

NEWSLETTER

10/11/23

Browney Academy Pauses in Remembrance



On Friday, at 11 o'clock, Browney stopped still to commemorate those who fought on behalf of their country, those who have died and those who came home.

Our Year 6 children delivered a moving assembly, outlining the importance of Remembrance Day and why we celebrate this special day. Each class made poppy artwork to be displayed in school and learned about why we wore poppies. After reading 'Flanders Fields', Molly in Year 6 said: "We will always remember the people who have fallen in the war. Today's assembly was a great chance to come together to remember such an important event."

We Will Remember Them



This week at Browney Academy, a heartwarming display of respect and remembrance has swept across every classroom, marking the observance of Remembrance Sunday. From crafts in Reception to poetry writing in Year 5 and Year 6's unforgettable assembly, this occasion allowed the whole school to come together in reflection and respect.

As we move forward and reflect on this week, the activities that children completed will ensure that future generations understand the importance of remembering and honouring those who have served.

Caring for the Community



A group of our pupils recently enjoyed a lovely afternoon planting spring bulbs as part of a community afternoon with Friends of Addison Park.

With funding from Durham County Council Civic Pride as part of the 'it's in your neighbourhood' grant, over 4000 bulbs were purchased to plant. Our children didn't let the rain dampen their spirits as they planted tulips, snowdrops, crocus and bluebell bulbs. We can't wait to see them all appear in the springtime!

Staff from Friends of Addison Park said: "We have really enjoyed planning the bulb planting session with Browney Academy so that we can plant the spring bulbs together. The flowers will be ready to make an appearance in the spring and when they do each year, as well as brightening up Addison Park we will be reminded of the efforts of the children who planted them. We want to thank the school and all involved for helping make our park even better for the community and we hope you enjoy seeing the fruits of your labour early next year when you come to play."

A member of Durham County Council's Clean Team commented: "I would like to say how wonderfully behaved the children were and a total credit to the school. We could have not done the planting without them!"

Year 3 Strikes a Chord with Glockenspiels!

Year 3 dug out the glockenspiels this week to continue their exciting music topic. They investigated how to play the instrument, whilst identifying rhythm and learning some basic notes.

Nait said: "I loved playing the glockenspiel! It's like a piano but with a magical sound. We learned how to make different notes and played some great rhythms. It was fun figuring out the notes and making music with my friends!"



Non-uniform day

Exciting news for all our Browney Academy families! On Thursday, 23rd November, we're having a special non-uniform day with a colourful twist. This day is not just about having fun in non-school clothes; it's for a fantastic cause - our Christmas Fair raffle.

Here's the plan: each year group has chosen a specific colour. We're asking every child to bring in an item of that colour for a donation. These items will be used to create seven stunning Colour Hampers - one for each year group - that will be part of our raffle at the Christmas Fair.

Here are the colours for each class:

Reception: Orange

Year 1: White

Year 2: Yellow

Year 3: Green

Year 4: Purple

Year 5: Pink

Year 6: Red

Items can be brought into school and handed to the class teacher from tomorrow right up until the non-uniform day. We're looking for anything in the specified colours.

And here's a little reminder: children don't need to dress in their class colour - they can come in their favourite non-uniform clothes!

We're excited to see the variety of items each year group brings in and can't wait to assemble the Colour Hampers. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions. Let's make this a colourful and joyous event in anticipation of our Christmas Fair!

