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Last week KS2 celebrated Harvest at St John's Church. The service was led by Father Mike and Year 5 Oak. The Harvest songs were lovely, and our pupils sang so well. With thanks to Mrs Toms for leading this wonderful celebration.



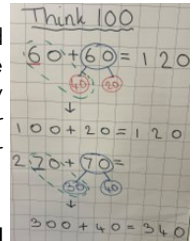
This week in Owls, we have been looking at different sentence types. We have worked on the punctuation that goes with these sentences, as well as learning how to express these sentence types when we are reading them.

<p>Statements Statements are sentences which tell you something, like a fact. They should contain a verb, a noun and usually end with a full stop. Starfish live in the sea.</p>	<p>Questions Questions are sentences that ask you something. They usually end with a question mark. What is your favourite sea creature?</p>
<p>Commands Commands are sentences that tell you to do something. They are found in instructions and start with an imperative verb (bossy word). Play me a song.</p>	<p>Exclamations An exclamation is a sentence beginning with 'What' or 'How'. It is a full sentence, including a verb, which ends with an exclamation mark. What an amazing band they are!</p>

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate Harvest with KS1 this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed performing songs they have learnt around the theme of Harvest. Some of the Year 2 children also performed a poem, in which the vegetables reminded us of some of the ways we can follow the South Hill Way.

Maths Corner

Year 3 have been looking at adding 2- and 3-digit numbers by regrouping to the nearest 10 and nearest 100. We started by rounding numbers up to the nearest 10 or nearest 100. This is how we recorded our answers.



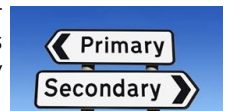
Once again, the South Hill School community have shown incredible generosity and donated a phenomenal number of items for the homeless charity DENS this morning.



Our school values of responsibility and respect for others have truly been highlighted by the families who kindly donated. Mr Donley has taken all the items to the homeless charity, thank you so very much.

Y6 Moving On—Secondary School Application

The deadline is fast approaching, 31st October 2024. County Admissions has suggested making your application early to avoid any last minute stress.



National Poetry Day – World Record Attempt

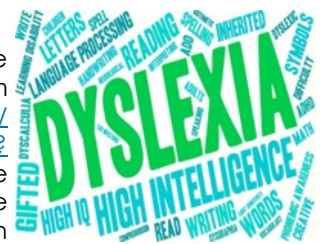
On Thursday, South Hill pupils took part in a Guinness World Record attempt, as part of National Poetry Day. They learnt about the poet Laura Mucha and recited her poems. If verified, South Hill School's name will appear in the next edition of Guinness World Records under the highest number of children attending a poetry session. A link to more information is here:



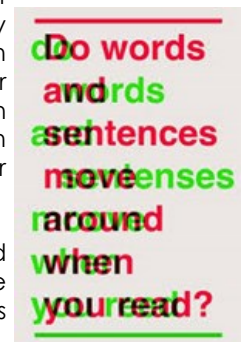
<https://gwrstore.com/ar/pages/largest-poetry-lesson-laura-mucha>

Dyslexia Awareness Week

In Wednesday's assembly the children watched a short film about dyslexia. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lr7CFIK2sc> Together we thought about how all brains are different with a dyslexic brain being one that may find reading, spelling, organisation and memorising things tricky. How they may also be highly creative, and find it easier to work out how things work, make things and see patterns in things. We recognised that we cannot tell if a person has dyslexia by the way they look, but that a person with dyslexia may find some lessons hard or frustrating. We therefore reflected on how important it is to be kind when anyone finds learning hard or upsetting.



If you are concerned that your child may have dyslexia, in the first instance you should discuss this with your child's class teacher.



School Council News

In our first meeting the School Council discussed our key question this term "What does democracy look like in our school?"



One suggestion was how we vote for new ideas and changes in our school. Another member said we need to have better manners and listen more to others pupils' opinions during debates and class discussions. The School Council will soon be voting upon three core suggestions. In the meantime, please talk to your child about democracy and how this applies to South Hill School.

Helping your child at home

Do you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2? Would you like to know how to support their learning more at home? Mrs Alberty and Mrs Masters would love to see you on Tuesday 22nd October at 9am in the school hall, where they will share ideas with you.





Heath Lane Nursery Request for Unwanted Coats

Heath Lane Nursery are in need of any unwanted coats age 3-4 or 5-6. If you do have a coat to recycle, please take it to Heath Lane Nursery where it will be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely
Miss Wellbelove
Headteacher









Owls Grammar Corner

Attendance  Attendance matters
Every student, every day  Attendance

South Hill Weekly Attendance

Our target is 97% for the whole school

Wrens	92.8%	
Robins	95.7%	
Goldfinches	96.7%	
Sparrows	97%	
Owls	98.6%	
Kingfishers	96.1%	
Ash	97.3%	
Beech	92.3%	
Holly	97%	
Maple	94.7%	
Oak	94%	
Silver Birch	92.3%	
Sycamore	96.9%	
Hazel	100%	
Whole school	95.8%	



Star of the Week

Wrens	Matthew M
Robins	Henry M
Goldfinches	Minahil
Sparrows	Whole Class
Owls	Juno
Kingfishers	Alishba
Ash	Rada
Beech	Grayson
Holly	Sophia
Maple	Nicole
Oak	Arina
Silver Birch	Emilia
Sycamore	Phoebe
Hazel	Sravan

October	
Monday 14th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y5 Bikeability week commences Y6 SATs Meeting—5.30 School Hall
Tuesday 15th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New parents Tour—Reception 2025 9.30 am
Wednesday 16th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sycamore Class Assembly 9 am—Parents Welcome Mr Masters Assembly and Bible gifts—Y3
Friday 18th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports Ambassador trip—Selected Y6 Students only
Monday 21st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents evening 4-7 pm
Tuesday 22nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Y3 Celtic Harmony Class Trip Wrens Parents' Consultation 9 am -12 pm — Headteacher's Office Netball Match—Home Game
Wednesday 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School photograph day (individual) Parents Evening 4-7 pm
Thursday 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EYFS phonics session — parents welcome 8.50-9.20 am
Friday 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of half term—School finishes at 3.15/3.20 pm
Monday 28—Friday 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Half Term
Thursday 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline for Secondary School Applications.
November	

Attachments

- ⇒ DEN's— Sleep out Information
- ⇒ Claires Club October Half Term
- ⇒ School Nurse Information
- ⇒ Electric Umbrella Half Term Activity
- ⇒ PB Football October Camp

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