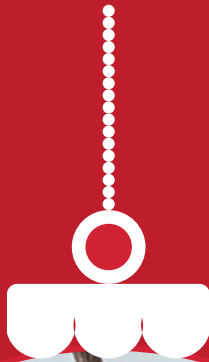


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PRIMARY SCHOOL



DECEMBER 2021

Update from the Headteacher

Dear Parents

We've reached the end of a very full Autumn term. Despite the changing national picture, I am pleased we have been able to go ahead with the various Christmas events, and I know the children loved performing at these, whether in person or virtually.

The children have had an amazing term and the learning opportunities offered to them by my team have been exceptional. Please have a look through the following pages for a quick snapshot of the wonderful learning opportunities our children have had over the last few weeks.

I would just like to take a moment to thank you for the support many of you have shown over the last few weeks with decisions we have had to make as a school linked to Covid in view of the changing picture nationally with the omicron variant – it has meant a lot. In line with the additional guidance linked to laterflow testing, our Risk Assessments and Outbreak Management Plan have both been updated (see today's Weekly Bulletin for links). In addition to this, our Remote Learning Policy has also been updated. Please rest assured I will be in touch with you all should we receive any updates during the holidays.

I really can't believe that we are already at the end of another year. Once more it has been a different one and our children are growing to learn that change is very much part of their lives. They continue to be our

inspiration, keep us grounded and put smiles on our faces - we are very lucky to teach them all!

I hope that all of you and your families have a wonderful Christmas when it comes.

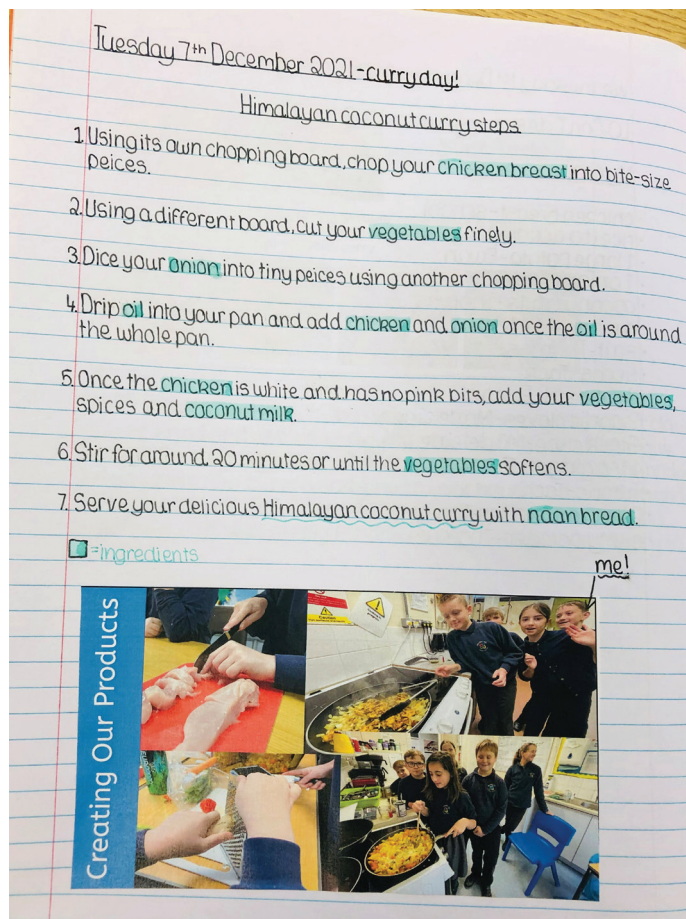
From myself and the rest of the team, we hope you have a restful, family fun-filled holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Festive Wishes
Georgina Flooks
Headteacher



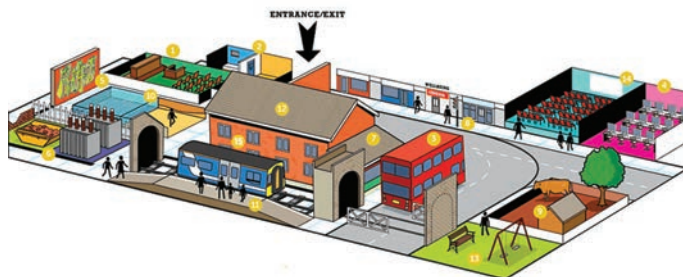
YEAR 6 CURRY COOKING

Year 6 made Tibetan Curries as part of the Design and Technology unit.



