc2xseft">https://tinyurl.com/yc2xseft</a>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity dress rehearsal
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Greek Museum in the hall @ 2:30pm – Parents welcome
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	SEND Coffee morning – time tbc
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception & KS1 Nativity performance – 14:00
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y6 After School Cake Sale
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Bag2School Fundraising Textiles Collection
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nominate a Charity £1,000 donation deadline. To enter: <a href="https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity">https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity</a> please use charity number: 1038615
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Young Voices (Yr5 & Yr6)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	Year 5 Bikeability
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	FOWPS Coffee Shop @ The Old School House
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	Children's Mental Health week

## FOWPS

We have had a fantastic response from volunteers for the Christmas Fair, just 3 key slots to fill now. If you can lend a hand for an hour or so next Friday please sign up here: [www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3](http://www.volunteersignup.org/F4AR3) In particular we need help on Santa's Grotto from 5-6pm and help with hot food 4.30-6pm. We can arrange for you to split shifts with a friend if that helps? Thank You.

Remember to buy your Christmas Raffle tickets before 6pm next Friday: <https://tinyurl.com/yc2xseft>

Thank you for all of our wonderful bakers, volunteers and everyone that came and bought cake or uniform last weekend. We raised a record breaking £377! Save the date, as we will be back on Saturday 27 January.

# Christmas Raffle

Online prize draw: 1st December

Lots of fantastic prizes.

Vouchers, hampers and more!

Tickets  
**£1.50**  
each

**£150**  
cash  
prize!



Thank you to our wonderful sponsors!



TICKETS



HERE!

<https://tinyurl.com/yc2xseft>

Adults  
£1 Entry  
children  
go free

Friday 1st December  
Woodcote Primary School  
5-7pm



# Christmas Fair



Join us for an evening of festive **games** and **fun**.

Marvel at the amazing **Dali Ballooni**

Visit the **Donkeys**, **Santa** and warm up with a **hot dog** and **mulled wine**.

A **£5 game card** includes unlimited play on **6 games** and a **prize**.

Additional activities may incur a small fee.

Sign me up!



We need your help for one hour on the day. Sign up at [volunteersignup.org/F4AR3](https://volunteersignup.org/F4AR3)

All proceeds going to Friends of Woodcote Primary School



## **OTHER NEWS**

**Raring2go – Winter edition** covering events and things to do for families for December, January and February. Please click on the link below.

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