



'We work as one to be the best that we can be'

Autumn 2
2023

We have had another busy Christmas term, you can see by how many pages we have in this newsletter! We couldn't possibly fit it all in here so please see your child's class page on our website!

Boundary Remembers

On 11th November, each pupil from Boundary Primary School made and planted their poppy in the school Remembrance Garden. On each poppy they had written the name of a soldier who had died in the First World War. Afterwards, the school took part in a service where the pupils remembered these soldiers and others who have sacrificed their lives in past and present conflicts. The service was led by Year 6 and Jenny from the Church Army was also present. During the week, the pupils had further opportunities to reflect as they took part in a whole school art week based around the theme of poppies, using different techniques, such as collage, print and sketching.



This half-term has been full of exciting activities, trips and learning within our PE lessons and our competition timetable! We have taken part in various competitions and festivals at Blackpool Sports Centre, Stanley Park as well as football fixtures against other schools. Towards the start of half-term we visited Blackpool Sports Centre to take a group of keen Year 2 children to practice and develop their netball skills!



We took part in Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics, and came 4th from 8 which helped us qualify for the school finals in January, and our Year 5/6 team finished 5th, narrowly missing out on a qualification spot. Our boys football team visited Bispham Endowed to play in the next round of the plate, and although coming away losing 3-2, the boys showed tremendous spirit and effort, playing very well as a team and were unlucky not to progress.



We finished the year with a trip to Blackpool Sports Centre to take part in the KS2 Boccia competition, which we won last year so we'll be hoping for a repeat this year!

In our PE lessons, we've looked a lot at different skills across the school, and have implemented these in our first ever Elf-Lympics, which is a fun and engaging competition for our internal houses to compete with each other to gain points in Christmas themed games. Overall we've had a fantastic half-term, displaying all our Boundary characteristics in and out of school. Well done to all involved!



Choir Performance

Well done to our choir for performing at the ðthe Grange Christmas Light Switch On. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers supporting the event. The choir have also performed at our annual carol service.



Christmas at Boundary!

It has been another great Christmas at Boundary. We have enjoyed Christmas jumper day, a yummy Christmas dinner, our annual carol service, the Reception Nativity performance, sing-a-long, the Christmas Fair and Christmas parties and many more lovely activities!



Boundary Switch-off Week 2023

During this half-term, we have been busy taking part in the energy saving campaign "Switch Off Fortnight".

The children will take part, with other schools from around the UK, and will aim to make small changes in their lives that save energy and help protect the planet. It is a fun and rewarding campaign led by Boundary Primary School's Eco Warriors and will bring Cop 28 to life for our pupils.

Switching off lights when we are not in the room, turning off interactive screens when not in use and ensuring fewer electrical items are turned off at the plug socket, and not just on standby, are the main issues we are tackling in school now and for the rest of the year.



Forest School

Year 1 and Year 6 had a wonderful time during their Forest School session. They were not put off by the rain and explored the mud kitchen, played some games, hunted for autumn leaves and listened to a story.

Year 1 Church Visit

Year 1 visited St Mark's Church where they met Reverend Matthew and told him everything that they have learnt about Christianity so far. Reverend Matthew then read the nativity story and they all joined in with different parts. He taught them about the key messages in the story and the roles of different characters. They then learnt about the advent wreath and the symbolism of the different candles. Finally, they looked around the church and asked and answered lots of questions about features of the church.



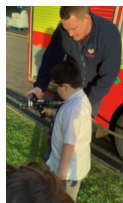
PSCO Visit

Debby Savage, a local PSCO, delivered a 2-hour talk to Year 6 about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The children had the chance to look at imitation drugs to know what they look like so that they know to avoid them as they get older - they were shocked to learn that some drugs can be disguised as sweets! She also told them the dangers of smoking and vaping. We learned that cigarettes are made up of lots of different parts - many of which can be very dangerous, such as ammonia, glycerin and candle wax.



Year 2 Fire Fighters

Year 2 had a very special visit from 3 firefighters from the Blackpool Fire Station near Stanley Park. The 3 firefighters talked to the children all about fire safety and what to do in the event of being in a fire themselves.



They showed us all their different equipment that helps keep them safe when they are working. We learnt so much including: how to test if the fire is close to a closed door, how to stop smoke leaking into the room we are in and taught us to remember 3 very important stages: **Get out, Stay out and call 999.**



Anti-bullying Week 2023

We have been learning about Anti-Bullying this half-term. We launched the week with a whole school assembly where we explored what bullying is, the different types of bullying and how we could reach out and help others. Everyone was invited to wear odd socks to celebrate differences and diversity. Our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors talked about their role in school and explained how they are there to help people if they have a problem or worry. Throughout the week all classes have explored different themes around anti-bullying including celebrating people's differences, exploring different types of bullying, looking at the different roles within groups and stereotyping and prejudice.



Attendance—Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow!

Your child's attendance matters—to you, to them and to us!

Our overall attendance is currently 91.1% - we must aim to be above 96%!

Please remember that if your child is ill or has an appointment, you must provide the school with evidence, otherwise absences will remain unauthorised. Please ensure that your children are in school every day — dropped off and collected on time.



Holidays during term time will not be authorised and if taken, penalty notices will be issued.

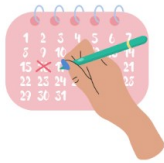
Key Dates

09/01/24—School Opens

09/01/24—Road Safety Week

16/01/24—No Pens Morning

05/02/24—Safer Internet Day



Week Beginning 06/02/22 School's Alive (date to be confirmed)

09/02/24—Mid-Year Reports to go out

09/02/24—School Closes

Children in Need

Thank you for your kind donations - we raised just over £ 154.24



Tower of Support

The next wellbeing drop-in surgery is on the 15th January here at School, the theme is: Young Carers.

Everyone is welcome!



Uniform Reminder

Please remember that all children must be in full school uniform – this includes a tie



We hope you have a lovely, relaxing break and enjoy some family time together.

All of the staff look forward to welcoming the children back in school on

Tuesday 9th January 2024!!

Merry Christmas!