YEAR 5 SKILLZONE

Year 5 visited SkillZONE in Gloucester. It is an interactive life skills village, where our children learn how to keep themselves safe whether at home or in the local community. They have also shown a superb understanding of Crime and Punishment unit in history.




YEAR 4 ART

Year 4 Art unit inspired by the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat – the outcomes were superb!

11.10.2021


JEAN-MICHEL

Early life




When he was 7 he was playing on the road when a car crashed into him. He had to stay at home for ages and he got a book from his mum. The book was called Gray's Anatomy and his interest in the human body started. But then he dropped out of school because he wasn't interested in it. Also his parents had a divorce so life. He ran away from home.


More My favourite Bas picture



It's so creative with the sword and person. The eyes are amazing too.



BASQUIAT




Friends with Famous

Basquiat was friends with Andy Warhol! They partied, played and talked.

Fun Facts

- He was born in 1960
- He died in 1988 when he was only 27! WAHH!
- His mum was called Puerto Rican
- His dad was called as Haitian Haitian
- His pretend name was SAMO



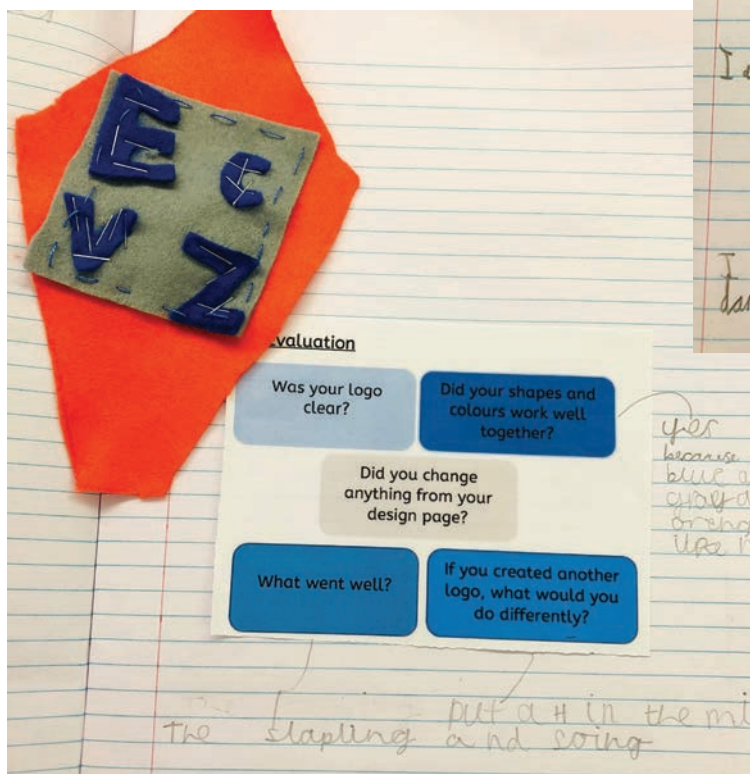
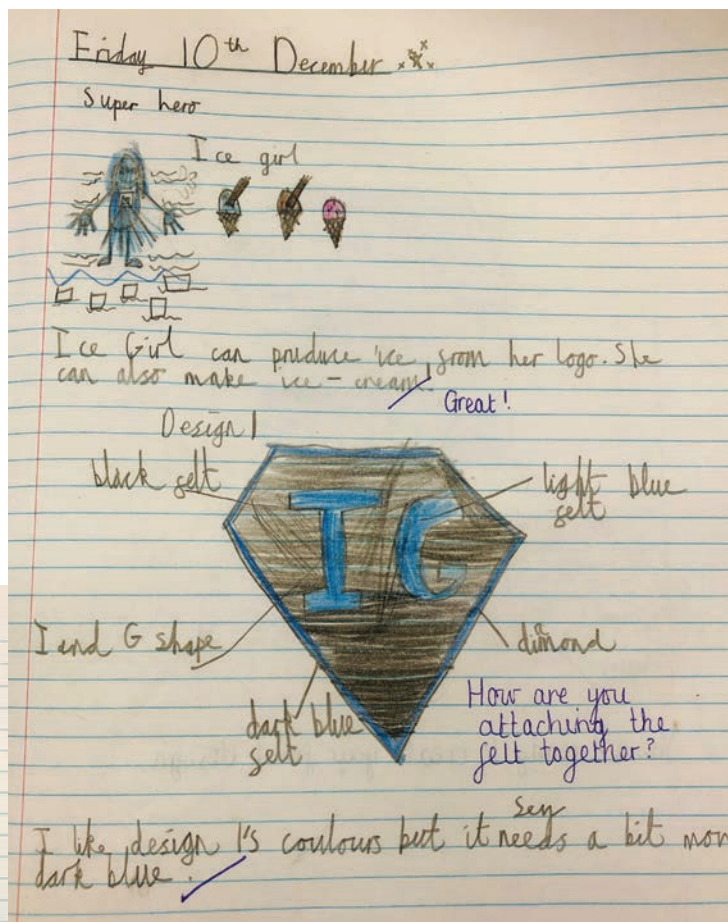
Year 3: Stone Age

