

LATHOM NEWS

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Armistice Day

On Thursday 11th November, six year 6 students represented Lathom Junior School at the Newham Schools' Armistice Service at the cenotaph in Central Park, East Ham. This year was the 103rd Armistice anniversary of the end of World War One, and at 10:50 a.m, the service was joined by members of the British Royal Legion and representatives of Newham Local Authority. A two-minute silence took place just before 11 am at the Cenotaph. After the service, Lee Skeggs, a British Legion representative spoke to the children about people named on the cenotaph and about Walter Tull, the first black British army officer.



Upon return at school, children wrote recounts and reflections based on the day's experience - what a memorable event it was! The rest of the year group also participated in Remembrance Day activities at school, including creating their own poems, PowerPoint presentations and wreaths for the Year 6 corridor display

Royal Opera Visit

On 5th November, sixty children from year 6 had the wonderful experience of visiting the Royal Opera House to see the famous ballet "Giselle" by The Royal Ballet. Their imagination was truly sparked by the incredible music of the orchestra and the wonderful performance of the ballet dancers. We hope to be able to offer this educational visit again in the future!



VIP Lunch

Each week one child from each class this term, has been chosen to have a special lunch at the 'top table' with a member of the senior Leadership Team. Children are chosen by their class teacher as a reward for hard work and effort that week.



Rock Steady workshop

On Friday 28th November, children enjoyed taking part in a special workshop by Rock Steady. They were shown how to play the electric guitar, drums and keyboard and how to sing with a microphone. Some children had the opportunity to come on stage and play songs such as *We Will Rock You*. Rock Steady will be starting rock band lessons every Friday starting from 12th December. Look on your Google Classroom streams for more information about how to sign up.



A Day in the Life of Lathom

Peter Gill, a photographer, spent a day with us at Lathom capturing daily events at our school; here are a few of the photos that he took on that day:

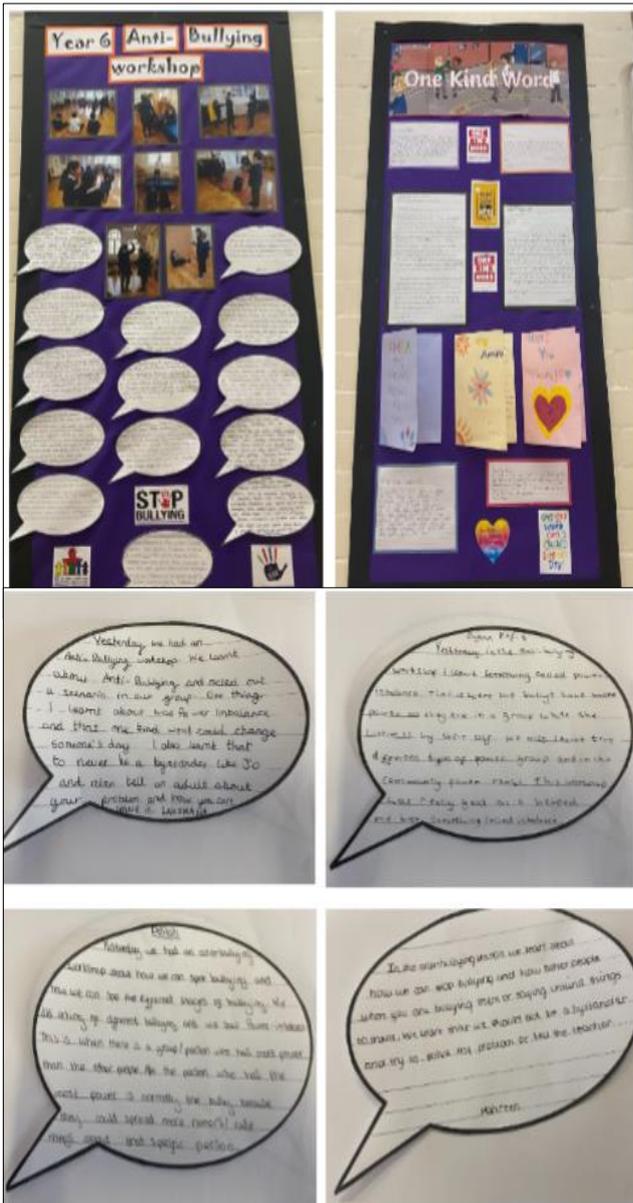


Anti-bullying Week 2021

Anti-bullying Week this year was coordinated by the Anti-bullying Alliance and took place from the 15th November to 19th November 2021. This year's theme was '**One Kind Word**' with the message that our approach towards others should be one filled with love and kindness.

