

Overleigh St Mary's CE Primary School

MESSENGER

Friday 3rd November 2023



Dear Overleigh Family,



We hope everyone enjoyed a lovely half term break. This week we have enjoyed a Values Day on the theme of Peace and a PSHE focus on *Don't Forget To Let Love In*. Later in the newsletter there is information and photos from both days.

Attendance has been positive and there has been a marked improvement in a number of our children that habitually arrive late for school. Thank you everyone who has made a determined effort to be on time! Just a reminder that doors open at 8.40am and children should arrive ready to come into school at that time.



Parking issues in the roads immediately outside school have also improved somewhat, again thank you to all the families who have respected our request to leave sufficient time for your journey to be able to park at the college and walk through to school. It makes it much safer for those arriving by foot, bike or scooter. The PCSOs will regularly be attending school and have reinforced that waiting or parking on the double yellow lines is never permitted. If you continue to use the road outside of school please leave in good time to reach school, moderate your speed and do not cause congestion for pedestrians and bikers by stopping and blocking the start or end of the road to drop off and pick up. This may be very convenient for you and your family but causes disruption to everyone else in the process.

We expect our parents and carers to model showing respect at all times to their children and this includes showing courtesy when driving adjacent to school.

Thank you for all your resilience and patience during the recent heavy rain and flooding on site. Our drains and gutters are cleared of leaves on a daily basis but the aged drains cannot cope with the current volume of water passing through. Consequently, they can be unpredictable and very quickly flood and make access to and from the back of school treacherous. We will continue to adopt the doors we have used this week as alternative pick-ups if flooding happens and notify by mail and through staff on the gates. Please also ensure your child brings a waterproof coat to school every day.



Birthday Own Clothes - Just for information for families new to us, children are allowed to wear their own clothes to school on their birthday. If their birthday falls in the holiday they can wear their own clothes on the last day before the holiday or the first day back, whichever is nearer their birthday.



Secrets to Success 2

For this challenge we would like you to try 4 new things. It might be trying a new food, activity or experience. Copy out your 4 things in a table similar to the table demonstrated here.



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CHILDREN IN NEED 17th November - Children may wear their own clothes on this day and make a donation towards the charity. We will collect the donations and send off to the charity. No football shirts or mad hair, thank you.



EYFS & KEY STAGE 1 CHRISTMAS SHOW

- Friday 8th December 9:30 Nursery class
- Friday 8th December 1:30 Year 1 classes
- Monday 11th December 9:30 Reception classes
- Monday 11th December 1:30 Year 2 classes

Christmas Activity

On the 6th December we will be holding a Carol Singing & Readings event after school where all are warmly invited to attend. Unfortunately Catholic High Band are unable to accompany us this time but we are searching out other possibilities.



There will also be a few stalls and activities as well as a free drink and nibble for all those attending.

For the event we would like to light it by torch and candlelight. We hope to have lanterns to string up across the hall.



Families can bring their own homemade or purchased lanterns along to the event or could choose to make one in school. We have chosen an easy format where children can

bring their own creative flare and also use some recycled materials.

We will have materials, glue, tissue paper and a battery candle, available in Nursery, Reception and Y1 and in the school hall on:

29th November – 9.15am-10.45am and 1.30pm-3.00pm

If you wish to come with your child to make a lantern. We ask that children bring a clean and empty 2 liter plastic bottle and £1 donation each towards materials. Children who attend Cosmic Club will be able to complete their lantern there if parents are unable to make the time slots. If you are able to start saving bottles now and bring along some spares to share, that would be very helpful!



There is no need to book, just come along and join the fun. We have done several events like this over the years which are very hectic but we always have a wonderful time with everyone helping each other to get the job done!

Once the lanterns are dry, Fantastic Mr Flynn will string them up in the hall ready for the 6th December.

DATES

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| 16 th & 17 th November | Anti-bullying and Anti-Harassment Days |
| Friday 17 th November | Children In Need – Own Clothes Day |
| Tuesday 21 st November | Individual Photos |
| Wednesday 29 th Nov | PTA Glow in the Dark Disco |
| Wednesday 6 th December | Xmas after school event – Carol Singing and Readings + refreshments in the school hall. |
| 8 th & 11 th December | KS1 & EYFS Xmas Performances |
| Tuesday 12 th December | KS2 Carol Service – at St Mary’s Without Walls |
| Tuesday 12 th December | Panto for children |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Xmas Lunch |
| Friday 15 th December | Xmas Class celebrations/last Day of Term – <u>2.15pm End</u> |
| 2 nd & 3 rd January | Inset Day School Closed |
| Thursday 4 th January | First Day of Spring Term - Values Day – Justice |
| Friday 5 th January | Art & DT Theme Day |
| 1 st – 2 nd February | Mathematics & Computing Theme Days |
| Friday 16 th February | Last Day of Half Term – usual 3.20pm Finish |
| Monday 26 th February | First Day of Half Term – Values Day - Friendship |

For those enjoying Bonfire Night this weekend, we hope you have a lovely but safe time! The general advice is to attend organized events but if you are having fireworks at home then Merseyside Fire & Rescue service have put out the following good advice:

Falls on a Saturday this year. We will have a worship in school led by Mrs Martell next week to revisit the meaning of the day with all the children.

