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This Month's News Roundup ...

We have lots of exciting news features for you including:

- *School council*
- *Marvellous Maths*
- *Blast into the past!*
- *After-school fun*
- *Tolerance is key*
- *Hitting the right notes*

We hope that you enjoy reading our second issue!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL



This half term, years two and four have been busy rehearsing for their upcoming Christmas production, 'A Christmas Carol'. Ahead of the exciting performances, we managed to speak to Mr Badger to find out how the rehearsals are going. He told us, "Years two and four have been rehearsing for their Christmas performance. They have been busy learning songs, playing instruments, dance routines as well as learning lines, It promises to be a spectacular performance from all the children involved."

SCHOOL COUNCIL

During Monday dinnertime, the school council group meet with Mrs Fenby for their meeting. The school council members were each chosen as a result of their commitment and hard work around school.

This term the group have been discussing behaviour and ways of improving playtimes.

“The school council members have been working extremely hard so far. We have been looking at improving the playground and working on developing merit cards which is a system that allows us to find who has been staying on green and to reward those children for their good behaviour.”-Mrs Fenby

Lexi, the year six school council member, explained that, “This month, school council have been working on merit cards. WE wanted to influence children to do well in school and to be rewarded for what they have done. We think that this is a great way to encourage children to try hard and to behave in school.”

We are looking forward to seeing what else the school council have in store for us!



The school council team hard at work.

MARVELLOUS MATHS!

Maths is amazing and it is a very important part of our curriculum. At Old Hill, we have been working very hard to improve our fluency in maths because being able to quickly recall number facts can help us to work independently and accurately.

Every week, each class from years one to six, complete a maths fluency test. These tests, which last two minutes, involve answering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division questions using our knowledge of part-part-whole models and other number facts. Each time a child gets full marks on the test, they move up to the next level. All children start at bronze one star and can progress all the way up to platinum five star.

Mrs Green, who is our maths leader, explained the importance of maths fluency. She said, “We want all children to know number facts without thinking hard to recall them. This way we can save the hard thinking for more challenging problems. Already we are seeing children becoming more confident with number facts and the weekly practice is helping with this.”

Many children at our school enjoy the challenge of these fluency tests. James, in class five, told us, “It helps us to memorise facts and it’s fun!”

This month, we have asked teachers to nominate children for special recognition for effort and achievement in maths fluency. We are pleased to announce the following winners...



Aslan (class three)



Inaya (class one) , Charlotte and Zack (class five)

BLAST INTO THE PAST!

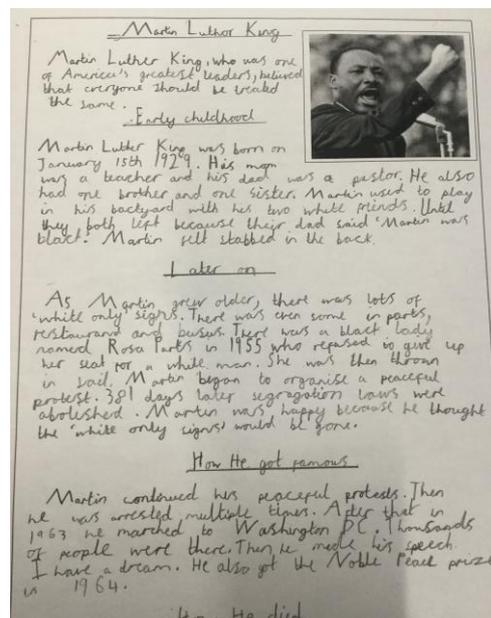
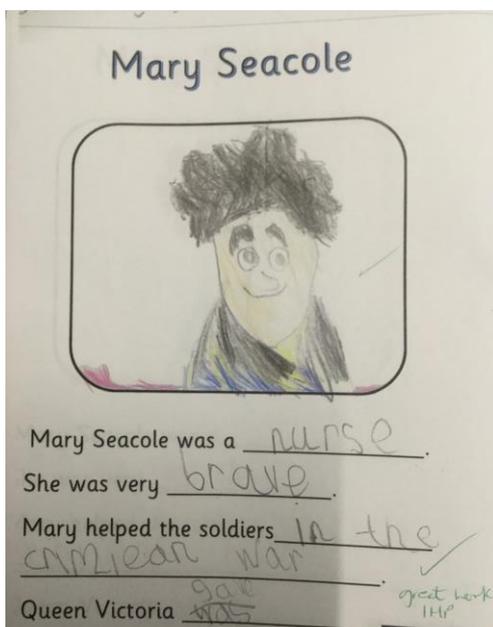
This term each year group studied a famous historical figure. The purpose of this special week was for children to learn about the incredible people who have made an impact on our world. Here are the people that each class learned about:

- Class one: Mary Seacole
- Class two: Guy Fawkes
- Class three: Ghandi
- Class four: Bruce Lee
- Class five: Martin Luther King
- Class six: Nelson Rohlhlala Mandela

Many children loved finding out about their historical figure and are already looking forward to finding out who they will be learning about next term. Lilyanna from class six told us, "It is interesting to learn something new about someone new."

Luqman in class four told us that his favourite quote from Bruce Lee is, 'I fear not the man who has practiced 10,000 kicks once, but I fear the man who has practiced one kick 10,000 times.'

By the end of the week, every child had written a piece of writing about what they had studied. There were many outstanding examples of writing across the school. Here are some fantastic examples from children in class one and five...



HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES!

In our school, music is very important. Mr Tudor, who is our music teacher, comes in and teaches us every Monday. He teaches us not only to sing, but also to play instruments. Mr Tudor teaches us all sorts of music including rock, jazz, soul and blues.

During Monday dinner times, our music teacher leads a choir where pupils from key stage two sing together. Mr Tudor told us, "I love running choir because singing is fun and the commitment from choir members has been amazing."



Once every term, we have an amazing music assembly with the whole school. Each class sings the main song that they have learnt during that term. They also play instruments such as boom-whackers and glockenspiels. Zach from year 4 told us why he enjoyed the music assembly. He said, "I like how we get a chance to sing and have fun."



Every Tuesday, PJ leads the Rocksteady music group and teaches them to sing and play instruments such as drum kits, keyboards, electric guitars and bass guitars. They play these beats to popular songs. Each group has to choose a band name every term so they can be called out in their concert. An example would be the year six group, 'Cosmic Pandas', who are playing the song Dark Horse by Katy Perry. PJ has explained why he likes teaching at Old Hill. He told us, "*I like teaching at Old Hill because everyone at Old Hill is like a family. The teachers and staff are great and the children are talented.*"

TOLERANCE IS KEY

Tolerance is all about being patient with others and accepting that there will be differences between people including different opinions and behaviours to yours. At Old Hill Primary School, tolerance is very important because we understand that we are all unique in our own way, so being tolerant can help us to work together as a team and to be kind to those around us. Sometimes it is hard to understand the reasons why people act a certain way but it is important to remember what others are going through.

Value of the month winners

This month, we are going to focus on the value tolerance. Here is our first nomination for tolerance, Zoya from class three. She was nominated by Mrs Moore who told us *“Zoya is a kind, helpful, polite and tolerant child. She accepts and takes on board advice given by adults. She is also tolerant of other children and the opinions of others in the classroom.”*



Lastly, Mrs Melia has nominated Aimee in class six. Mrs Melia has told us, *“Aimee is very deserving of this nomination. She is a kind and patient girl, who always tries to help those around her. She is willing to take time to listen to others and is accepting of people’s differences.”*



AIMING HIGHER EVERYDAY!

Celebrating October's achievements...

Praise Winners:

Year 1: Lucy, Finley, Latham,

Year 2: Onellia, Zubhan, Theo

Year 3: Harriett, Rabab, Ella,
Hermione

Year 4: Tyler, Zehe, Mark

Year 5: Fabian, Lily May, Florence

Year 6: Rayne, Ali, Jayden, Alissia

House point winners:

Cobras

Tigers (x2)

Bears

Overall attendance:

KS1:

Year 1: 94.48%

Year 2: 94.81%

KS2:

Year 3: 96.75%

Year 4: 97.17%

Year 5: 97.81%

Year 6: 94.81%

A huge well done to everyone for their achievements!