

Cherry Trees School News



Diary Dates

**1st December -
School Christmas
Dinner**

**10th December -
Christmas Jumper
Day**

**15th December -
Cherry Trees
Christmas
Production**

**17th December -
Class Christmas
Parties**

**17th December -
Last Day of Term**

**4th January -
INSET Day (School
Closed)**

**5th January - First
Day of Term**

30th November 2021: Issue 3

Headteacher's message: Laura Slinn

Hello and welcome to our third issue. We have had a very fun filled November, where we have enjoyed our different days and events that provide a great deal of cultural and concrete experiences to support the learning and development of the children and this has been fantastic to see. These experiences allow the children to explore the wider world. We have been out to represent the school in the community and had some interesting visitors in to school.

In November we have celebrated and explored:

Remembrance Day

Anti-Bullying week

Children in Need

Enterprise week

Bonfire Night

Diwali Celebrations

In this newsletter you can also find information about updating our COVID 19 safety measures in line with the new guidance. Please take a minute to have a look at these and familiarise yourself with the tightened-up approaches. We look forward to celebrating the festive season together.

Laura Slinn

Executive Head Teacher

Cherry Trees Learning



Blue Class News

Blue Class have had another busy month on our Learning Journey.

During the month of November some of our classwork has been based around learning all about different cultures. We began the month by having a Cultural Day to celebrate Diwali on Thursday 4th November.

The class experienced a range of activities, including making patterns using Numicon. We drew around our hands and decorated them with a range of media. We engaged with music, dance and cooking.

We continued the cultural experiences by celebrating Bonfire Night. In our cooking lesson we made bonfire food, in Expressive Art and Design lesson we made bonfire pictures. The bonfire pictures linked in with this half term topic of 'Shapes and Colours' that we are learning all about in our Understanding of the World lessons.

We have all continued to work hard on our independence and communication skills. Well done Blue Class.



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Red Class News

What a fabulous half-term we have had so far. As you can see from the pictures, Red Class have immersed themselves into lots of different activities over the last few weeks. We've enjoyed celebrating Children in Need and Diwali to name a few.

During our English lessons, we have been working on sentence structure; using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. The boys have worked so well on this.



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Orange Class News

We have had another busy month in Orange Class and we have all worked very hard and engaged with the activities.

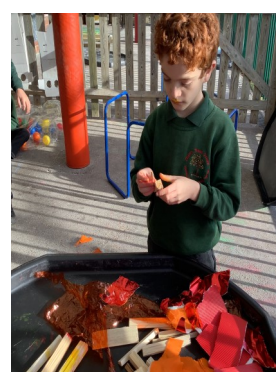
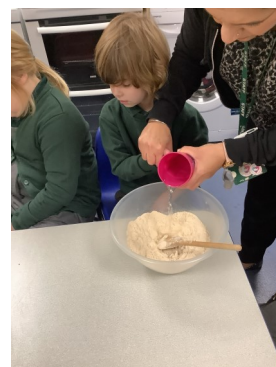
Our topic this term is Planes, Trains and Automobiles. We have been looking at cars and trains this month.

We celebrated Remembrance Day by making poppy biscuits and a poppy sensory tray using rice.

The children all enjoyed taking part in the Diwali celebrations and made Chapattis and engaged well with the Diwali Workshop.

We have started to do Write Dance and we are enjoying doing different movements to music.

In maths we are focusing on '5 Little Speckled Frogs'



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Green Class News

We have, once again, had a super time in green class. We have had Children in Need, our Diwali dance workshop, shared our Special Things and so much more...

In our English we have been looking at stories with familiar settings. Five minutes peace, Boris and Sid make a mess and now Knuffle bunny.

In maths we have been fishing for numbers to help write and answer calculations. We are also looking at handling data. We asked everyone in our class a questions and completed a tally chart.

In our art we have been looking at the artist L.S.Lowry. We created a background like his using only 5 colours, drew our own matchstick figure to add to our collage and looked at the perspective of his paintings. We added buildings to our collage to show they were far away and some close.



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Yellow Class News

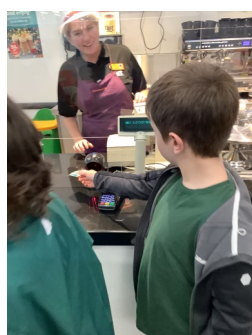
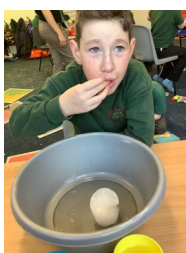
We have, once again, had an amazing time in yellow class. We have had Children in Need, our Diwali dance workshop, and worked super hard at becoming confident to use our TEACCH stations.

