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WORLD WAR ONE WEEK

Last week was our first themed week of the year—World War One Week. Planned to tie in with remembrance and the 100 years since the end of the first world war, this week saw some very special, memorable and creative learning at Blackthorns. Some children went out with local historian, Mr Bryant, to discover all about Lindfield's WW1. Other areas covered were the significance of the poppy, animals and the home-front in WW1, as well as life in the trenches. As a school, we really enjoy our themed weeks, but this one was very special and one that we will remember for a long time as the children were so motivated and interested in this topic. On Friday, we welcomed Mr Taylor to Blackthorns to talk about the Lindfield men who lost their lives in the first world war, and the week ended with some of our Year 6 children representing the academy as part of the Lindfield village remembrance celebrations. They laid a poppy wreath and read their own writing out during the service and we were incredibly proud of the writing and the sensitive and mature way they conducted themselves during this occasion. I would like to thank Mrs Jago for leading this week in school and the teachers for their inspirational teaching and passion for the topic. Thank you, as always, to the children for their enthusiasm, and to the many parents who visited on Friday afternoon to see the children's learning.



What's Great?

Class 6D have been working on the text 'Erika's Story' and have been responding in a mature, sensitive and creative way.
Class 3C have been taking part in some drama for their story 'Pebble in my Pocket'.
Class 1S are really enjoying being historical researchers and have been finding out about toys from the past.
Class 2C have been working very hard on their reading, particularly on their comprehension skills, building confidence and reading much more at home.
Class RN have been developing their understanding of number and have enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies.
In their RE work, Class 5T have made a commitment to achieve something in particular in the next 6 weeks.
Mrs Highton is pleased with Class 4H's writing, as they have been really pushing themselves to include a range of vocabulary and sentence structure.
In Class 6J, the children have been asking some great questions during science learning and have been responding well to the text 'Rose Blanche'.

GB ATHLETE VISITS BLACKTHORNS

We are very excited to announce that GB athlete, CJ Ujah, will be visiting Blackthorns on Thursday 22nd November. CJ is a 4x100m world champion (2017), European champion (2016 and 2018) and Diamond League winner. A local resident won a competition and has very generously donated the prize of a school visit and £2000 to spend on sports equipment to Blackthorns. CJ will be taking part in a question and answer session and will be also running some athletics sessions with some classes as part of his visit. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to meet a world champion athlete and to learn from him.

MR J'S BERGEN CHALLENGES

Mr Jordan has asked me to thank the many parents that supported and sponsored him for his recent Bergen challenges. The final challenge took place in Bexhill last weekend and he managed the half marathon with a full 50lb Bergen on his back (despite a double ear infection) in 2 hours and 13 minutes. Thanks to your help and support he has managed to raise over £1200 for SSAFA.



PARKING

Please can I ask again that you drive and park in a safe and responsible way on the roads around the academy. Please **do not** park on both sides of Blackthorns Close as this prevents the emergency services gaining access to the academy. Last year, we had to call the Fire and Rescue Service and they were unable to access the school due to the parking on both sides of Blackthorns Close.

ALBION IN THE COMMUNITY/ SOUTHERN WATER WORKSHOPS

We were pleased to welcome representatives from Albion in the Community to school on Thursday 15th November to deliver a joint AITC and Southern Water workshop with the children in Years 2-5. The day started with an assembly and a special visit from Gully, which the children enjoyed. Following this, there were some practical and enjoyable team games to help the children learn about the importance of drinking water, saving water and keeping drains clear. Thank you to Mr Tugwell for organising this great day.



Class 5T had a wonderful week in Sayers Croft. It was brilliant to see them working together and challenging themselves. Read more about the visit on our website.

KEY DATES

5th-9th Nov: World War 1 Week
22nd Nov—a very special visitor will be at Blackthorns (details to follow!!)
27th Nov—Year 6 to Churchill War Rooms
29th Nov—Year 1 to Brighton Toy Museum/ Year 2 to Multi-skills event
3rd-7th Dec: Year 6 Bikeability

11th Dec: EYFS/ Key Stage 1 nativity

12th Dec: EYFS/ Key Stage 1 nativity

14th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day

18th Dec: Panto day. Years 5 and 6 to 'Sleeping Beauty' in Horsham, EYFS-Year 4 'Peter Pan' in school

19th Dec: Last day of Autumn Term