

St Peter's Church of England (Aided) Junior School



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Newsletter — Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term and the next Action for Happiness calendar, 'New Ways November'. This month we're encouraged to try a new activity or take a different approach. You can find a copy of the calendar on the next page of our newsletter.

Happy Birthday, Humphrey

Happy 4th Birthday to our wonderful school dog, Humphrey! We're so proud to have Humphrey as part of our school family—he's a trained dog mentor and he brings us joy every day. Thank you for being such a happy and friendly school dog.

Autumn 2 Curriculum Projects

Each year group has another exciting project to enjoy this half term!

This half term, Year 3 are journeying back in time as they explore: *How can we celebrate the changes within the Stone Age?* At the start of their historical adventure, they enjoyed a dressing up day and the opportunity to immerse themselves in this exciting topic.

Meanwhile, Year 4 are joining an African adventure as they learn about life in West Africa and consider: *How does trade impact economic growth globally?* This week, they enjoyed an African drumming and dance workshop.

This half term, Year 5 are travelling into space as they investigate: *Is it right to explore a place where no human has ever been?* At the launch of this project, the children visited Winchester Science Centre, which included the opportunity to visit the planetarium.

Meanwhile, Year 6 are embarking on an historical adventure as they discover: *Is there any truth to learn from legends?* At the start of this project, each child made a Mayan mask.

Our project design encourages children to make and consider links across the curriculum subjects, supporting them to respond to their overarching question 'in all its fullness'.



Art and Design

Introducing this beautiful artwork, created by our Year 5 children as part of their 'Earth Hero' project last half term. Each project always features an artist study and art outcomes, linked to the wider curriculum. In this example, Year 5 created earth hero portraits, using collage techniques, inspired by the artist Mary Rountree Moore. This work complimented their learning and understanding about various earth heroes.



Meet and Eat

Thank you to our Year 4 children, who joined members of the 'meet and eat' group at St. Peter's Church over their lunchtime this week. The children shared some of their recent work outcomes, while telling their guests all about their Antarctica project. A lovely example of our Value of Celebration. We're so proud of our flourishing partnership between young and old.



To keep up to date with life and learning in our school, please visit the '[latest news](#)' page on our school website.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Miss Reece and the Team

New Ways November 2024

MONDAY



4 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community

11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way

18 Connect with someone from a different generation

25 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way

TUESDAY



5 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel

12 Find out something new about someone you care about

19 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site

26 Try out a different radio station or new TV show

WEDNESDAY



6 Try out a new way of being physically active

13 Do something playful outdoors - walk, run, explore, relax

20 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before

27 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it

THURSDAY



7 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire

14 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about

21 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them

28 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card

FRIDAY

1 Make a list of new things you want to do this month

8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week

15 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."

22 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them

29 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen

SATURDAY

2 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way

9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

16 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective

23 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love

30 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times

SUNDAY

3 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you

10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea

17 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself

24 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently



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