We continued the cultural experiences by celebrating Bonfire Night. In our cooking lesson we made bonfire food, in Art we made bonfire pictures using a variety of materials. The bonfire pictures linked in with this half term topic of 'Festivals of Light' that we are learning all about in our afternoon sessions.

We have all continued to work hard on our independence and communication skills using PECS and the snack bar.

We have also enjoyed getting out and about in the community this half term; we have been on a Autumn Walk, a walk in the woodlands and we visited Sainsbury's café to buy something delicious to eat! All children were encouraged to pay for their own food!

Well done Yellow Class.



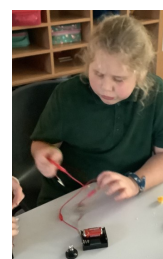
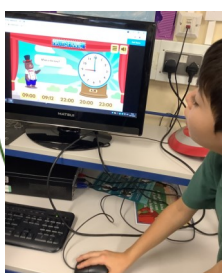
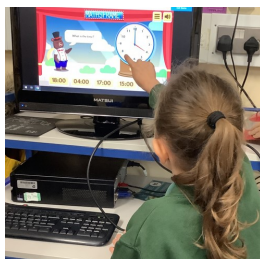
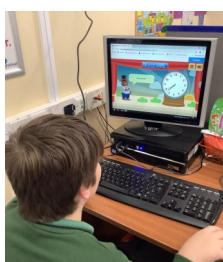
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Purple Class News

A busy November in Purple Class. Earlier in the month, the children celebrated Diwali by creating Rongoli patterns and trying authentic food. Pupils have also been working hard creating things to sell at our Enterprise Fair. In maths, pupils learned to tell the time and they tested electrical circuits in science. Where does the time go?

Thank you as ever for your support, James, Emma, Abbi and Billette.



Cherry Trees Communicating



Remembrance Day



On Thursday November 11th, the whole school enjoyed watching a Remembrance Day assembly that featured a live performance of The Last Post. All week, the children took part in activities and helped to create a lovely display:



A big thank you!

The children really enjoyed helping to sell poppies in school. Thank you to all those who sent in money to purchase poppies and other accessories.

We raised £121.02 for The Royal British Legion!!

Cherry Trees School was represented by Mr Murphy and two of our pupils who attended the Wombourne Remembrance Day service and placed a wreath on the war memorial.



Cherry Trees Communicating



A big thank you to all the parents and carers who sent in chocolate and gifts last week for our tombola and who came in person to support our Christmas Enterprise event. The children really enjoyed making and selling their items. In total, a really impressive £362.55 was raised.

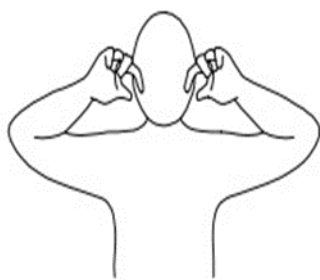
Last Friday night, staff and pupils from Cherry Trees School choir performed a number of Christmas songs outside Wombourne Civic Centre prior to the turning on of the Christmas Lights. The children sang and signed beautifully and it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and staff there to support them!



Cherry Trees Sharing



Sign of the Month



Elf

Our sign of the week is Elf – Index fingers and thumbs move up and close to show pointed ears. You can see how to do the sign here:

https://Makaton.org/TMC/News_Stories/Countdown_to_Christmas/CTC_06DEC20.aspx?WebsiteKey=2d2ed83b-15c1-4b7f-b237-8ca41598fd50

Whole Class Monthly Attendance

Group	% Attend
Blue Class	85.1
Red Class	94.0
Orange Class	89.1
Green Class	88.9
Yellow Class	84.0
Purple Class	84.8



Congratulations to:

Red Class

You have the best
Attendance for the Month
Well done to all of you.

**EVERY
SCHOOL DAY
COUNTS**

Cherry Trees Safeguarding



Please see the Mental Health & Wellbeing section of the Parents & Carers page on our website for the full version of the Kind Minds Newsletter:

<http://www.cherrytreesschool.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+and+Wellbeing&pid=39>

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'Kind Minds' Newsletter

Children and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing -
Staffordshire

This newsletter has been produced by several partner organisations across Staffordshire, with the aim of pulling together useful information about children & young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing.

