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Roughwood Primary School Newsletter

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Remembrance Service 2025:

Our school community gathered for a meaningful Remembrance Service. It was an important opportunity for all our pupils to learn about the significance of Remembrance Day and to honour the courage and sacrifice of service members past and present. The children showed great respect and maturity as they observed the two-minute silence and contributed beautifully to the service with readings and wreaths.



Happy Diwali:

EYFS put on their most colourful outfits to celebrate Diwali together. We completed many different craft activities such as chalk fireworks, creating rangoli patterns and having mehndi hands painted by the grownups. We danced our hearts out with the parachute to many Diwali related songs and enjoyed spending quality time with each other. To finish, we tried some traditional foods eaten during Diwali time. We had samosas, poppadoms and mango chutney, the samosas were a little bit spicy but we cooled them down with a refreshing drink of milk. A lovely time was had by all and the children were really invested in learning all about the festival of Diwali!



Year 6 explore electrical circuits:

Year 6 have put our scientific skills to the test and learnt about electrical circuits. We constructed simple series circuits using a range of components including bulbs, buzzers, motors and switches.

We then drew our own circuit diagrams and matched our working circuits to these. A fantastic afternoon of teamwork and creativity.



A bonfire party to remember!

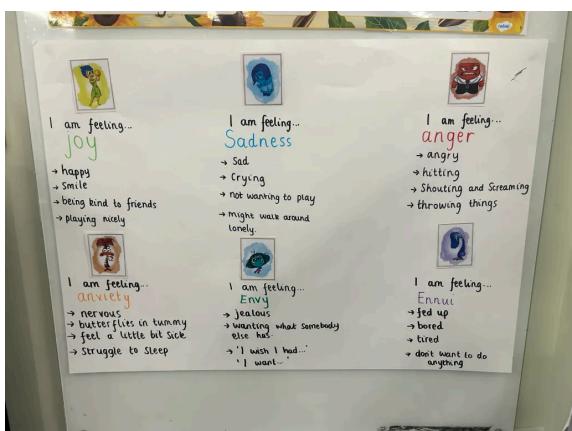
This week in the LEAF we have been reading the story 'The quiet little firework' We went on a welly walk to the outdoor classroom where we all worked together collecting sticks to build our very own bonfire. With a sprinkle of magic from Miss Cubitt the bonfire was lit and we celebrated by toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate to keep us toasty.



How are you feeling?

Chestnuts have been learning all about emotions this week. We watched clips from Disney's 'Inside Out' to be introduced to the different characters that represent emotions we might feel everyday.

We thought hard about times in which we had felt these different emotions and came up with ideas to how these might look and what we might do. We made a big poster to be placed into the classroom so we can always revisit our different emotions. To finish our session we said 'I am feeling' and named one of the emotions we had learnt about.



Delivering our harvest donations to Charlies Pantry at the Chislett Centre:

A big thank you to our brilliant children who helped deliver the harvest festival food donation to the Chislett Centre.

We learnt that many local people are struggling to afford food and that this can impact their health and wellbeing, therefore established a "Community Food Pantry" – a space where people in need can become members and access food supplies.

The children and staff were touched at the donations and we would like to thank families for their generosity in helping the Kimberworth community!



WTA Boccia and Kurling:

An amazing night as our children participated in the Willow Tree Academy Boccia and Kurling event at Greasbrough Primary School. Fantastic to see the children challenging themselves participating in a new sport. All children showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the evening and all thoroughly enjoyed the event.



Count Me In - Y5/Y6 Engagement session:

This morning, we welcomed our year 5 and 6 parents and carers into school to engage our families in the real life maths. Our parents and carers learnt some of the calculation methods that we use in school and then the children practised their methods alongside their adults. Children were challenged to plan a Christmas party. They had a budget and a set number of people were invited to the party. Take a look at the first session.



Autumn Soup:

We have been looking at the changes that happen in Autumn. We used our water area to mix and pour and make our very own Autumn soup.



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Year 5-6 Boys Utilita Kids Cup:

An incredible morning of football from these boys as they represented Roughwood in the Utilita Kids Cup at Dinnington Town FC. The boys played some amazing football finishing third in their group narrowly missing out on making the quarter final after losing to eventual winners Bramley Sunnyside. A fantastic achievement for the boys who all showed incredible resilience, collaboration and sportsmanship throughout the event.



Can you show me 4?

Chestnuts, we have been exploring the number 4. We started by watching the Numberblocks, we were then given 4 connecting cubes to make the number 4 in as many ways as possible. The children were so creative with their cubes and made some fabulous shapes using the number 4. Here are some of our ways to show 4.