Year 3 experienced life as Stone age people as part of their history unit



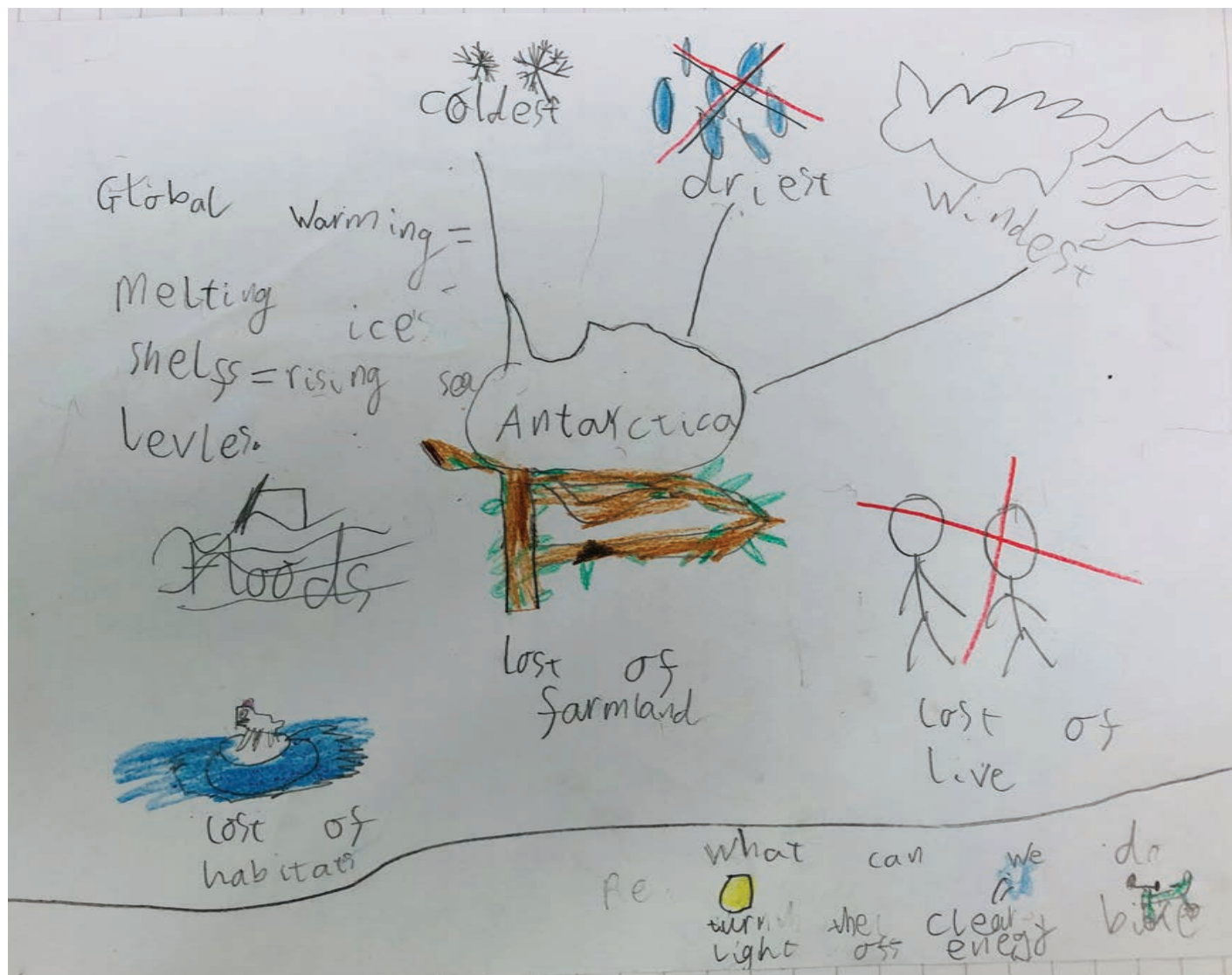
Year 2: Badge Design

Year 2 Designed their own Super Hero badge as part of their Design and Technology unit



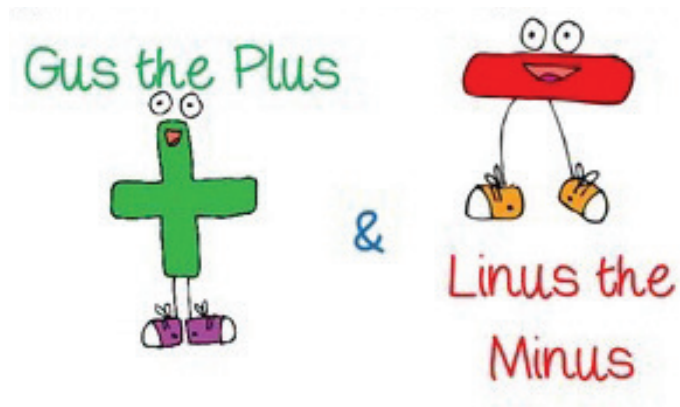
YEAR 1: ANTARCTICA

Year 1 have learnt all about Antarctica in their Geography unit.



RECEPTION

Reception have loved learning about Gus the Plus and Linus the Minus and also how much they learnt about mammals with the recent whole school reindeer visit.



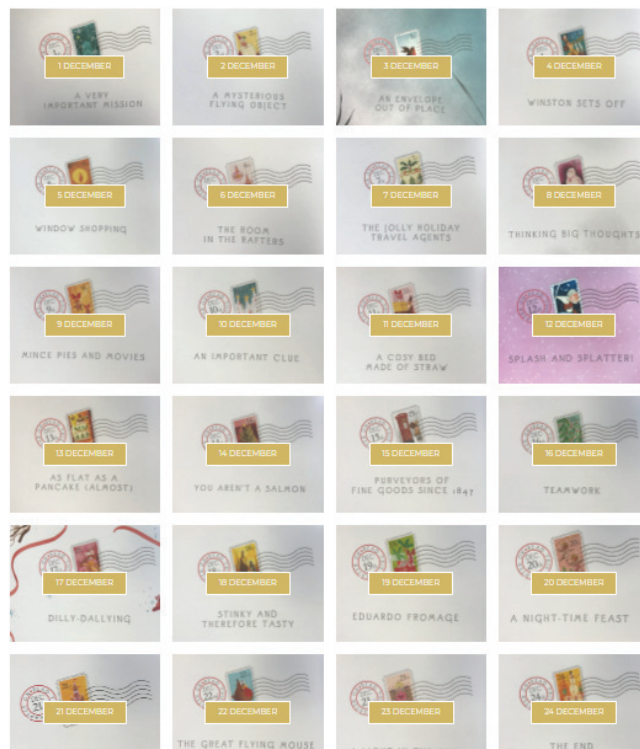
Our Advent Book

I know our children have loved listening to the fabulous story of How Winston Delivered Christmas. The rest of the chapter videos will be on the website so the children can continue the story of Winston right up to the end.

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"How Winston Delivered Christmas is a book written in 24 and a half chapters. You should start reading it on the 1st of December, and then read one chapter a day in the run-up to the 25th. The half chapter at the end is to be read on Christmas day itself!"