The start of Anti-bullying Week was marked by everyone wearing odd socks **to** highlight our uniqueness and that it is fine to be different.

Year 6 children participated in Anti-bullying workshops led by Sasha Jacques from Open View Education and children from Years 3 to 5 watched an online workshop, producing 'a kind word' statement as their reflection. During PSHCE lessons, children created kindness cards for another class, teacher, support staff or another child to say thank you or to brighten up their day.



Reading Record Winner

This term Ms Sheehan, our Reading Lead and one of our Assistant Headteachers, has been working with our librarians to raise the profile of reading for enjoyment and to organize the school library. As part of this focus, she set a competition for children to design a poster to promote the importance of reading and the reading records. The winner was and this is a photo of the winning design. Well done _____

Reading Records

What to write inside the reading record?

IN THE SMALL BOX WRITE:

- the date
- the name of the book
- where you read up to

IN THE LARGE BOX WRITE:

- the plot
- prediction - optional
- what you liked about the book
- what you disliked about the book

Why you should write in your reading record?

Writing in your reading record helps on your reading and review on your book/text read. It also helps keep note on new words learnt & books/pages read.

Importance of reading:

- Improves fluency in writing and speaking
- Helps you help your imagination
- Learn new words
- Improve grammar and spelling skills
- Improve comprehension and critical analysis skills

EXAMPLE :

| DATE, BOOK AND PAGE | COMMENTS |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 25/10/21 | In this book Harry, Ron and Hermione have just finished transfiguration class - I dislike the part when Professor decide to give Harry homework. |
| Harry Potter prisoner of azkaban | |
| 105-125 | |

Include the date, name of book and pages you read up to

| TRICKY WORDS OR NEW WORDS I LEARNT | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| mongrels | | | |

Remember to write words new to you and find the meaning, using a dictionary.

Rate how interesting you found the book out of 10. This should be your personal opinion.

Include characters & plots from the text in your comment section.

Travel Plan

To focus attention on the importance of the travel plan we have for our school, Ms Carpenter set a road safety poster competition for the whole school. Lathom's Junior Travel Ambassadors then decided on the winner for each year group, presenting them with a certificate and bag of road safety 'goodies'.



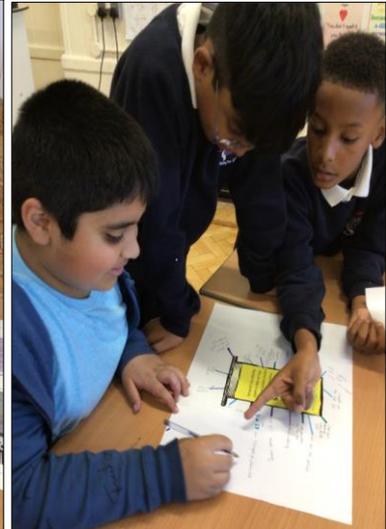
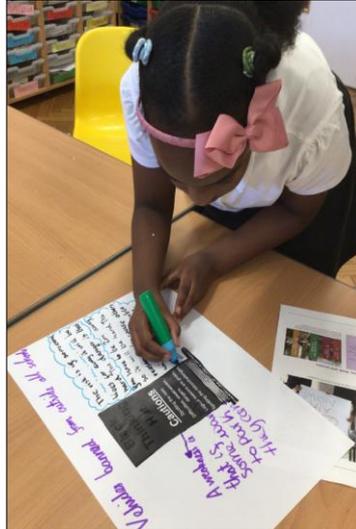
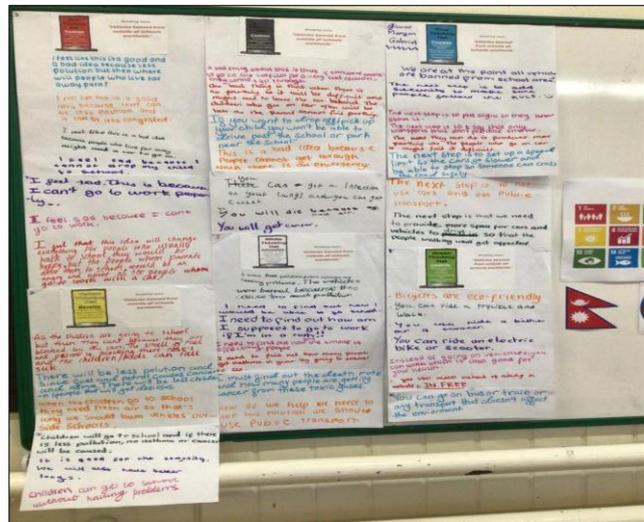
Connecting Classrooms

