



# Fairstead Life

13/11/15

**Dear Parents,**

This has been a week of thinking about others. On Wednesday, Remembrance Day, all school gathered in the PA to observe two minutes silence and today, we supported 'Children in need'. Many thanks for all of your generosity.



*Thomas, who was chosen to lay a wreath to represent the Scouts in Burwell*

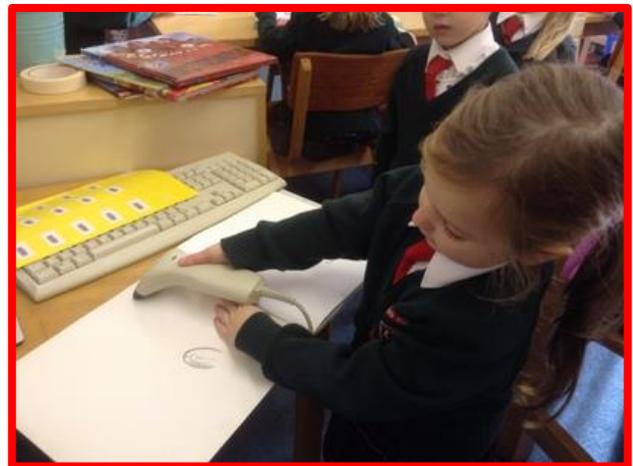


*Poppy, making a poppy to wear*



*Fun with water in the Nursery*

## Reception



*Learning to scan their own library books*



*Enjoying wearing something spotty!*

## Year 1

Year 1 enjoyed scaring everyone with their 'funnybones' masks last week; an excellent preparation for Saturday's Bonfire evening.



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Ely Museum today where they were particularly impressed with the scullery and using all the equipment from days gone by.



## Year 2

In their Author Study, Year 2 have read Jon J Muth's Zen Shorts in which Stillwater the Panda uses short Zen stories to help the siblings Addy, Michael and Karl resolve their differences and understand the world around them. Then, in their latest PSHE and RE session, the children used vocabulary cards to explain how the characters in the Zen stories feel. They discussed feeling those emotions also. After this discussion, they read Jon J Muth's Note explaining his choice of name for Stillwater. They looked into the mirror at the bottom of the water tray and used their Art Skills to produce a dual self-portrait. These show how when our minds are agitated, we cannot see the true world.



## Year 3

In History this week, Year 3 put themselves in the position of different characters from Roman Britain at the time of Boudicca's rebellion. There were Romans, from a captured Gaulish slave up to the Governor, and members of the Iceni tribe, including Boudicca herself. Having thought about their character, the children had to decide how they might react to different situations during the rebellion. The Roman slave, having escaped during the burning of Colchester, decided to join the Iceni army; the Roman trader was relieved when the fighting was over because business would get better again; Boudicca decided (from beyond the grave!) that deciding to fight had been the right decision. There were some lovely insightful observations.



## Year 4

Year 4 have been practising for their class assembly next Wednesday to which their parents are warmly invited to attend. Their assembly will be at 9.00 am in the PA. Coffee will be served from 8.40 am in the foyer of the PA.



## Year 5

### *Diwali Celebrations*

As part of their Religious Studies this term, Year 5 is learning about Hinduism. On Wednesday this week, they celebrated the start of the Hindu Festival of Lights, 'Diwali' by designing and producing some wonderful Rangoli designs. The designs were positioned outside the entrance of the Coach House in order to welcome the Hindu Goddess of Wealth and Good Fortune, Lakshmi, into the building.



## Year 5 Girls trip to OBH

On Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> November, the Year 5 girls have been invited to visit Old Buckenham Hall to attend a 'Women in Science and Technology' activity day. The day offers an exciting opportunity for them to compete in a variety of STEM subject challenges with other schools. The girls will leave school at 9.00am and will be back by approximately 4.15pm. Lunch and snacks will be provided by Old Buckenham Hall. The girls will need to wear normal school uniform and their blazers.

## Year 6



Year 6 had a 'brilliant' science lesson investigating the fire power of elastic bands. The class predicted whether shorter elastic bands were able to fire further than longer ones. They carried out fair tests and recorded results in a scientific manner.

Years 5 and 6 are all looking forward to their trip to Gressenhall in Norfolk on

Friday. Many thanks for your help in sourcing 'Victorian' clothing to add to the excitement of the day.

## Match Reports

### Rugby U11

Riddlesworth Hall did not have a full team for our Wednesday fixture, so instead of cancelling the match, we decided to use the opportunity for a mixed games session. It was a superb chance to mix teams and play a number of small sided games. Match tea afterwards was, once again, lovely and the boys made our guests feel very welcome.

*Michael Radford*

### Netball U11

"The Fairstead House U11 girls played Riddlesworth Hall in a netball match on Wednesday. Fairstead House won the toss and we were off to a great start, taking an early lead. Charlotte and Adele did an excellent job in defending. Eunsong and Lily did a great job moving the ball down the court. Fern and Samantha were really good in centre as they constantly broke up plays and got the ball to the shooters. Emma-Louise and Phoebe did some great shooting. In the first and second periods, the Fairstead House girls scored 8 goals. Fairstead House extended the lead with 3 more goals in the last two periods. Ultimately, the match ended with Fairstead House 11, Riddlesworth Hall, 3. Phoebe was named Woman of the Match.

Well done, team and keep up the good work!"

*Phoebe Carver*

Unfortunately, Friend's Junior have cancelled next week's fixtures and send their apologies.

## **Autumn Glow**

Last Saturday's Autumn Glow festival was a resounding success and was greatly enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike. Our wonderful Parents Association had put a huge amount of effort into ensuring the evening was the success it was. The weather was kind to us and the bonfire was greatly appreciated. A very large amount of money was raised and I will be able to let you know the amount next week. Thank you to everyone for your help!

## **Car Park**

To prevent any congestion, please remain in your car whilst in the 'through drive'. We will endeavor to take your child to your car allowing you to leave without the need to park. Thank you.

## **Holiday Club**

We have attached a booking form for the Holiday Club for the forthcoming holiday. Please return this to the school office.

## **Christmas Cards**

To clarify, please complete and return the form and your child's art work to their class teacher by Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November if you wish to order Christmas Cards. Cheques should be payable to Fairstead House School.

## **Portrait Photographs**

Please note that, to ensure delivery for Christmas, Anna Jaggard would like to have your order by Monday.

## **Missing Uniform**

There are a number of missing items of uniform. Please can you check that your child has taken home their own? Thank you.



Thank you for your support



*Luca with his great  
uncle's medals on  
Remembrance Day*

Best wishes for a lovely weekend

*Lynda Brecken*



Next week we say Happy Birthday to:

Toby Tilbrook (5)

Isabella Means (7)