On Friday 10th November Y5 & Y6 will go to Catholic high for a short service to mark the occasion more formally.

At the service, Mati, Ruby, Freddie, Sana and Omer are reading a poem by Oscar Aulia-Ice.

My Hopes for the World

In this world of chaos and confusion,
Where wars and hatred seem to reign,
I still hold on to my hopes and dreams,
And pray for a brighter, better world to sustain.

I hope for a world where love is the language,
And kindness and compassion are the norm,
Where people see the good in each other,
And help each other weather any storm.

FOLLOW THE FIREWORK CODE

If you must have fireworks at home, please follow this safety advice.

DOs



- Only buy fireworks from retailers registered with MFRS
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Light them at arm's length, using a taper
- Stand well back
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Keep pets indoors

DON'Ts



- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it hasn't gone off, it could still explode
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't let fireworks off after 11pm



hope for a world where the air is clean,
And nature thrives in all its splendor,
Where humans live in harmony with the earth,
And strive to be its true defender.

I hope for a world where all are equal,
And justice prevails in every land,
Where every person is treated with respect,
And bigotry and prejudice are banned.

I hope for a world where children can play,

Without fear of harm or danger,
Where their innocence is preserved and protected,
And their futures are always getting brighter.

I hope for a world where knowledge is power,
And education is a right for all,
Where people are encouraged to learn and grow,
And their potential is never held small.

I hope for a world where laughter abounds,
And joy is found in every heart,
Where people celebrate each other's differences,
And come together to create a new start.

I know these hopes may seem like a distant dream,
But I hold them close and never lose sight,
For the power of hope is a mighty thing,
And it can help us all to reach the light.

So let us work together to make these hopes a reality,
And strive to be the change we want to see,
For a better world is within our reach,
If we believe and work towards unity.

Do please share with us any pictures or news of children participating in services of remembrance.

WE HAVE POPPIES ON SALE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND WE WILL SEND THEM AROUND TO CLASSES EACH DAY NEXT WEEK. We would like to ask for a minimum 20p donation please for the poppies, the other items will be for sale in the school office- all proceeds go to the Poppy Appeal.



Diwali falls on the 12th November and so will be celebrated before our next newsletter.

It is a Hindu festival celebrating light overcoming darkness. It is often referred to as the festival of light.

Happy Diwali to all those families celebrating and do please share any pictures, if you can.

Overleigh TeaTowels!

Instead of Christmas cards our fundraiser this term is class Tea Towels. Mrs Norbury has sent out the proofs for you all to enjoy and hopefully submit orders in the next week. We have to pay for every order we make so need them in advance please, to ensure they arrive in time for the end of term. They would make ideal Christmas presents and mementos. They are £5 each which we feel is very good value. I still have mine from the first ever class I taught when I qualified over 30 years ago and it is much treasured as well as being useful!

Please see the Overleigh selection of year group tea-towels on the page after the Attendance Figures.

We look forward to a busy half term ahead and enjoying all the many celebrations in our community!

In Love & Peace,

Emma Drew

Attendance Data

| Class | WB 30/10/23 |
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| Quavers | 100% |
| Crochet | 96.2% |
| Minim | 96.5% |
| Ballad | 94.2% |
| High Note | 98.5% |
| Glissando | 94.8% |
| Melody | 99.3% |
| Maestro | 97% |
| Harmony | 97.8% |
| Note | 98.7% |
| Maestoso | 99.3% |
| Allegro | 98.7% |
| Pizzicato | 98.1% |
| Joyeux | 95% |
| Finale | 95% |
| Heptatonic | 96.7 |

Attendance Key

96% and above **Green**

95—90% **Amber**

Less than 90% **Red**

It is very important that attendance is maintained at 96% and above, please note some of the classes that have fallen below this.

Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



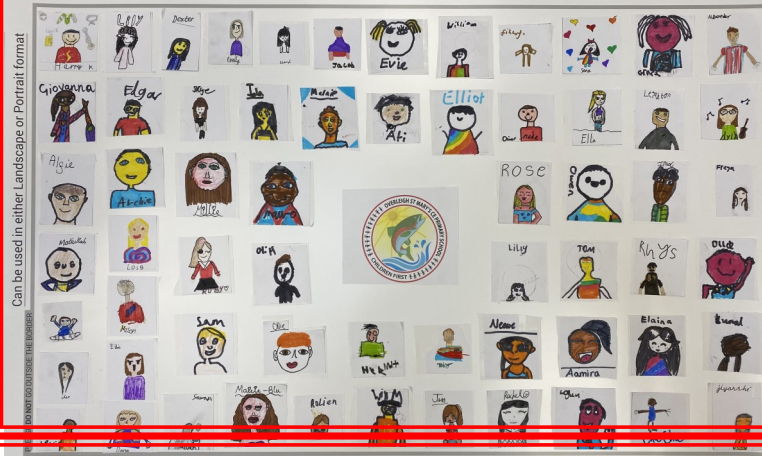
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



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Gone Fishing

What a lovely opportunity for a read, just sitting in the sun while Dad is fishing. A really enjoyable place to settle into a book for the day and pass away those peaceful hours at the waterside. Apologies to Orla, who sent this in straight away at the start of the year but was accidentally missed out in the last newsletter. And, while we are here, Orla, congratulations on your beautiful Bonfire Night poem, which Miss Drew was able to share with the rest of the school in our Friday assembly this week. Thanks to the other children who have entered in their Bonfire Night work as well. Mrs Dickson is collecting and sharing these as they arrive.

