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Dear Parents and Carers,

Lots has been happening at school since our last newsletter.

We had a special assembly to mark Armistice Day, during which the whole school community met to keep the two minutes' silence.

Thank you to all children and parents who brought in their spare change last Friday for Children in Need. We had a lot of fun putting our coins on Pudsey Bear in the playground, and raised £260, well done to everyone.

Library News

We would like to thank Friends of Western Road School for their very generous donation towards books for the library and to help with the refurbishment. They have kindly donated £3000 for books and £950 for refurbishment. We have also bought into the Library Loan Service and their staff have been auditing and cataloguing current resources.

If you have an hour to spare on a regular basis and would like to help with the library, please could you contact Mrs Hurlock by email zoehurlock@westernroad.e-sussex.sch.uk . Thank you.



Safe-Guarding Children at Western Road Community Primary School:

At Western Road Community Primary, all staff take safeguarding children very seriously. All staff have been trained in Safeguarding and Child Protection. If you have any concerns about a child's well-being, please contact the Designated Teachers for Child Protection: **Ms Masters and Mr Montebello.**

News from Silver Birch

Last week we had a visit from the fire brigade. The children really enjoyed learning about the fire engine. Once back in class we painted pictures of the fire engine.



News from Elm Class

In Elm Class, we have been learning about position, direction and movement in maths and describing where things are. We gave instructions to our partners for where to position themselves, for example: underneath the bench and on top of the fence.



News from Cherry Class

Year 2 Cherry Class has had a busy two weeks. Mr. Alison from Burleys (who manage Grange Gardens) came into school with blubs and bedding plants and showed us how to plant them in the raised bed outside our classroom. He also talked to us about designing flower beds and we had a go at designing our own. He may select one of our designs for a bed in the Grange next Spring. We are hoping to go to the Grange to plant bulbs there, as soon as the weather allows! We also had a lovely trip to Anne of Cleves House last week. Anne of Cleves house existed at the time of The Great Fire of London and we learned a lot about the materials the houses were built from why they caught fire so easily.



News from Larch Class

On Tuesday morning, we welcomed Grant Williams, a professional flint-knapper and archaeologist. He demonstrated the ancient art of making flint weapons and tools for survival and showed us how they would have been used in the daily lives of our prehistoric predecessors. We handled the artefacts and made detailed sketches of them. He taught us that our landscape, particularly in Sussex, is littered with prehistoric stone artefacts, each stone telling a story. These are often revealed in ploughed fields or even freshly dug rabbit burrows. So next time you're walking in the countryside, watch where you tread!



News from Willow Class

Year Four have been working hard to learn about the Romans and have created fantastic shields. They also practised marching in the style of a Roman army!



News from Elder Class

Over the last week, Year 5 have honed their letter writing skills and composed a letter to Ernest Shackleton (explorer of the South Pole). Here is an example from Elsa.

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Dear Ernest Shackleton

I am writing to you in response for your brilliant advertisement. I would love to become a member of your crew and I am certain to not disapoint.

I am brave and love adventures. I am an expert with animals and I'm fine with the cold as I have explored the south pole many times before with my huge, friendly husky. If you hire me I will help with experemnts and discover new things. I will cook the food as I have practiced long hours at home.

I am a great fan of wildlife and outdoors so this would be a great oportunity for me to show my skills of knowledge. I am also very experienced as I have even practiced sleeping in a cold room!

You should definately hire me as I am always full energy and I will not give up.

Yours sincerely,
Elsa Rodger (Explorer)

We have written extended metaphors, using our learning journey of World War II as our inspiration. Here is an example from Flo:

The Devourer

The prowling howl of the whipping winds, the moon of the steady soaring beat,

The jagged, dripping, flesh ripping demon arises from the extended chaos of rest.

As a result the shimmering, shadowing perplexity of fear seeps up his nostrils,

And the black sunrise spells richness in the pool of blood.

Now tongue-tied larks were over-layered with the desolance of doom,

A pearl of saliva seeks the well-illuminated luminescence.

His cunning cackles echo in the wind as silent as a wolf's howl,

Through the moon's shadow he grips the reek of prey.

Spiralling speed gains throughout his silky search and zooms through his senses as he demolishes the dreams and simplicity of infancy,

Devouring their knowledge that even though the wave of darkness has swept all jubilation away,

If they opened their eyes they would blink in the dimness of the tilly lamp.

Therefore the drowsiness flushes all hope down the drain and their deeper considered blink of everlasting dismalness cuts into his heart like a knife,

Desperate, their shrieks glass over.

Glowing with glory, glistening with gore, the CRUNCH from remains will last forever,

The silent screams induce no remorse as he breathes.

Emerging into the shadows under the blanket of darkness,

Baring cracked gums gleefully as he once more dwells into sleep.

Celebration Assembly

The following children were congratulated in Celebration Assembly for their contributions to class. They received a special certificate and cup! Congratulations to all!



Reception – Sander and Liam, Year One – Delilah and Rupert



Year Two – George and Sam, Year Three – Lucia and Hattie



Year Four – Madeleine and Ewan, Year Five – Sam and Tommy



Year Six – Josselyn and Jack

Reminder from Friends Of Western Road

Reminder for your diaries! Don't forget to join us (and Santa!) in the hall for the Christmas Fair from 3.30pm to 5pm on Monday 14 December, where there will be stalls, tasty snacks and drinks and lots of festive fun for everyone.

Message from Artists and Makers

Artists & Makers Fair – Saturday 5th November 10am-5pm Lewes Town Hall:

As you know the art fair raises a substantial amount of money. In past years the money raised by Artists & Makers has been used to fund creative activities that are over and above the national curriculum such as Art Week which involves workshops run by comic strip artists, printers, ceramicists and book makers plus trips to various art galleries and museums.

Children's Art Display - Please remember that we are trying to gather 100 snowflake pieces of art work from the children in our school to decorate the Fair's Café and commemorate the 100 Years of Western Road School. The work can be a drawing, painting, collage, or a piece of illustrated writing – as long as it is only two-dimensional, as we have limited space to display them. Please could you wait to bring it into school until the week leading up to the Fair (**from Monday 30th November**) and pop it in the box outside the school office: please write your name, age and class on the back together with any title. It would also be helpful if you could mount your work on black backing paper or card. All work will be returned to you after the fair. Please do help us make this a year to celebrate and see if we can achieve this 100 Snowflake challenge!

Volunteers and Help Needed - If you can help with **delivering flyers** to your street, please contact one of the team (contact information listed below). This assistance will be needed w/c 23 November. We are also about to put up the sign-up sheets for on-the-day volunteers to serve in the **café**, help out on the **Children's art activity** and **hand out flyers** in the Farmers Market on the day. If you are able to help but don't think you will be about at School to sign up in person, please just email or contact one of the team listed below and we will note it down on the sheet for you. There will be a rota of volunteers, so even the smallest time you can spare will help!

Cake Donations – As you can imagine a large amount of money is raised through the café and all your amazing donations that we receive every year. Please note that even if you are unable to bake a cake, a yummy supermarket cake is just as fabulous to donate too! We will be sending out more information nearer the date on this!

Many thanks

Artists & Makers Team

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