



BUILDWAS ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been most unusual here in school. The fun and learning have continued but amongst the most unprecedented bout of illness our little school has seen in a long time. The 'Buildwas Bug' has had a huge impact on attendance with many classes reduced to half at times during the week. We hope all children, parents and staff who have been poorly are on the road to recovery and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all back, fit and well next week.

This week in Willow class, the children have enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day. They have coloured and molded poppy shapes, enjoyed exploring being a soldier, making dens and looking after injured people and animals. The children have made their own medicine to administer to the poorly patients. Mrs Jones has also commented on how well the children have been doing with their phonics. She has been very impressed! How fabulous!

Beech class have welcomed back Mrs Ali whilst Mr Glaze is off poorly. The children have been learning about the life cycle of a frog in science and creating characters in computing for a story they have been writing. Like all children across school, Beech class have also looked at Remembrance this week. I spotted some beautiful tissue paper plate poppies in class this afternoon.

In Key Stage 2, Oak and Holly have had the opportunity to come together to enjoy enriched learning experiences this week. On Tuesday afternoon, KS2 worked with Miss Jones having great time working on their times tables and music. On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Hambler taught the Key Stage 2 children who did not go to cross country. Oak class children enjoyed sharing their knowledge of Neolithic houses at Skara Brae with the children from Holly. The children made some beautiful sketch maps of Skara Brae and the surrounding Orkney islands, looking at the land use. Mrs Hayes has described the highlight of the week as Wednesday afternoon too! The majority of the Key Stage 2 choose to take part in the William Brookes' Area Cross Country event. We are all very proud of every child who took part, they all demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship! Well done to the Year 3/4 Girls and the Year 5/6 Girls teams who both came 3rd overall! Another special mention to Natasha and Matviy who received certificates!

I have led Key Stage 2 in their Remembrance learning this week. The children focused on the concept of giving service. Each child created their own poppy themed artwork which we will use to create a whole school display.

This week some chosen children from across school have also had the opportunity to undertake some nurture group work. Children in this group have enjoyed working at Forest School making dens, bug hunting and engaging in imaginative play. They also undertook some arts and craft work and created a collaborative Remembrance art project.

Our final act of Remembrance at school today was coming together for two minutes silence this morning on the playground at 11am.





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This week our class attendance is:

Willow	70%
Beech	53%
Oak	59%
Holly	60%

Please check this week's class diary sheets as there are some changes to PE days.

Next week is Anti-bullying week and classes across school will be engaged in different activities around this theme. As part of this we will also be taking part in NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe assemblies.

Friday is Children in Need and children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for a suggested donation of £1. This can be credited to your MCAS account by selecting the Child in Need donation in clubs.

Enjoy your weekend and hope to see everyone fit and well on Monday morning.

Warmest Wishes

Mrs White
Head of School