Children in Need Reminder



Children in need this year is on November 17th in school.

We will be having a wear something spotty day and children are welcome to make a donation towards Children in Need on the day. It is also during our anti-bullying theme that week. We have the theme of STOP for anti-bullying in school, which is obviously an anagram of SPOT, therefore linking in perfectly on the day. It could be that you just wear an item of spotty clothing or a spotty accessory, or it could be a fully spotty outfit.

Asthma

Monkey Wellbeing is a website that provides support for children and their families as well as schools. One of the key areas they work on is Asthma. Below is the link to the website where you may find resources useful to your child and family.

<https://www.monkeywellbeing.com/>

Asthma Monkey



Overleigh Pop Up Shop



New time. New place. Same opportunities for all.

The Overleigh Pop Up Shop is back on Monday. An opportunity to come and find some free clothing items for any children in need of them. All welcome in the school canteen from 9.00pm on Monday 6th November.

Toddler Group & English Lessons Reminder

Overleigh Tots, Baby & Toddler group is held every Wednesday in the school from 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome from our school and local community. Mrs Redmayne and Mrs Edwards will be there with a warm welcome, snacks to share and play and singing for the children.

From after half term we will have an ESOL, Learning English as a Second language, sessions open for anyone who wishes to attend with or without a toddler. The sessions start at 2pm allowing for a bit of social catch up beforehand. Cheshire College are very kindly running the lessons and providing some students in child care to support with toddler group. The lessons will be in the meeting room, allowing lots of space for the children to play in the hall.



St. Mary's Lunch Club

VOLUNTEERS FOR ST MARY'S LUNCH CLUB

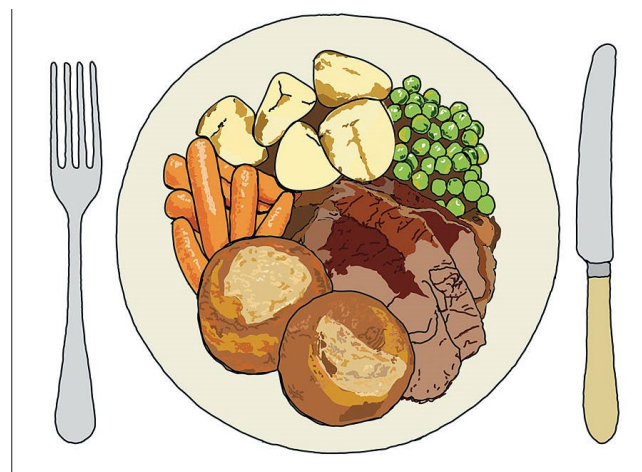
Due to continued success, St Marys Lunch Club needs additional volunteer assistants.

Can you spare 4-5 hours once a month (or more often) during term time to help prepare and serve food to those that attend St Mary's Lunch Club?

The lunch club has been running for over 40 years and demand for it is higher than ever. We currently have 40-50 people who attend once a week for a meal and an opportunity to socialise.

We are looking for those that can spare time on a Wednesday from 9:30am - 2pm. The role involves preparing food, serving meals and giving a friendly welcome to diners. No specific qualifications are required but you will be taught appropriate organisation, food hygiene and safety policies.

If you are able to help, please contact either the Parish Office: office.stmaryschester@btconnect.com, T: 01244 671202, or Maureen Evans: evansrogers@yahoo.co.uk





Words impact everyone differently

Please STOP and THINK

#SocialMediaKindnessDay

www.socialmediakindnessday.com

We have been asked to inform you of the following national campaign:

Help spread kindness online on Social Media Kindness Day – Thursday 9 November is Social Media Kindness Day (SMKD), a day originally set up in memory of the late TV presenter Caroline Flack. With our online lives increasingly converging with our offline lives, it's important to encourage one another to spread kindness and consideration on social media, rather than anger and hatred. Check out the [SMKD website](#) to access a range of resources you can use.

