

Five Ways Primary School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

Spring Term Begins,
Monday 6th January
2025

Half Term
Monday 17th February
-Friday 21st
February 2025

Easter Break
Monday 14th April
Friday 25th April
2025

May Day
Monday 5th May
2025

Half Term
Monday 26th May -
Friday 30th May
2025

Last day of Summer
Term
Friday 18th July 2025

Nursery News

Starting School

The Nursery children have had a very busy first term at school getting to know each other and making new friends.

We have enjoyed becoming Maths Detectives, using our noticing skills and looking for signs of Autumn. We have collected autumn treasures, talked about how the leaves change at this time of year and explored pumpkins.



Nursery News

National Nursery Rhyme Week

During National Nursery Rhyme week, we had lots of fun singing a different focussed rhyme each day, along with all of our Nursery favourites. The children created some fantastic boats out of recycled materials with their grown ups at home for the rhyme 'the big ships sails on the ally ally oh'. We had a great time at the end of the week icing cakes with sprinkles on top whilst singing Five Current Buns in a Bakers shop!



Nursery News

Children In Need

Nursery supported Children in Need by wearing something spotty. We listened to stories about how Pudsey helps children. We practised our scissor skills by cutting out our very own Pudsey masks.



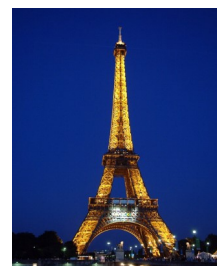
Snow Fun!

Weather took a wintery turn in November! The children enjoyed playing out in the sun and talking about the changes in the weather and what they can notice around them.



International Day

During International Day, all of Nursery boarded our Five Ways Airlines flight 306 to Paris. The children had their boarding passes ready and sat beautifully whilst listening to the inflight safety measures delivered by the cabin crew. After arriving safely, the children were taken to a Paris cafe where they enjoyed a traditional breakfast. They enjoyed croissants, chocolate crepes, French bread, cheese and red wine (juice) all while taking in the sites and famous landmarks of Paris.



Nursery News

International Day continued....



Christmas Excitement!

On Thursday 12th December, Nursery enjoyed our very first school trip! We travelled to Amerton Farm to visit Santa, the elves and the reindeer. We had a magical time telling Santa all of our Christmas wishes.

Reception News

Italy

We have learned about the country Italy. We have learned how to say certain phrases in Italian, listened to Italian music, identified famous and important buildings and became pizza chefs using a variety of ingredients (We loved this!).



Remembrance Day

Together we looked at Remembrance Day in Reception. We each made our own poppy to take home and even had a go at designing our own medals. At 11 o'clock, we all participated in a one-minute silence to show our respect.



Reception News

Diwali

We have learned what the festival 'Diwali' means. We have explored what religion celebrates this festival and why they celebrate it. We made Barfi sweets, Diva lamps and rangoli patterns.



Children In Need

We learned what this day means for ourselves and others around us by watching and talking about the videos. We spoke about the charity and how we can support it. We learned what the charity means for poorly children and their families.



Year 1 News

During our International Day we learned all about India. We were lucky enough to have Haydn who brought in his very own drum from home. Each class enjoyed hearing Haydn play his drum and we all agreed he was fantastic! Haydn also very kindly brought in traditional Indian sweets for us all to try. Thank you to Haydn and his family!



Year 1 News



We celebrated Children In Need by wearing something spotty. We raised lots of money for this fantastic cause.

Here are Teddy and Chloe from Miss Wilson's class.



Year 2 News

On Wednesday 18th September:



Year 2 joined the whole school in celebrating National Fitness Day! Within our classes, we discussed what 'fitness' means and what our 'health' means to us. We discussed this year's NFD motto which is 'your health is your life' and we gave examples of how we stay fit and healthy. Throughout the day, we had regular movement brain breaks which included dancing and 'stomping' like dinosaurs!

We all completed laps of the playground towards our Daily Mile challenge! We explored the trim trail and pirate ship too. We had lots of fun both indoors and outdoors.

Throughout the week, we found out about some famous sports stars and some incredible children who are aspiring to be sports stars. We shared stories with a 'sports' theme, including Jabari Jumps, Salt in his Shoes, Giraffes Can't Dance and Dogs Don't do ballet.

Miss Cattell's class: Lenny and Emilia designed a poster using the National Fitness Day toolkit showing what their health and fitness means to them.



Year 2 News**Wednesday 2nd October:**

Some visitors from Gentleshaw Wildlife Centre came to help us to enrich our science studies. We found out what makes an owl a living thing and we learned lots of interesting facts about owls. Did you know that when Tawny owls chat, one says, 'Twit' and another says, 'Twoo'?