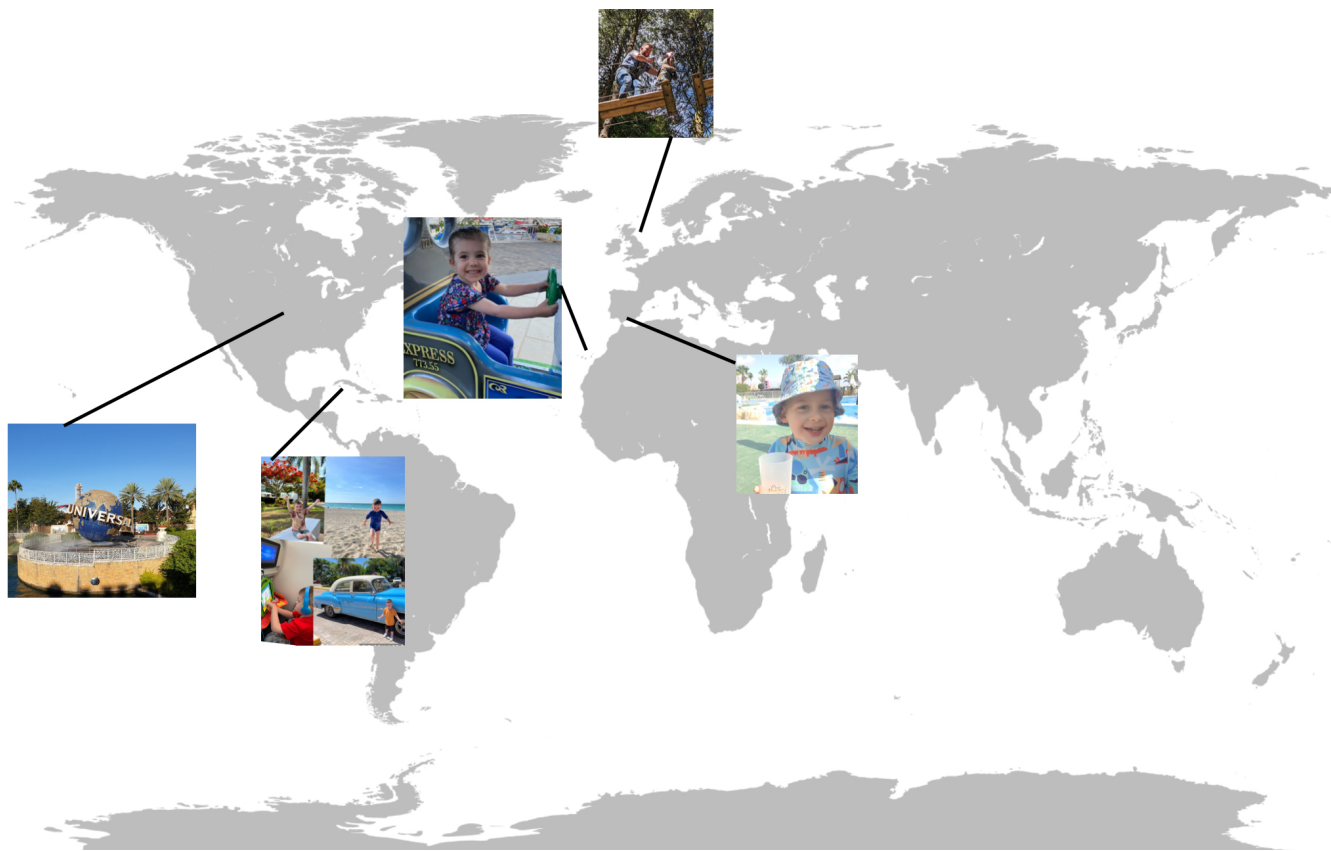
Year 1's Tiger-Tea Party: Jam Sandwiches and a Recipe for a Hungry Tiger!

This week Year 1 began reading their new class text 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. They decided to have their very own little tea party with jam sandwiches like Sophie and Mum from the story! The children made their own sandwiches themselves. The very next day, there was a letter on Miss Hutchinson's desk from a hungry tiger. He asked the pupils for the recipe to create delicious sandwiches as they are his favourite ever since he had tea with Sophie! In our English lessons next week, children are going to write a recipe to send the hungry tiger.



Reception Explore the Globe

Reception have been learning all about different places around the world they each sent photographs of their holiday destinations. They each discussed where they had been before displaying some of the destinations on the world map!



Article of the month

Article of the Month banner for November. It features the Browney Academy logo, the text 'Article of the Month November', and 'Article 19 – The right to be safe, the Protection from harm'. It also includes logos for 'PROTECTION FROM VIOLENCE', 'ROAD SAFETY WEEK', '11th NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY', 'odd socks day', 'ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2023', 'World Kindness Day', and 'BBC Children in Need'. A blue robot character with a red 'R' on its chest is on the right.



November

Value of the Month

Kindness



Kindness is a type of behaviour marked by acts of generosity, consideration, rendering assistance or concern for others, without expecting praise or reward in return.



A few reminders:

- Only healthy snacks are permitted at break times. Sweets, crisps and chocolate are not allowed and will be returned home.
- Jewellery is not to be worn for school. Earrings must be removed or covered for PE.
- Nail varnish is not permitted for wear in school.
- Children are not to use the Woodland Village before or after school.
- The staff car park (with the exception of the disabled parking bay) is for the sole use of staff. The carpark is not to be used as a thoroughfare.
- Please park with the safety of the children in mind and with consideration to all road users and residents. Do not pull in to drop off at our school entrance on the yellow lines.
- Dogs must not be brought onto school premises.
- Children require a clear, freshly filled water bottle daily in school.
- Please only send bags to school if it is necessary

Celebrations and Achievements

Year	Star of the Week	English	Maths	Word of the Week
Reception	Hayden			Poppy
Y1	Teddy-Tony			pictogram
Y2	Lenny			campaign
Y3	Haven			pollution
Y4	Mischa			oesophagus
Y5	Maisy			ornithologist
Y6	Ava R			Subjunctive form

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week commences
13.11.23	Odd Socks Day
14.11.23	Buddy Assembly - Reception and Year 6 Parents Welcome (09:30)
17.11.23	Children in Need Day - Dress in your finest Pudsey Accessories- £1 Charity Donation
23.11.23	Non-Uniform Day in exchange for a coloured Christmas donation
23.11.23	Christmas Fair
24.11.23	School Closed for Staff Training
07.12.23	KS2 Carol Concert at St. John's Church - 17:00
12.12.23	EYFS Nativity - 13:00
12.12.23	KS1 Nativity - 14:00
13.12.23	Whole-School pantomime at the Sunderland Empire Theatre

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Harris