Friday Certificates 3.11.23

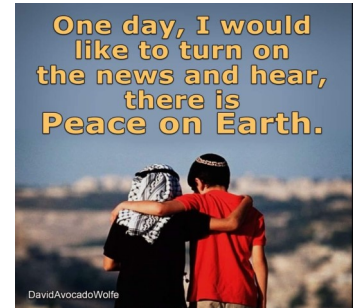


| Class | Value | Comment |
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| Crochet | Love | Elvi is such a kind, thoughtful, caring and helpful girl and we are so grateful to have her in Crochet Class. Such a superstar! |
| Minim | Compassion | Alice has been really practising her letter recognition and formation over the half term! Because of this, she has been an absolute super star not only in her English work but also the work she produced on Peace Day! Well done Alice! |
| Ballad | Compassion | Olivia for being an extremely kind and caring member of our class. Olivia always shows compassion to adults and peers. We are lucky to have such a kind friend in our class. |
| High Note | Respect | Olivia is a polite, respectful and hardworking member of our class. She listens intently when sat on the carpet, participates in everything, and gives 100% effort always. Olivia you are a superstar and it is a pleasure to teach you! |
| Melody | Compassion | Bobby is always listening respectfully, on task and doing his best when working in the classroom. He is also extremely helpful in supporting others around him. Well done Bobby for all your hard efforts! |
| Glissando | Integrity | Ezhan is always ready to learn, he always contributes to lessons and is a kind and caring friend to his classmates. We are so very lucky to have him in our class. Well done Ezhan! |
| Harmony | Peace | Matteo - I can always count on Matteo to be quietly getting on with his learning with a hard-working attitude. He shares his knowledge with the class and is a wonderful friend to everyone! You are a star, Matteo! |
| Maestro | Peace | Sophie is a superstar who understands that peace is a gift that she can give to others. She helps her friends who need it and helps in the classroom to create a peaceful environment where everyone can learn. Great job Sophie, keep up the great work! |
| Note | Service & Stewardship | Rowan is always kind, polite and hardworking. As a class, we are working towards our silver award, with a focus on keeping our workspace tidy. Rowan can always be seen not only making sure his own desk is clear, but also helping others and working hard to keep the classroom a tidy and calm space to learn in. Thank you, Rowan, for all your help! |
| Maestoso | Integrity | Leila is always kind and thoughtful to everyone she works and plays with. She is always making the right choices and gives a fantastic example to others. |
| Pizzicato | Respect | Iola - I have been really impressed with the effort she has been putting into all of her work recently. She is actively engaging with her learning and takes an active part in all aspects of the class. |
| Allegro | Peace | Giovanna has really impressed me with how actively she engages with her class work. She is ALWAYS keen to be part of class discussions and often takes notes on learning ready to use later in the lesson. What a brilliant attitude to learning!! |
| Joyeux | Respect | Devon always listens well in class, puts her hand up to share ideas and always tries her best. She has also been really helpful in sharing her knowledge of things in the class for different teachers who are covering. What a superstar! |
| Heptatonic | Peace | Charlie has demonstrated great enthusiasm this week, particularly in our History work. He has been really respectful and considerate to his peers in PE and in the playground showing particular kindness to a friend who had fallen over and a member of his class who he encouraged to get involved in a game situation. |
| Finale | Service & Stewardship | Alna is an incredibly hard working member of our class. Although she is relatively new to our country and school, she takes everything in her stride and puts 100% effort into all she does, even when she finds tasks challenging. She also greets us every morning with a big smile on her face :) |

Peace, perfect, peace.



Our Christian Value this half term is Peace. We launched the half term with a whole day thinking about what this means. During the day we focused on three aspects, World Peace, conflict resolution with our friends, families and people we meet and inner peace. Through the day, the children began to understand that if they are feeling peace within themselves then they will be able to resolve conflict better, see things from other people's perspective more readily and therefore world peace would be more likely!



Following our whole school worship the children took part in activities throughout the day including thinking about what Peace meant to them and spending some time in our Peace garden.

On the following pages is a selection of work from around the school based on our value of Peace.

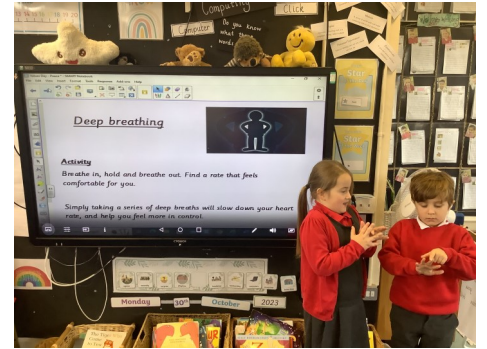
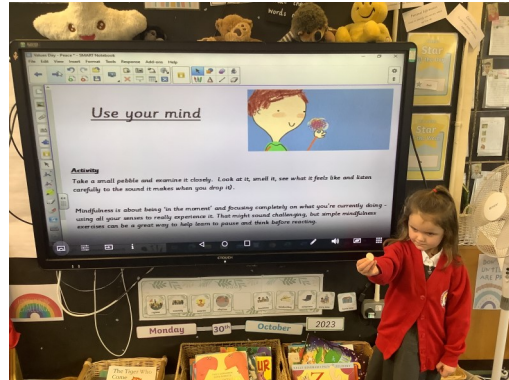




We felt calm and peaceful when we were playing with our lavender playdough. Then we went for a walk around our Peace garden!



We thought about how we can influence world peace if we are peaceful in our everyday lives and have a positive attitude to conflict resolution. We discussed how we should treat others and how to deal with conflict in day to day life.



