

NEWSLETTER

Attendance
97.4%

[Summer Menu Week 3 beginning 18th Nov 2019](#)

No 10 Thu 14th Nov 2019

Stars of the Week

8th November 2019



Autumn Term 2019



Y6 George Yelverton

Kai Carter

Zara Watson

Y5 Jake Ellis

Esther Lau

Zaiba Ahmed

Y4 Abigail McElroy

Oliver Leonard

Ellie Williams

Y3 Morayo Adegoke

Emmeline Savage

Lily Chhabra

Key Dates

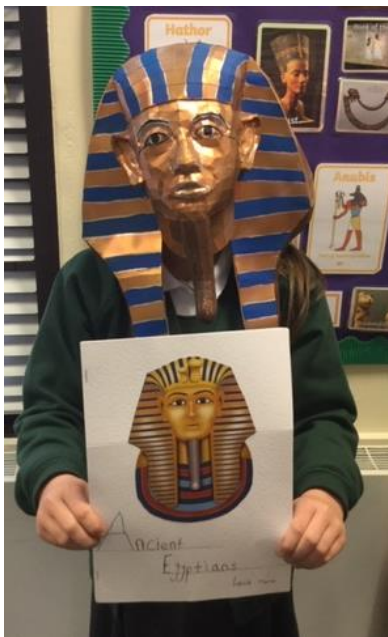
- Fri 15th Nov** Non-uniform day (Children in Need)
- Mon 25th Nov** Last week of clubs
- Tues 26th Nov** Y5 to Boswells to watch production pm
- Weds 27th Nov** PTA 2019 Re-launch 9am + 7pm
- Tues 3rd Dec** Y4 Bikeability
- Thurs 5th Dec** Y6 curriculum presentation 3.30pm
- Mon 9th Dec** Y3 curriculum presentation 3pm
- Wed 11th Dec** Y5 curriculum presentation 2pm
- Wed 11th Dec** Y3 (9.30am) & Y4 (11am) Christmas concerts
- Mon 16th Dec** Y4 curriculum presentation 2.30pm
- Weds 18th Dec** Christmas Dinner + Jumper Day
Carol Singing at the Barn 3:15pm
- Thurs 19th Dec** Last day of term

Non-Pupil Days 2019-2020

3rd Sept 2019 4th Nov 2019 6th Jan 2020

24th Feb 2020 22nd May 2020

Bank Holiday change – 4th May 2020 now 8th May 2020



Lexie M from Year 5 models her home learning about the Ancient Egyptians - see later in the Newsletter for more excellent examples from across the school.

General Election - School to remain open



The Junior School has once more been designated as a polling station for the upcoming General Election. We always do everything we can to remain open on these occasions but as you know, some elections in the past have caused us to close when we cannot make arrangements that guarantee the security of the whole school site, including the Infant School.

In this instance, we are pleased to be able to remain open, due to agreement to our request for a mobile unit to be sited in our car park. This will enable us to retain the secure integrity of the school grounds, while fulfilling our obligations as a polling station, and at no extra cost to the school. It should be noted for future reference that the local electoral services are making this arrangement for this election only, given its unexpected nature and challenging timing, and it may not be repeated on future occasions.

All children are therefore to attend school as normal on Thursday 12th December.

You may be interested to know that Mr McTaggart was invited to speak on BBC Radio Essex on Monday 11th November regarding schools being used as polling stations, the challenges this causes and how we endeavour to overcome them at Barnes Farm. A podcast of the interview is available on the BBC Sounds website:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p07r97ds> from 2 hours, 23 minutes, 15 seconds (recorded *before* the outcome of our request for a mobile unit).

Armistice Day commemoration



Due to the weather, we were not able to hold our planned outdoor joint assembly with the Infant School on Monday, but we gathered together as a school in the hall to observe Armistice Day. We joined in the national 2-minute silence, using the special BBC programme at 11am to share with the children how people around the country recognise this significant annual commemoration. All the pupils took part respectfully and several classes continued their learning about remembrance later in the day.

Year 2-Year 3 admissions for September 2020

Parents of current Year 2 children at all Essex infant schools need to make a formal application to the council in order for them to transfer to another school, including their linked Junior School. The admission process opened on **11 November 2019**, for parents to apply for a Year 3 place for September 2020 via the website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2020**.

Please note that the council do not send letters to parents about making an application. All of the application information is available on the website above.



Children in need - non-uniform day

Friday 15th November is Children in need day and pupils may come in their non-school clothes in return for a donation via ParentPay. There is no particular theme or colour for clothing.

Weekly Cups Won so far this term



Griffin	1
Phoenix	4
Pegasus	2
Dragon	1



Reading Challenge Winners

Week 4	4W - 81%
Week 5	5C - 86%
Week 6	5C - 86%
Week 7	5C - 86%

Class 5C have now won the Reading Challenge for 3 weeks in a row - well done! We want to encourage all pupils in every class to reach that very achievable target of reading at home **at least five times per week** and to have this initialled by parents. This may include reading alone, being read to or reading to an adult.

Anti-Bullying Week

This week has been national anti-bullying week, where schools are encouraged to help equip children with the skills and knowledge needed to respond to any instances of bullying and to develop healthy friendships. The children have been working through a variety of lessons and tasks in class and Miss Stanley presented an assembly on Thursday, reminding the school about our 'STOP' code: Bullying is if someone does something unkind to you **Several Times On Purpose** and if someone does bully you, you must **Start Telling Other People**.



School Games Update 'Bowling Brilliance'

Two mixed boys' and girls' teams from Year 4 attended the Chelmsford School Sport Partnership Bowling competition at The Falcon Bowls Club in Chelmsford. They completed seven different bowling themed activities and collected points as a team.