Miss Wright's class: Amberleen, holding a Tawny owl.



Jayden, holding a Barn owl.

Year 2 News**6th November 2024:**

To complement our PE curriculum, we had a 'Dance' workshop day. A dance tutor from Primary Workshops came to teach us some dance techniques from different cultures. We chose an African dance, as we have been learning about ancient Benin in Africa, and a Japanese dance as we will be learning about Japan during our geography lessons. We had great fun in our workshops and lots of exercise too!

Here are some photographs of super dancers in Mrs Robinson's class:



Dylan and Harry



Scarlett



Hatty

Year 3 News

Here is an example of a beautiful Autumn poem written in the style of the poem 'Morning' by Grace Nicholls

Autumn comes with pumpkins rolling

Autumn comes with leaves jumping

Autumn comes with marshmallows roasting

Autumn comes with toddlers laughing

Autumn comes with bonfire folding

Autumn comes with halloween dressing

Autumn comes with scarves wrapping.



Ivie Flint wrote a poem all about our fundraising for our chosen charity. I am sure you will agree that her message expresses the enthusiasm the children have shown for this activity.

The Lions of Mrs Darby's class

In Mrs Darby's lions den,
We work together, every friend!
We gather pounds and pennies too,
For animal and nature true.

With hearts so big we do our part,
Each lion's brave with a caring heart.
Helping wildlife near and far,
That's who we lions truly are.

Year 3 News

Here is a beautiful piece of writing produced by Erin Bingham retelling the short animation of 'Poppies'.



Over the hills in an open field, there was an attractive, beige, bunny. It was a lovely day with a reflecting, bright sun reflecting on the grass. Golden trees surrounded all of it. The bunny, who was jumping, spotted a clear, small butterfly trying to collect pollen from the beautiful, swaying flowers. He was chasing the butterfly for ages as the light blue clear sky got brighter and brighter. Eventually the bunny turns solitary for about ten minutes. Then he met a calm, carefree, slimy, sticky snail on a wooden log. The attractive, beige bunny was very curious. Momentarily they stopped and saw flying geese. There was something about to happen. But what?

The rabbit was familiar with this and knew that something was about to happen that wasn't good. The rabbit was about to run, but then she thought about the snail. She grabbed the snail but it was too late. Explosions of gunpowder started and soldiers were putting down coils of sharp barbed wire. The rabbit and snail were terrified and worried about their families. Luckily they found a soldier's helmet to hide under. They intermittently looked out, after about an hour they saw a bird who came to join them. After about five hours it all went quiet, but they still heard a bit of a boom. Then ten minutes later they got out and it was safe.

A single, thin beam of light shone down from the grey, gloomy sky. A solitary, blood red poppy grew. Momentarily everything went quiet, just then the sky turned blue. Then, green grass came back. The radiant, bright yellow sunshine came back. The rabbit and the snail were happy, but had a question. Why did only one poppy grow? Straight after thousands and thousands of poppies grew, life was free and peaceful once again. The bunny found the paper white butterfly and was chasing it again. Here comes it's family. What a lucky bunny I am. I hope that doesn't happen again. But will it?

Year 4 News

This term, the children in Year 4 have enjoyed both of their enrichment days.

On Friday 22nd November, the children in Year 4 spent the day in mixed classes learning about Greece, which linked to their current topic in geography.



During the day, the children tasted new foods that originated from Greece (such as feta, halloumi, olives, hummus, tzatziki and pitta bread). Lots of children discovered that they liked tzatziki but many children pulled some funny faces at the taste of an olive!

In addition to food tasting, the children learned about Greek mosaics and used the mosaic technique to recreate a picture of the flag of Greece. These can be seen in the image below.



Year 4 News

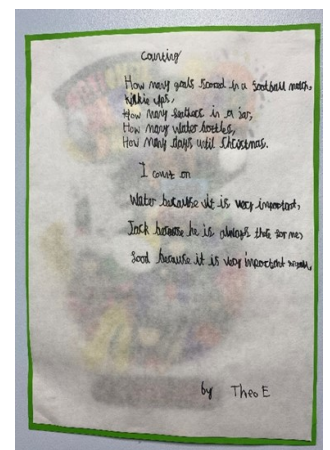
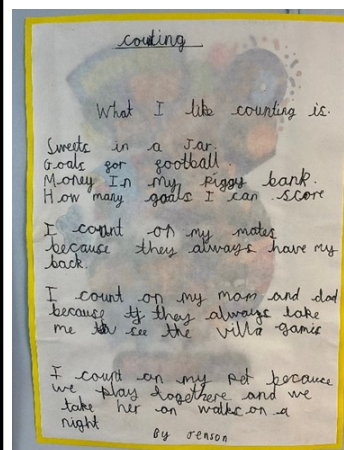
A week later, on Friday 29th November, the children in Year 4 spent their day learning about the history of Five Ways in celebration of Five Ways' 70th birthday. We spent the day looking at old pictures of the school and comparing what the school used to be like compared to what it is like now. Also, we had a visit from Mrs Whitehouse who used to attend Five Ways when she was a child. She told the children fascinating stories about what the school was like when she was a child. The children loved listening to the stories about Jenny the Donkey and the old Headmaster, Mr Hancock.