We spent the day thinking about three different types of peace -

- * Peace within ourselves
- * Conflict resolution
- * World peace

We thought of different ways to keep calm and be peaceful. Throughout the day we practiced different ways to be at peace within ourselves. Here are some of the things we did:



- Colouring
- Mindfulness activities
- Stretching
- Cloud watching
- Listening to peaceful music
- Making each other laugh
- Self portraits

Plus more we didn't get time for but maybe you can practice at home!



Peace Garden walk



Breathing techniques & Yoga

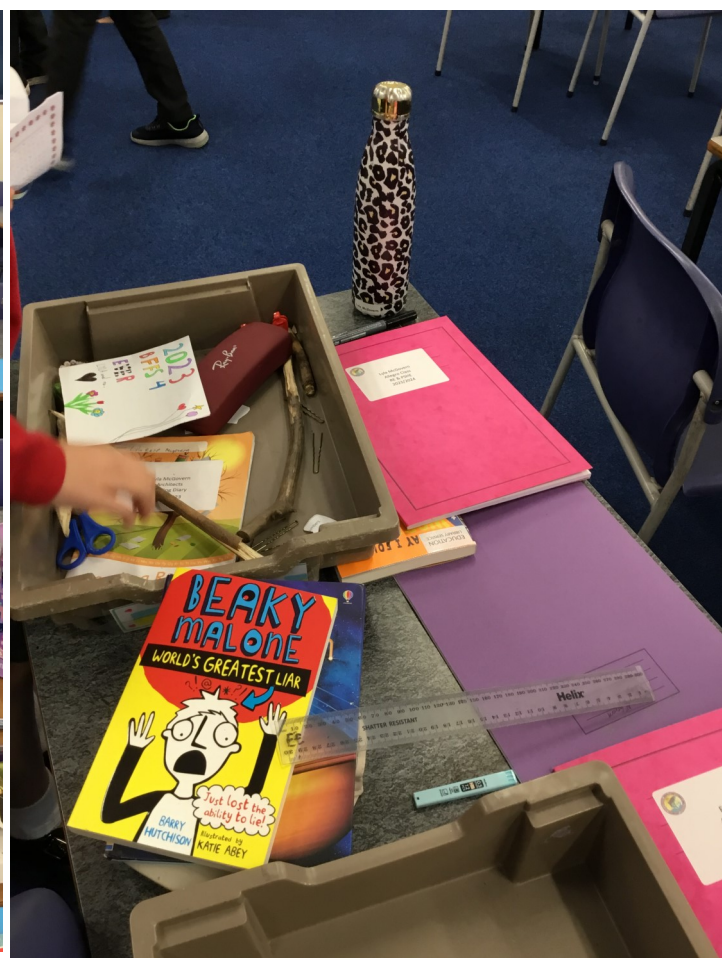


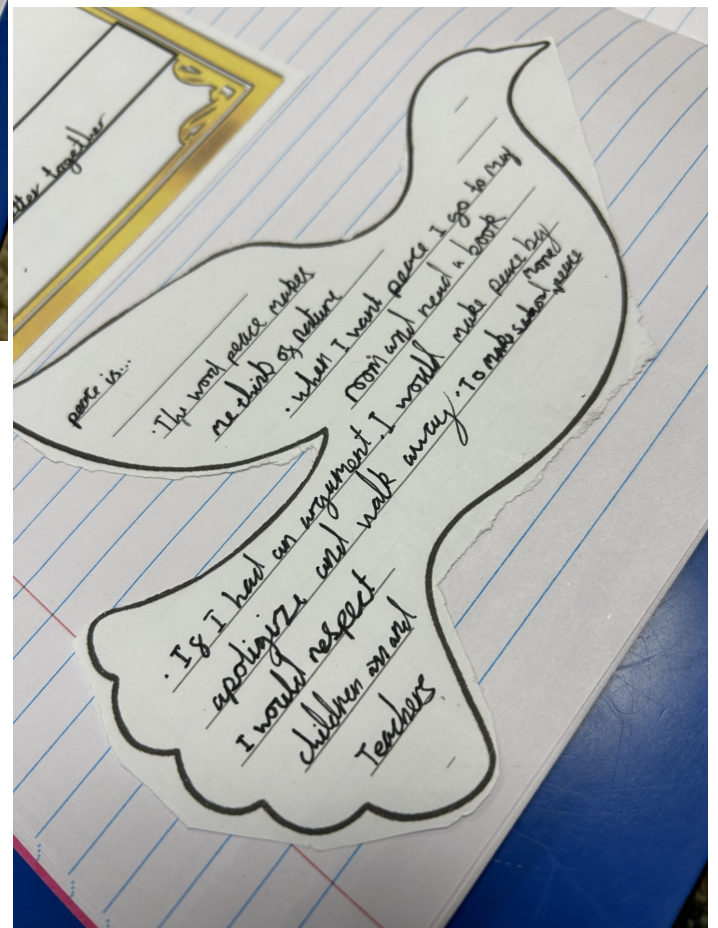
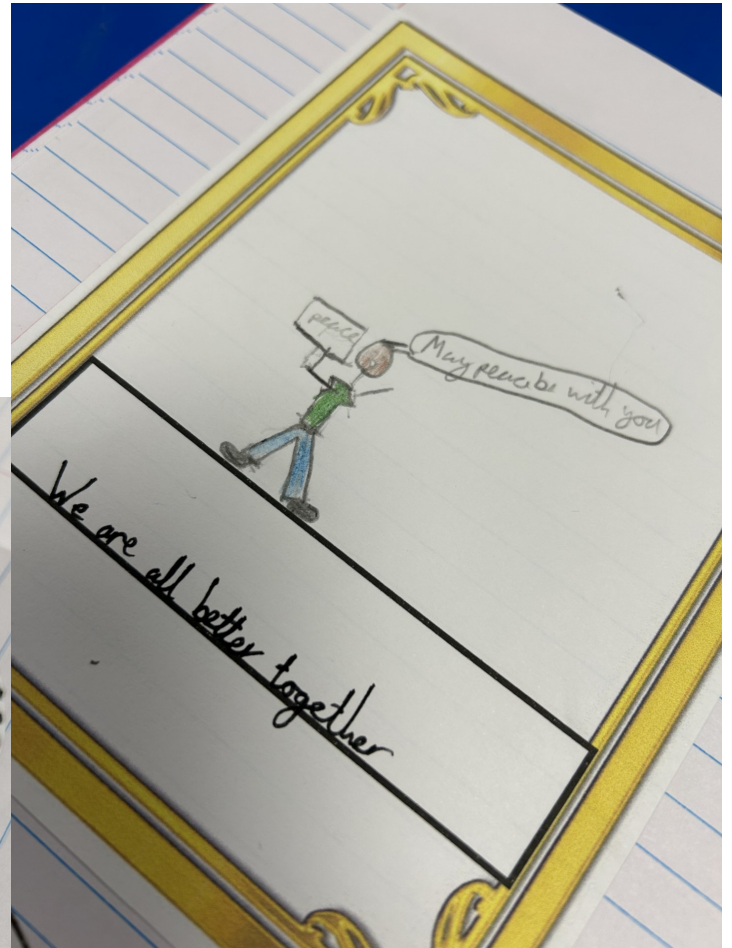
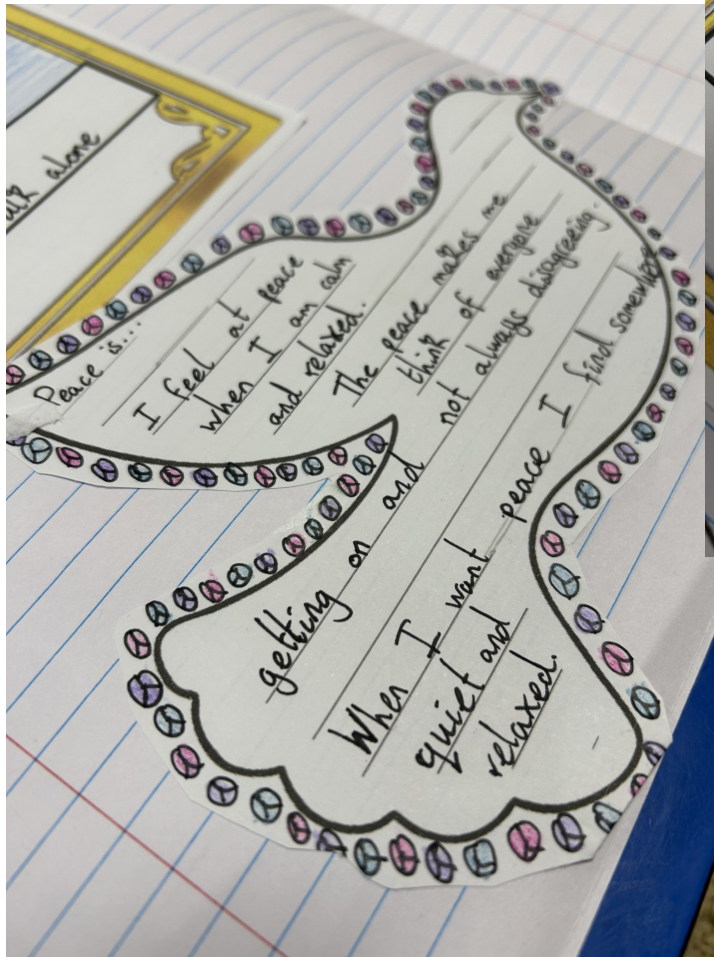
Finding Inner Peace!

In Allegro class we spent time decluttering in order to find peace within ourselves. We also started gratitude journals in which we will reflect daily on the things that we are thankful for.