Raindeer Visit



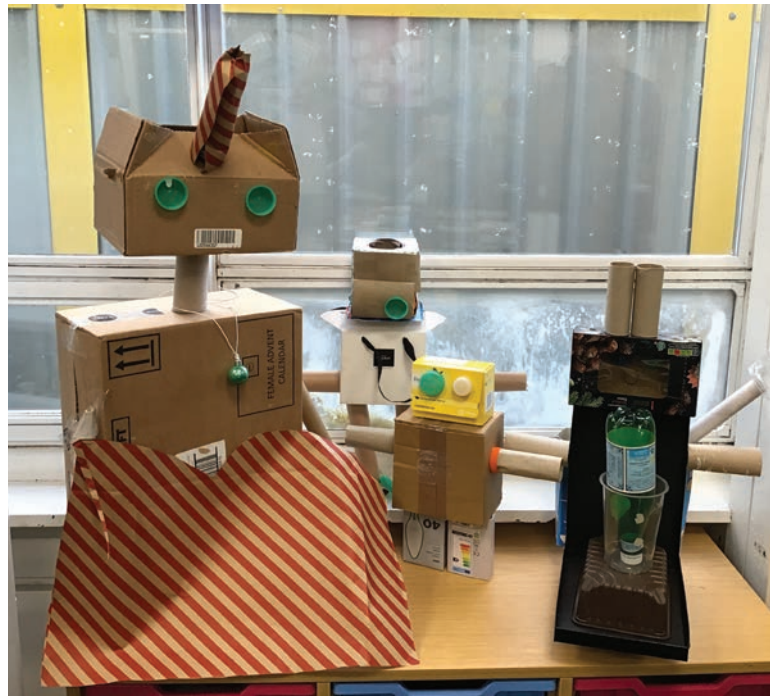
Football

Out of the 6 games played so far this season we currently hold a record of 3 wins and 3 losses. Teamwork on the pitch has been exceptional and we have scored some sensational goals. Our matches included an electrifying 7-1 win over St. Marks despite losing to them in one of our first fixtures. We are currently awaiting to hear the overall results from our league as this will determine the path we take in the next stage. Thank you to all parents for your understanding, support and help with travel!



Model Robots

Year 3 have been busy making model robots from waste materials. Thank you for bringing materials in from home! We took inspiration from the Girl and The Robot. After making our models, we wrote a set of instructions for how to make a junk model robot.



Forest School

It has been great to get back into Forest School with some of the children this term. Both Year 2 classes have had a session up there and I look forward to getting Year 1 and then our new Reception children up there too. It is a real pleasure to watch them direct their own play, test themselves and enjoy each other's company out of the classroom. Alongside climbing trees, our new mud kitchen has been very popular, and the joy of finding a worm or building a den never wears off. Mrs Chavasse

"I used a trowel to saw at the dead tree with my friends." Zachary

"I liked climbing the trees and making a mud cake with Eddie." Zac

"I built a den with Lucy, Farah and Stephen - we used tarpaulins, logs and pegs." Darcy

"I had fun playing in the tepee with Xander." Ethan

"I loved making a mud pie with Jemima, we used a rolling pin to mush the mud." Millie





Science day

On the 2nd December our children joined over 9000 other children across the country to take part in a Science day hosted by Integra Science. Each year group were given a Christmas related enquiry question to answer:

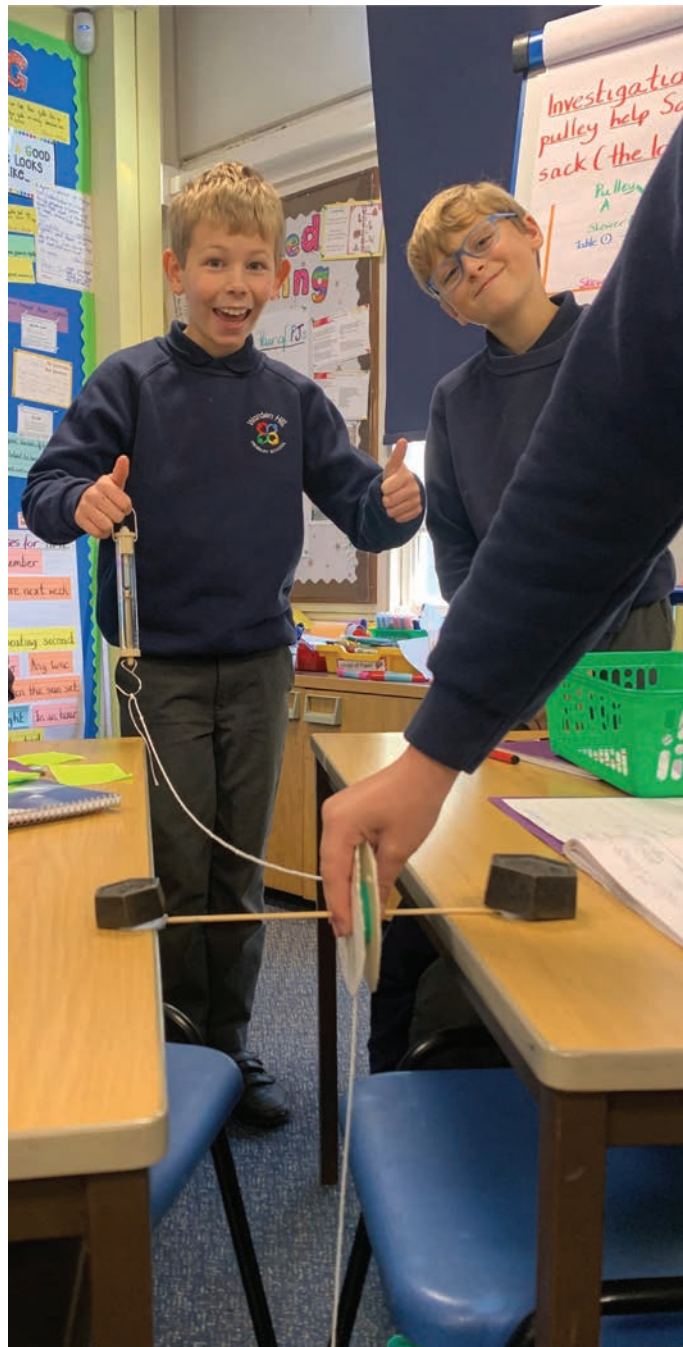
Year 1 and 2 - The reindeer's noses get too cold when they're pulling Santa's sleigh. We need to make them nose warmers. Which material should we use?

Year 3 and 4 - Santa mustn't wake up sleeping children, but his shoes keep making noisy footsteps. How can you help him by muffling the sound?

Year 5 and 6 - Santa's getting old and he's finding it hard to carry presents down chimneys. Would a pulley help him?

First, our children had to think about which type of enquiry they needed to do. Then, they had to work together to plan and carry out their investigations. We were so impressed by our children's ability to apply their knowledge and to work as a team to find the answer to their question to help Santa and his reindeer. At the end of the day we had the opportunity to share our ideas online.