We are very excited to report that both teams finished in the top 10, which is fantastic - there were 33 teams in the competition. Not only that, but our B team won the competition and received gold medals.

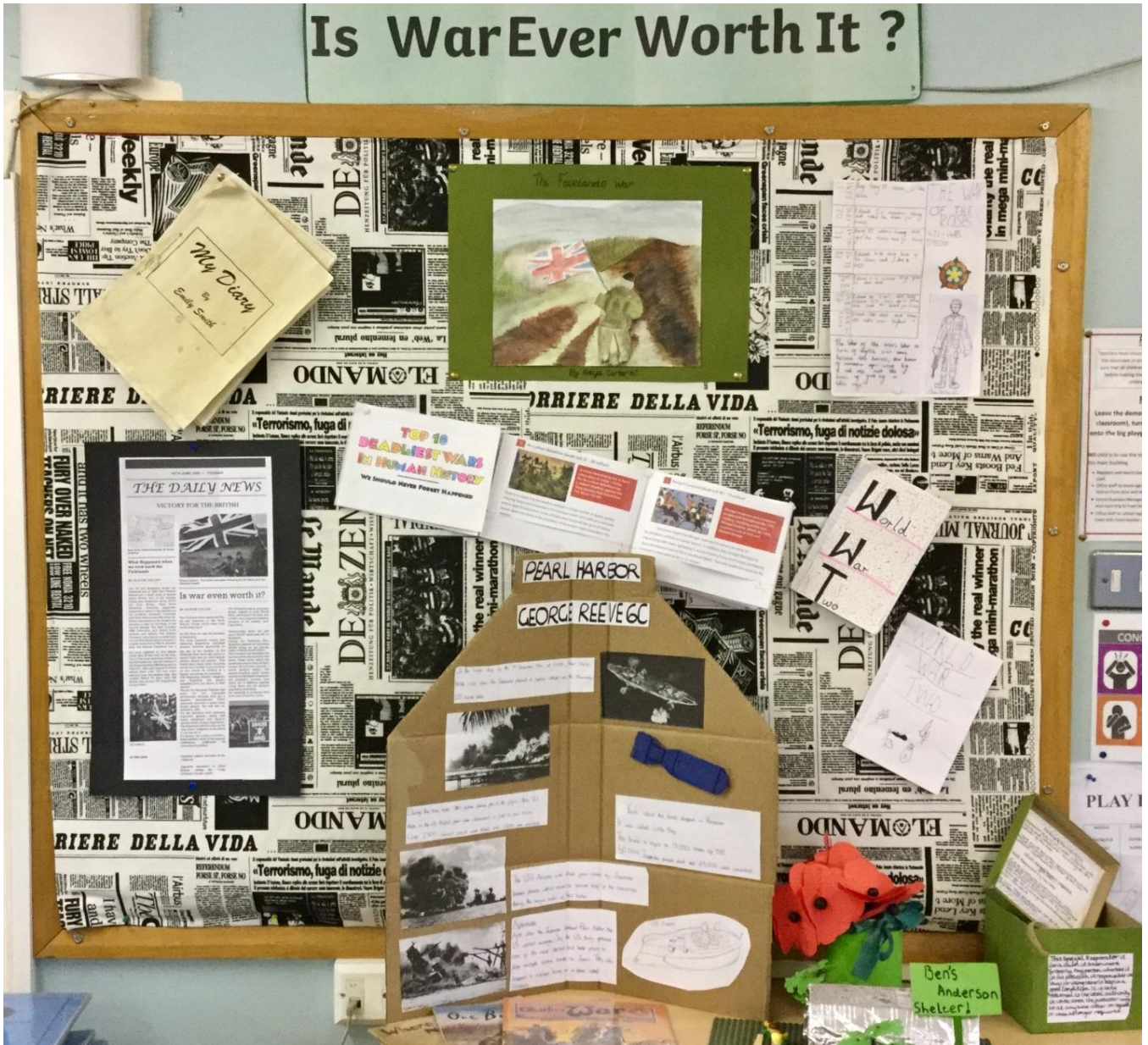
Congratulations to all the children that took part and thank you to Mr Williams and Mrs Sheridan for accompanying them.



Autumn first half term Home Learning

As usual, we have been really impressed with the quality and variety of children's home learning projects which reflected their understanding and personal interest in the Autumn term learning so far. Here are samples of the different projects from across the school:

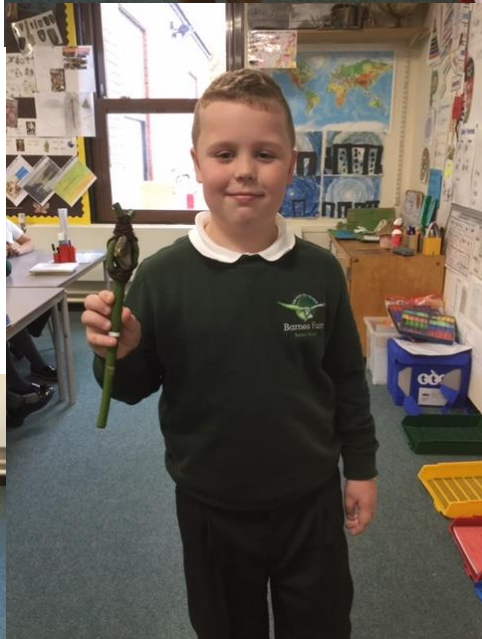
From 6C



From 5S



From 3J



From 5V





From 3S &
3C



And finally...

Year 5 had lots of fun this week practising wrapping mummies to help them apply for a job with the High Priest as an embalmer! This practical task, related to their study of Ancient Egypt, then fed into their writing.

No brains were dragged through the nose in the process!