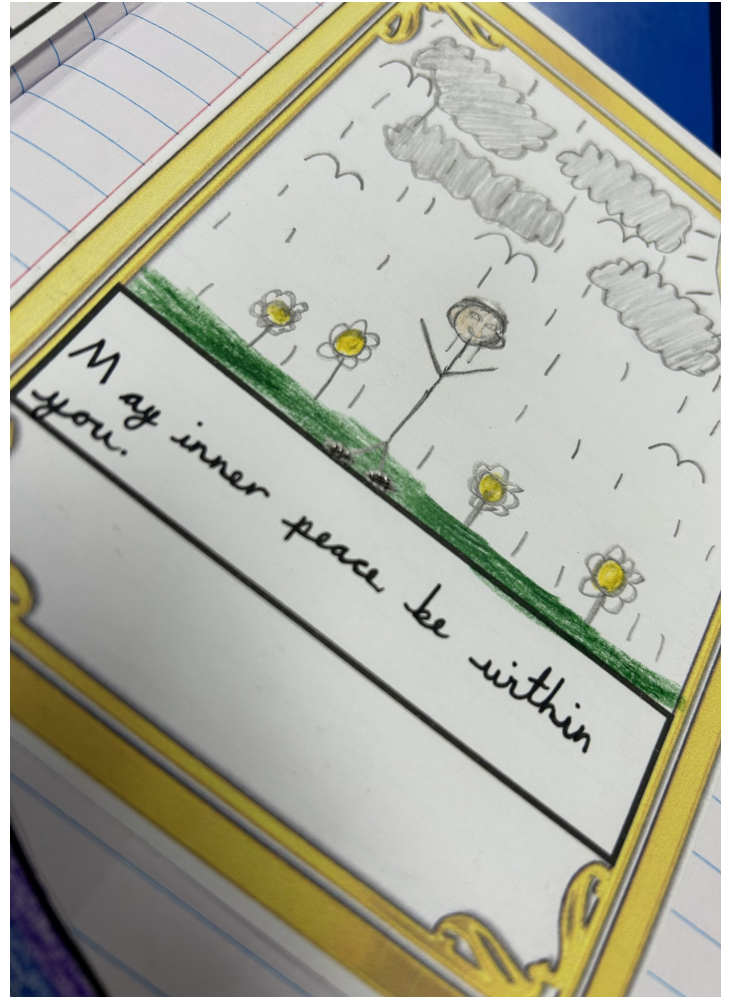
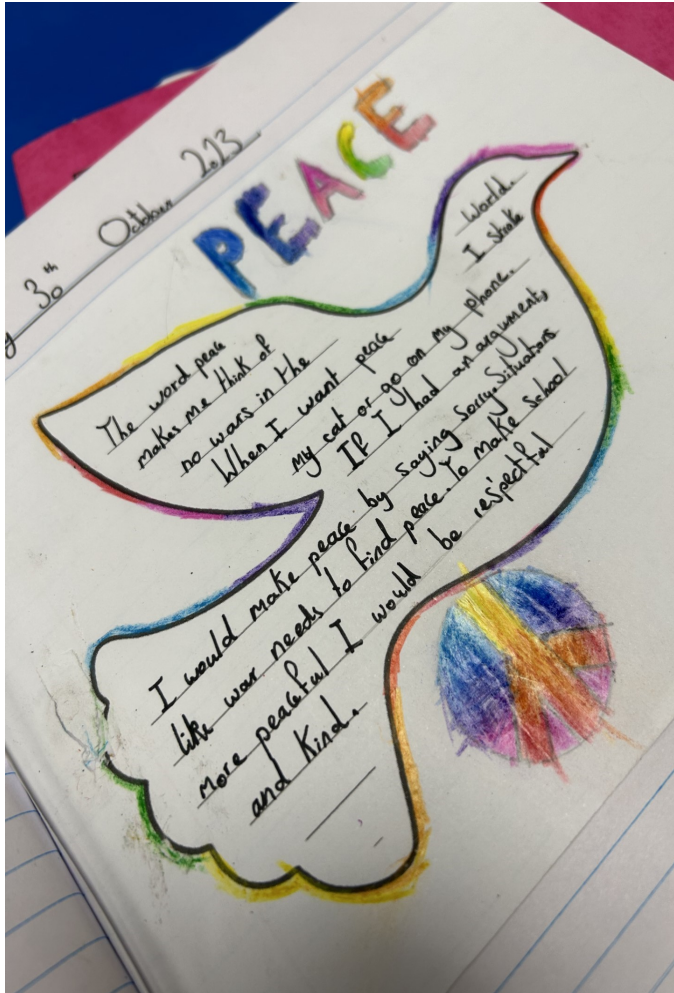
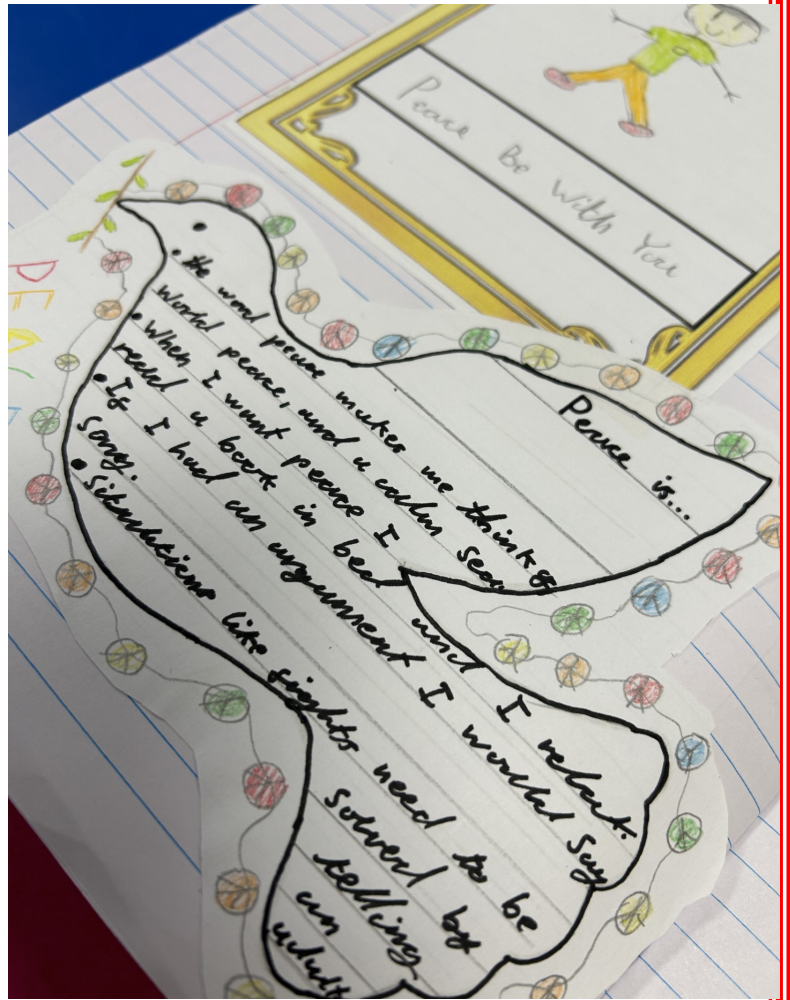
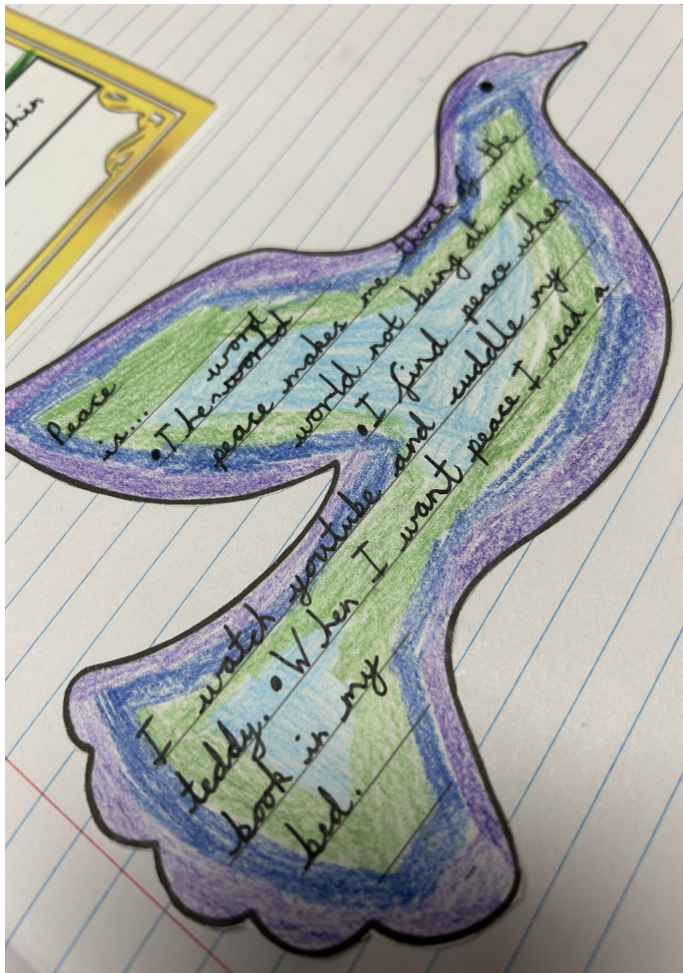
We spent 30 minutes doing yoga in the afternoon and wrote what peace means to us:

'Peace starts with a friend.' -
Oliver. S





We had a wonderful day celebrating our school value 'peace'. We discussed inner peace and world peace and then produced beautiful work about what peace means to us.



We read the story 'Peace at Last' and labelled the noises that stopped Mr Bear having any peace! We thought about how peace and kindness builds good friendships and made our own friendship partners. We also enjoyed exploring ways to find our own peace and walked around the Peace Garden, did some calming yoga and made patterns in the lavender sensory tray!





Little Actors Theatre

Neston Town Hall

We were asked to share this information with you for any aspiring actors.

Children & Young People

Tuesday

Musical Theatre

5-6pm ages 10+

Wednesday

InterACT Youth Theatre

5-7pm ages 12+

Thursday

Screen Acting

5-6pm ages 10+

Saturday

Theatre Tots

2 1/2—4 yrs.

9.30-10.10am

Theatre Club

5-11yrs.

10.15am-12.15pm

LAMDA Class

Ages 8+

12.30-1.30pm

50% discounts and free places available
for low/no income families

All workshops run by Professional

Theatre Practitioners

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