

School Matters

The Weekly Newsletter from Newton Poppleford School

Friday 13th November 2020



This coming Monday, 16th November is **Odd Socks Day** here at Newton Poppleford in recognition of Anti Bullying Week. There is no need to make a donation of any kind.

Read more about Anti Bullying Week at www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/

We have gathered together all the Covid-19 information that is relevant to our school on its own page on the

school website. This includes archived letters from the start of this term to the present time. We will continue to update this on a regular basis. To see this page, please go to

website.:www.newton-poppleford.devon.sch.uk/website/covid_19_info

Message from the PTFA

Don't forget our **Bag2School** clothing collection! You can bring your bags of textiles into school from Monday 23rd November, clear out that clutter and let's make it a good one!

We are still collecting crisp packets for the **Terracycle** recycling scheme, bring any brand of crisp packet to the collection bin by the main entrance, thank you!



The **PTFA AGM** is on **Monday 16th November** at 7:30pm, we will report on last year, elect committee members, and discuss this year's fundraising. We're meeting on Zoom and everyone is welcome!

Meeting ID: 769 1235 5020, Passcode: B8x1x5

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The Twilight after school club phone number is 07513269489

Simba's Story

This week in Adventure Island, the Minpins told us an interesting story...



Long, long ago a great lion lived in Adventure Island. This lion was the king and he ruled all the animals and creatures that live on the Island. He had the most beautiful thick mane, a mix of oranges and yellows, very much like the carpet

of leaves that cover the floor at this time of year.

One day, a young witch swooped down on her broom stick to speak to the lion. She explained that she was making a very important spell, but she needed one last, very special ingredient. She asked the lion, very politely, if she could snip a lock from his magnificent mane. Now, the lion was a fair king and well-liked by all that lived in Adventure Island, but he was also extremely vain and he was very proud of his mane. Foolishly the lion refused to help the witch. The witch was young but also very powerful and she was not yet in total control of her power. As a result, in her anger she accidentally cursed the lion and changed him into a cat!

The cat, named Simba, still visits Adventure Island to this day, and as some of you know, can be a little cantankerous, and now we know why! The trees remember what happened to Simba and each autumn they drop their leaves, the colour of his beautiful mane, to show they remember him as the great lion.'

How amazing is that?! It made us wonder what other stories the animals around us have to share?! Feeling inspired we went down to Adventure Island and used the leaves to recreate Simba's mane. We also kept a look out for the witch as we found a broom stick down there and several children heard cackling in the distance... we shall keep you posted!!



Rowan - My **WOW MOMENT** was making a firework picture using crayons, paint and scratching the firework patterns out.

Sofia – My **WOW MOMENT** was painting my poppy. **y1**

y2

Edie – I really liked writing my firework poem

Finley – Rolling the balls in our PE game was such fun.

PRESCHOOL

Eris - I enjoyed junk modelling and made a dinosaur using a cup , scissors and sequins.

George - I persevered and rode a scooter on the playground .

RECEPTION

Willow – I loved making my poppy with ripped paper.

Mhoirbheinn – My **WOW MOMENT** was making an obstacle course with my friends.

WOW MOMENTS

Elliot - I really enjoyed our topic on the UK.

Olivia - I liked learning about how people made their clothes out of animal fur in the Stone Age. **y3**

Maisy - I've really enjoyed learning about the Romans.

Oliver - I've enjoyed the toys we can use in break. **y4**

Bea – Learning about Boudicca was fun.

Frank - I enjoyed creating our poppy display—it was fun painting them. **y5**

Martha - My **WOW MOMENT** was when we were playing the invasion game and I scored 3 out of 5 goals.

Ella – My **WOW MOMENT** would probably be science because we made lots of circuits with objects like paperclips and scissors from the classroom. **y6**



SPORTY STARS

PRE-SCHOOL



Jacob M for outstanding balance on a bike and showing directional control and awareness.

RECEPTION



Jax for excellent skill and control of all ball types. And a massive leap in confidence. Superb!

YEAR 1



Harlan for endless endeavour and a can do attitude. A huge leap in confidence and leadership. Great example to all.

YEAR 2



Heidi for a never give up spirit and always giving her absolute best in PE. Keep it up !

YEAR 3



Charlie for settling really well and excellent team work in large or small groups. A pleasure to have in the class.

YEAR 4



Maisy for a super attitude and being willing to join in every sports activity. Brilliant!

YEAR 5



Oscar for demonstrating really good use of ball control and coordination during our net games. A great example.

YEAR 6



Sophie for working hard to improve in our invasion games. Excellent concentration and a willingness to help others. Great stuff.