Year 5 News

Creative Counting:

On Thursday 3rd October, Year 5 marked National Poetry Day by reading and writing poetry based on this year's theme of 'Counting'. Here are Theo's and Jenson's from Mrs Lindsay's class.



Year 5 News

Explosive Geography

This term Year 5 have been learning about Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We even had some volcanoes made at home and brought in to actually erupt!



Brilliant Barclay Roadshow

On Monday 11th November, Barclays Bank came into school to deliver workshops to Year 5. The children took part in a budgeting session and had a chance to visit the 'Barclays van'. The children designed their own Barclays van and the winners were Stephen and Cece.



Barclays Schools Roadshow



Year 5 News

Marvellous Mexico

Year 5 have enjoyed learning about Mexico for International Day and Mrs Lindsay's class also completed some research and artwork for their homework. Here are Esme W and Esme H's superb efforts.



<p>FUN FACTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The capital of Mexico is Mexico City ▶ Mexico's national animal is the golden eagle ▶ Population is 125,950,205 ▶ The official language spoken in Mexico is Spanish, although there are 68 recognised languages ▶ Children in Mexico do not get presents on Christmas day; they celebrate the arrival of the 3 wise men and get gifts on the 6th of January instead ▶ Mexico has the second largest coral reef in the world ▶ The Dahlia is Mexico's national flower 	<p>DAY OF THE DEAD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Day of the Dead is a big celebration in Mexico. ▶ The celebration is held on the 1st and 2nd of November ▶ It is a happy and joyful celebration that helps families remember loved ones who have died ▶ Families set up a candle altar in their homes and offer some favourite foods of the deceased ▶ They eat feasts, sing songs and party in the graveyard, while they clean tombstones ▶ Everywhere is decorated with life size paper-mache skeletons and mini plastic and clay skeletons
<p>MEXICO</p> <p>CHICHEN ITZA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Chichen Itza is one of the new 7 wonders of the world, it is a large city built by the Mayans around 600 to 750 A.D ▶ El Castillo, the Temple of Kukulcan, is the biggest building on the site. It is 96 feet tall and 160 feet wide ▶ Chichen Itza is known for the unusual sounds that can be heard there. You can clap in different places and hear different sounds such as The Serpent's Chirp ▶ The term Chichen Itza means "the mouth at the well of Itza". It is believed that Itza means water magicians ▶ There are exactly 365 steps on the Temple of Kukulcan, one for each day of the year! based on the Mayans solar calendar. 	<p>MEXICAN FOOD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The national dish of Mexico is Mole Poblano, which is a thick, red or brown sauce made with chile, fruit, nuts, seeds and Mexican chocolate. ▶ Chocolate was discovered around 4000 years ago in Mexico ▶ Chili peppers are used in many Mexican dishes ▶ It is common in Mexican culture to have churros for breakfast, the first meal of the day is always sweet! ▶ Mexican food is healthy, it has the perfect mix of food groups and good nutrients ▶ Popcorn was first found in Mexico 9000 years ago, it is one of the oldest forms of corn.

On Friday 15th November, Year 5 completed activities to mark Children in Need. Mrs Gosling's class even created a Pudsey bear picture made from leaves.



Year 5 News

At the end of last half term, you may remember that a group of Year 5 pupils designed and decorated pumpkins for a competition at our local Tesco store. Pupils gave up some time during their lunchtime for two weeks, to create some fantastic pumpkin designs. During half term, pumpkins from local schools were on show at Tesco, for customers to vote for.

We are proud to announce that our Five Ways pumpkins came first, gaining 880 votes! Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote for us. Well done to the Year 5 pupils for their amazing artwork.