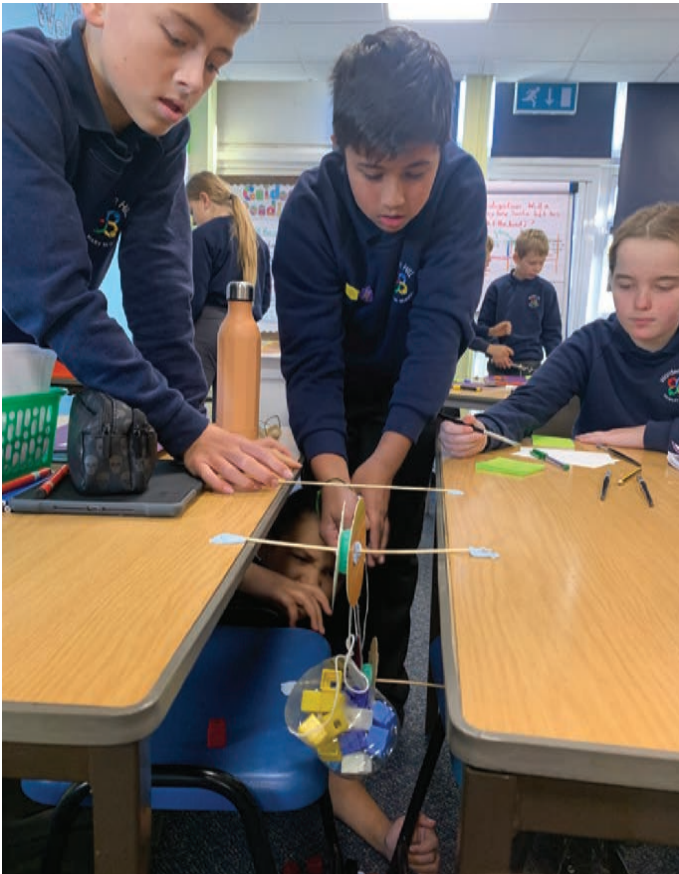
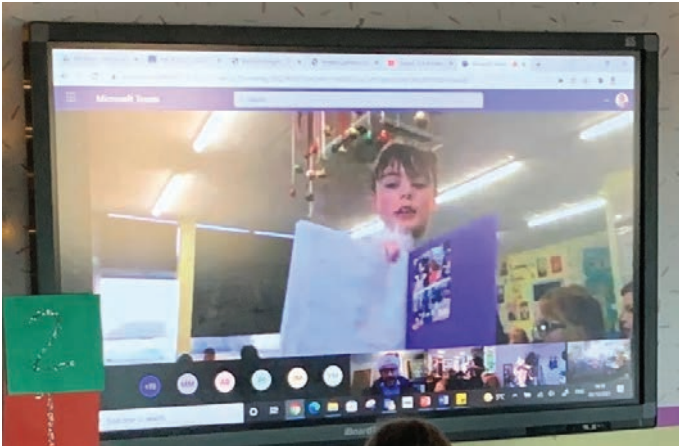
Well done Warden Hill. You are all super scientists!



PTA Christmas fundraiser update

Thank you to everyone who ordered Christmas cards and other goodies through the PTA fundraiser. This year you raised over £1,000 for the school! Thank you for your fantastic support and we hope that you and your families enjoy everything you ordered.

Many thanks, PTA.



Cllr Max Wilkinson and Raechel Kelly – COP26

The COP26 UN climate change conference took place in Glasgow in the first two weeks of November. The event placed the UK at the centre of the global efforts to fight climate change. Years 5 and 6 were visited by Cllr Max Wilkinson, Borough Council cabinet member for climate emergency, and Raechel Kelly, Planet Cheltenham who shared the many initiatives underway in Cheltenham to contribute to this global goal. As global citizens it is important that our children know what is happening and how they can positively contribute to this goal, by making small changes in their own lives.

Pupil Success

Rafa won two silver medals at Royal Wootton Bassett Arts Festival 2021 for his poem recital and Bible reading!

Very pleased with his effort and great start to the Christmas Holidays





Pupil Success

On Saturday, Poppy went to Guildford to The Children's Entrepreneur Business Fair to launch her business 'Poppy's Dolly Duvets'. A few months ago, Poppy signed up to the Children's business fair and after attending various zoom meetings, designing her business name and logo, sewing lots of duvets and pillows for dolls she was ready to sell to the public on Saturday. She had to plan out what her stall was going to look like and make sure that she took everything with her.

She set up her stall along with about 40 other young entrepreneurs and was selling her duvets between 11 and 3. It was a bit scary to start with, talking to the members of the public and encouraging them to buy her duvet sets. After a few nerves at the beginning and worrying that no one would buy her product, she was delighted when people started to buy her sets. She was particularly pleased when people said they were going to give them as Christmas presents!

She also had to speak to judges and was interviewed on camera which she was unsure about but did it! We are so proud of all that Poppy has achieved and how she has challenged herself and stepped right out of her comfort zone at times. I really wanted Poppy to tell Mrs Flooks or Mr Williams about this but she was a bit shy and didn't want a fuss in front of the class but she has worked so hard in the holidays and after school, that I really wanted someone to know!

Thank you
Lisa Jackson



CHILDREN IN NEED

£317 donations collected at school
£438 via Just Giving page
£300.83 How Many Spots in the Jar
TOTAL: £1055.83

Thank you to all for supporting us in reaching this amount.



Odd Socks Day

Our school took part in Odd Socks day as part of the Anti-Bullying Week. It is a fun way to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!





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