This term, Lathom has continued our exciting project called "Connecting Classrooms: Clean Air". This is a project to help our children understand the big issues that shape our world and equip them with the knowledge, skills and attitudes they need to make a positive contribution as members of society. Connecting Classrooms through Global Learning is a partnership between the British Council and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. Lathom has teamed up with a school in Nepal in order to collaborate on this project. Each year group has introduced themselves to their partner school in Nepal by telling them all about our school and we have been working on and sharing outcomes of weekly sessions with our partner school.

This term, children have been looking at the United Nations Global Goal 11 which focusses on Sustainable Cities and Communities: Clean Air. We used Edward de Bono's 'Six Thinking Hats' to build, share and reflect on the issue of clean air, air pollution and children's health.

Year 6 children used their 'Black Hat's' to identify the risks, difficulties and dangers of banning vehicles from outside all schools worldwide. Children worked in groups to think about different ways to express the following statement: *'Vehicles will be banned from outside all schools worldwide; the government has announced all the cars in London will be electric in a year and all public transport will be made free.'*

Children summarized that banning vehicles from outside all schools is a good idea. They have deduced that there would be less pollution which in turn would hopefully decrease cases of asthma and cancer in the community.



Haanshighaa said: *I learned different ways to make sure polluting will be stopped such as no more chimneys because of the bad air and automatic engine stoppers on electric cars so when you get out the engine will stop automatically and thinking of all the possible risks to think of better ways to save the environment.*
The risks I thought about was people will take advantage of free transport and lots of people will get on. But if someone had an illness, it would spread very easily.

Manoghna (Year 4) said: *We think that having no cars would mean that we were all safe and asthma would stop!*

Chess

Lathom had a successful day at the London Chess Classic tournament last week. Children competed with other schools from all around London. Sagana Haryaran in year 3 received a bronze medal for coming third place in her age group, Abi Sasikumar, Razia Ferdaousy and Ashraf Zhang in year 5 won a bronze medal for coming third also in their age group. Finally, Aayan Kazi received the gold medal for coming first in year 5! If that wasn't enough, Lathom Junior School received a trophy for gaining the second most points overall out of all schools competing. Well done to all those representing our school and competing so admirably!



Girl's Football

Well done to our Year 3 and 4 Girl's Football Team who came third in the competition at Langdon Academy competing against other Newham teams this term.



Cheerleading Competition

Well done to the Cheerleading team who came first in their competition and brought home the gold cup!

Year 5 and 6 Basketball Team

Year 3 Visit to St Paul's, East Ham

Year 3 have been on an educational visit to St Paul's Church this term as part of their unit of work in RE. They participated in a role play based on the Nativity and discussed what celebrating Christmas means for Christians around the world. Children enjoyed listening to the story and re-enacting scenes from the story.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 10th December we wore our Christmas jumpers to school and brought a contribution for the Charity Save the Children. We had so much fun wearing our jumpers! Thank you to all of our parents and carers who contributed money to the charity.



Christmas parties

Children have celebrated Christmas this year by having Christmas parties with their class friends – thank you to all of our parents and carers who kindly contributed food.

Goodbyes

We sadly say goodbye to two members of staff this term. Curtis, one of our teaching assistants has supported many of our children with additional needs, supporting children in class and in the art club that he ran. We wish him all the best in his next post.

We are also saying goodbye to Kitty, head cook in our kitchen; she is retiring this year after 17 years of cooking lunches for all of our children. Thank you Kitty and enjoy your retirement!

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Please visit www.lathom.newham.sch.uk to get the latest information about our school, to read our school policies and to find information about child protection, online safety and the complaints procedure.

Dates for your diary for next term:

11th January: Stranger Danger Workshops, for year 5

11th January: Young Voices concert

17th January: St Patrick's Day

18th January: Year 5 Faith in Schools

19 - 20th January: MFL Flamenco workshops in school

4th February: NSPCC Number Day

7 - 11th February: Online Safety Workshops

Have a safe and happy half term holiday!