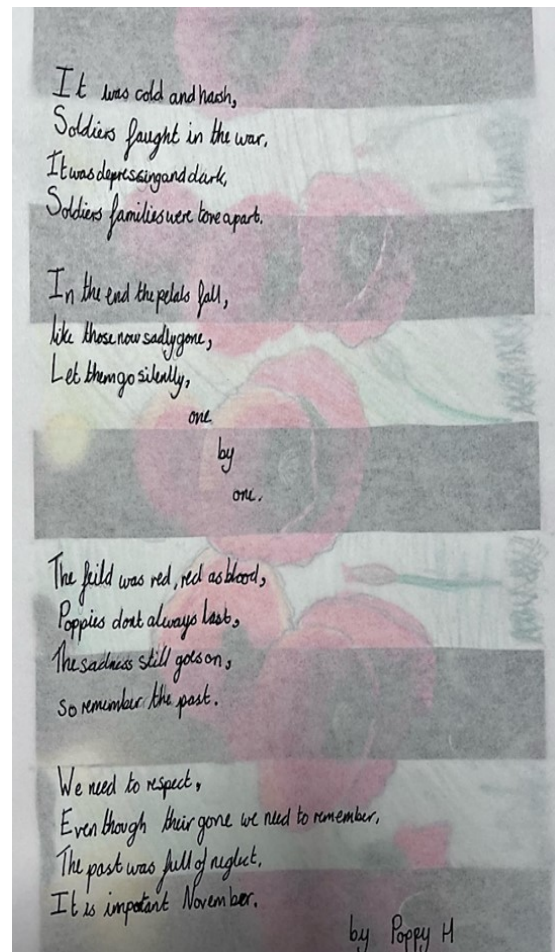
We have been awarded a wonderful trophy for our Year 5 pupils to keep, which is proudly on show outside Mrs Fuller's office in the KS2 corridor.



Year 6 News



This year, Year 6 have chosen to support the Royal British Legion. We have spent time learning about the story of remembrance and the importance of the charity. Not only have Year 6 sold poppy merchandise to raise money for the RBL, but we have also created poems with accompanying artwork. Here are a few examples of the fantastic work produced.



Year 6 News

They salute the sun row by row,
haunting those down below,
reminding us of the sailors dead,
swirling around petals red.

After the War poppies bloom,
symbolising homes under the moon,
soldiers stand hand by hand,
marching through the battle land.

The family at home where shattered,
You weren't there at Christmas but you mattered
Their bones and helmets all so broken,
after the war your story is still spoken.

Poppies are as...

Red as the soldier's blood,
Bright as the blazing sun,
Important as the lives lost,
significant as the surviving soldiers,
special as the morning sunrise,
Proud as a majestic peacock,
symbolic as a beautiful, white dove,
Respectful as loyal companions.

By Niamh Sketchley

Year 6 have celebrated Brazil for our International Day this year. The children had the opportunity to taste juice from fruit grown in the rainforest, research Brazil facts, learn Portuguese and create rainforest inspired art. Here are some pictures from our juice tasting sessions, where children were encouraged to predict the flavour based on sight, texture, smell and taste.



The following children have achieved 100% attendance during the Autumn Term. Congratulations!

Reception

Harry A, Isabella A, Beau A, Max B, Bonnie B, Scarlet B, Reuben C, Jacob G, Darcey G, Ella H, Layla H, Lucas H, Sophia H, Sienna-Rose L, Isla M, Carter M, Joseph A, Jack P, Finlay S.

Year 1

Edie C, William C, Alexander D, Isabella F, Frankie H, Maddison H, Jessie-Anne J, Eliza L, Frankie-Lei M, Levi N, Isla V.

Year 2

Leo A, George A, Harper A, Zayn A, Peyton B, Geogie B, Tommy D, Oliver D, Rory A, Amber H, Leah H, Ivy H, Olivia H, Emilia J, Eleanor L, Georgia M, Amelia-Rose M, Lily S, Deepinder S.

Year 3

Mila-Rae A, Phoebe A, Lila B, Theo B, Ellie B, Max B, Oliver B, Sienna C, Megan C, Poppy C, Isla F, Aaizah H, Joseph K, Quinn L, Eva M, Lloyd M, Catherine N, Jake O, Elliott P, Oskar S, Mia S, Jack S.

Year 4

Thea B, Bradley C, Annabelle G, Layla I, Scarlett L, Mollie L, George N, Kaylee N, Freddie S, Lila S, Alexandrina T, Amelia V, Sophia W, Thomas W.

Year 5

Joshua C, Scarlett C, Daniel C, Elliot D, Ava D, Eadie F, Stephen G, Joel L, Dexter L, Oliver L, Harrison M, William M, Milli N, Ila-Rae O, Willow P, Jessica P, Tobias P, Ceire S, J Smith, Lilly S.

Year 6

Darcie B, Bradley B, Georgia B, Harrison D, Mia-Lilly D, Esmae E, Eva G, Chloe G, Oscar H, Grace H, Ethan H, Akiyah A, Charlie K, Joshua L, Ben L, Avery M, Maisie P, Evie P, Amber R, Louis S, Holly S, Charlie S, Harry S.

Mrs Mander would like to say...

Thank you to everyone for all their hard work this term. By working together we have achieved a lot.

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Five Ways, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

