

Sparkle and Shine

This week, the children in Saplings, Elms and Beech were treated to a fantastic evening of fun! The children were invited to back into school for our Sparkle and Shine event where they took part in a number of activities to celebrate light.



They had an amazing time creating glow in the dark jars, toasting marshmallows on an open fire and singing camp fire songs, learning about and making constellations, learning about the significance of diva lights during Diwali, the festival of light and creating their own from salt dough.



The children were enthralled by the whole event and were buzzing with excitement, awe and wonder. One child commented with delight "We are normally in bed asleep at this time!!"

The evening was a roaring success and has provided lots of discussion for children all week. This would not have been possible if it were not for the hard work of Mrs Farrar, who organized the evening, the PTA, who provided the BBQ, hot chocolate, marshmallows and sparklers for the children and the staff team and volunteers who gave up their evenings to help lead activities and support children. Thank you all so much for helping to create such wonderful memories for the children.

Open Mornings

Over the last few weeks we have welcomed prospective parents into school for Open Morning events. We appreciate that, for every parent, choosing the right school for your child is a difficult decision and so we host our open mornings to provide parents with an opportunity to really get a flavor of what it is like to attend Ide Hill School.

The year 6 children did a magnificent job of leading tours of the school and then presenting their speeches. It was a real privilege to listen to the children's conversations with parents and to be part of the audience when they presented their speeches. The children have all grown so much in confidence and I could not help feeling rather proud of them all so I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr Howse, Oaks class and to the entire staff team for all your support in making these events so successful. I have had some lovely feedback from parents who commented on our caring, family feel and the wonderful learning buzz around the school.

Collective Worship

In collective worship this week we have been thinking about the importance of Remembrance and why there are people, places or events that we should not forget. On Sunday one of our pupils will lay a wreath at St Mary's church and we will follow this with a whole school Act of Remembrance on Monday morning, led by year 6.

Children in Need 2023

On Friday 17th November we are asking children to "show us their spots" by coming to school wearing something spotty to support Children in Need 2023 in exchange for a £1 donation for the charity. Please do join us if you can!



Teacher Run Clubs Reminder

A reminder that Teacher Run Clubs will not be on next week due to parent evening appointments. They will resume the following week and the last sessions will be W/C 27th November.

Parent Evening Consultations

Thank you for taking the time to book your child's Parent Evening appointment with our class teachers. We are very much looking forwards to welcoming you into school.

We will endeavour to run appointments on time and will mark the start and end of each appointment time by ringing the school bell. When you hear this bell, we ask please that you finish your conversation so that the next consultation can begin. In order to support us, we ask please that you arrive at least 10 minutes before your child's appointment.

Children's books will be available to view in their classrooms so please do use this time to look at books before coming back to the school hall. Please be aware that it is not a school expectation that all pieces of work in books are marked as often feedback is given to children verbally. We consider this instant verbal feedback to have the most impact.

If you have not get booked your appointments, there is still time! The booking system closes on the 12th November at 1pm. If you have not booked an appointment after this time then we will contact you to ensure you have had every opportunity to find out how your child has settled into school this academic year.

Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

22 nd November	NHS Flu Vaccinations
28 th November	NHS Flu Vaccinations
1 st December	Mufti Day in exchange for a bottle for the Tombola and cakes for the café
2 nd December	PTA Christmas Fair
5 th December	Nativity
6 th December	Nativity
13 th December	Whole school Panto
15 th December	Last day of term

Elms	Freddie - For his hard work and concentration when completing his amazing art piece this week. You really took the time to do your very best! Hudson - For your incredible writing this week about Sparkle and Shine and for your descriptions of the campfire.
Beech	Miley - For excellent science work having super knowledge about different habitats. Oscar - For his detailed story map including excellent vocabulary!
Willows	Annie - For her excellent understanding of timelines in history. Phoebe - For her lovely thoughts on Charcoal artwork by Edgar Degas and Laura Mckendry.
Hazel	Jayden - For his excellent work in maths subtracting two 4-digit numbers with exchanges. Edward - For his fantastic work on punctuating direct speech in English this week
Ash	Phoebe - For her persistent perseverance. Toby - For his enthusiasm to participate in class discussions.
Oaks	Harrison - For a thoughtful Remembrance rondeau poem Chloe - For her growing confidence in maths

Happy Birthday!	Alex H Harley B Keyan F Fleur R Ronnie A Ivy S
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Next Week	
13 th November	Remembrance Service
14 th November	Parents Evening
15 th November	
16 th November	Parents Evening
17 th November	Children in Need KS2 Diwali Workshop