We produce a newsletter every half-term and **we would welcome your thoughts on the types of information that would be most useful to you.** Please contact louise.andrews-gee@staffordshire.gov.uk

Update: Network Meetings for Senior Mental Health Leads in Schools

Members of the Integrated Care System (ICS) Children and Young People's Mental Health System Improvement Board; including Staffordshire County Council, Stoke-on-Trent City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), the Midlands Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust and Action for Children arranged a number of virtual meetings for **Senior Mental Health Leads (SMHLs)** in schools this Autumn term.



Representatives from these organisations and around **40 SMHLs** attended the virtual network meetings for SMHLs in North Staffordshire (including Stoke-on-Trent) and South Staffordshire during September and October.

The virtual network meetings provided the opportunity to meet representatives from the ICS, and for SMHLs to come together and share information, resources and ask questions. The network meetings for SMHLs are building on the success of the Kind Minds newsletter and existing networks, such as the Designated Safeguarding Leads in schools.

With such a lot of information available around children and young people's mental health, the first virtual network meetings looked at Mental Health Support Teams in Schools and the development of a Single Point of Access to mental health services (South Staffordshire). The groups also discussed the Kind Minds newsletter and the [DfE-funded Senior Mental Health](#) training opportunities, currently available.

The SMHL's who attended the first meetings were universal in agreement that these network meetings will be very useful going forward, so they will be held virtually on a termly basis.

If you or a representative would like to receive the latest information about the network meetings for SMHLs, attend future network meetings or to shape content for future for network meetings, please email louise.andrews-gee@staffordshire.gov.uk with your name and school setting.

Cherry Trees School Council



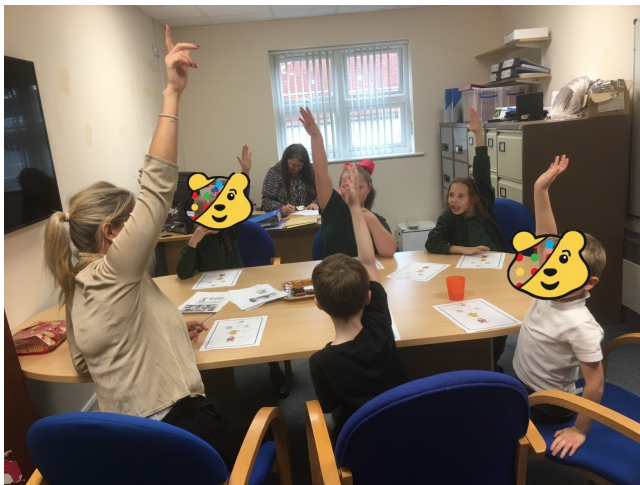
Well done to our wonderful School Council for all of their ideas and planning for Children in Need 2021.

During our last meeting they came up with a range of fundraising ideas including our Sponsored Walk.

I am delighted to let everyone know that we raised an incredible **£525.09!** This is truly amazing and testament to the generosity and kindness of all of our Cherry Tree families and our wonderful team.

This is the largest amount we have ever raised for Children In Need and we were excited to hand over this donation to such a worthy cause.

Thank you and massive well done to everyone!



Cherry Trees COVID Safe



Further to the press conference given by Boris Johnson on Saturday evening regarding the new variant, I wanted to update you on the current restrictions and how they affect us all in school. The Prime Minister announced new temporary measures following the emergence of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 in the UK. The new measures will be introduced as a precaution to slow down the spread of the variant. Most of the guidance hasn't changed and the new measures that are being introduced are temporary and precautionary and will be reviewed in three weeks.

Education Secretary Nadhim Zahawi said:

The news of a new variant – the so-called Omicron variant – will have understandably caused concern for people across our country, including our teachers, wider education and childcare staff, parents, pupils, and students.

We are already taking targeted and proportionate action as a precaution while we find out more information about the new variant. As we do so, we will continue to prioritise children's and young people's education and wellbeing, making sure education and childcare settings are as safe as possible and children continue to benefit from classroom teaching.

We are working with education and childcare settings to enhance safety measures where needed, including introducing isolation for 10 days for close contacts of suspected Omicron cases. I'd like to thank everyone working to support our children and young people for their patience and hard work.

What those measures mean at Cherry Trees School:

In primary schools, it is recommended that face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

Adults who are mixing with different adults to normal should take a lateral flow test before meeting – due to this measure we are moving some of our events to become remote. We will keep you posted with separate letters about changes to events.

Where children have symptoms of illness, it will often be requested that a PCR test is sought.

We continue to encourage good hand hygiene and washing more often.

