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This week was Anti-Bullying week. Mrs Albery, as Wellbeing lead led assembly on Monday about ensuring we all feel safe at South Hill. We say STOP:

- Start
- Telling
- Other
- People if you feel someone has upset you.



### Reception News

Reception were very lucky to have received a dark tent kindly donated to the school by Ms Varga (a parent of the school). This is currently in Robins class and has been turned into a space station to link with reception's Twinkly Nights and Gloomy Nights topic, which includes space. Ms Varga has also provided lots of sensory light toys to go inside the tent too. The children are loving their space station and we would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Varga for her kind and thoughtful donation. Thank you!



### Class News—Owls

In Owls (and Kingfishers), our Christmas play rehearsals are well underway and I think we'll all be singing the songs in our sleep soon, if we're not already, as they are so catchy!

In English, we have focused on the book *The Troll* by Julia Donaldson and have written stories and instructions, as well as learning about questions, commands, imperative verbs and the present progressive tense. We were lucky enough to have a pirate from the book visit us so that we could have all our questions answered.

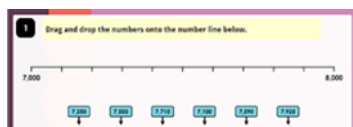


In maths we have been working on flexible partitioning with Dienes blocks, so we can now split numbers in different ways, for example, 57 can be 50 + 7, 40 + 17 or 30 + 27. We have learnt to round numbers to the nearest 10 and we are working on addition and subtraction of pairs of 2 digit numbers.

We have started work on Barbados in Geography and we were very fortunate that Mr B could share with us his experience of living there.

### Maths Corner - Year 4

In Year 4, we have been using our school CPA approach (Concrete, Pictorial and Abstract) and we have been focusing on place value (up to 4 digits) and understanding the value of each digit within a number (number magnitude).



To help us with this, we have been using number lines. We created them by folding them in half to find our midpoint. We then folded the number lines again to find a 1/4 and 3/4. This helped us use these intervals to place numbers on the number line.

### Friendship Bench

At South Hill School, we recognise that the school playground can be a lonely place for a child if they do not have anyone to play with. However, we are very fortunate to now have a special friendship bench. This bench will help children to make friends and get them talking and open up about their feelings in a mutually supportive way.



Please take a look at the fabulous new friendship bench which was recently purchased by our incredible PTA. It is located opposite the key stage 1 playground.

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting the school from Thursday 24th - Tuesday 29th November. Have a look on their website and see if there is anything you would like to pre-order or pop in your wish list, <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>. Please note all books must be paid for online. We will not be taking cash payments in the school. Parents will also be able to come into school to look at the books. More information to come out shortly.

### Maple Class Assembly

Maple put on a fantastic class assembly this week and we are extremely proud of each and every one of them. It was incredible to see how much they know about life in Roman times and to see their art, history, English and DT-inspired work. We would like to also say a big thank you for the incredible support we had from parents and family members.

### Safeguarding Awareness for Parents & Carers (Football Association)

Every week millions of children play football, many of them in organised clubs and organisations. As part of its safeguarding response, the Football Association has created a safeguarding course for parents.

The course is designed to help parents make informed choices about the football settings where they enrol their children. The course helps parents recognise best practice and see where there may be concerns, so that they can report them quickly and effectively. This free course can be found here:

<https://learn.EnglandFootball.com/courses/safeguarding/safeguarding-awareness-for-parents-and-carers>

### "Golden Dustpan" of the Week!

This week's winners of the Golden Dustpan for the tidiest classrooms are Goldfinches and Holly. Keep up the good work!



### Attendance

The class with the best attendance in the past week is:

**Maple with 98.67% attendance – Well done!**

**Keep up the good work.**

Yours sincerely

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Star of the Week	
Wrens	Ada
Robins	Ioanna
Goldfinches	Connie
Sparrows	Quinn
Owls	Bella
Kingfishers	Lottie
Ash	Andrea
Beech	Iveline
Holly	Alicia
Maple	Whole Class
Oak	Betsy & Zeeshan
Silver Birch	Erik
Sycamore	Summer
Hazel	Giselle

### Dates for your Diaries

The Book Fair is coming to South Hill very soon.

#### November

Sunday 20th	◆ Litter Picking Party
Wednesday 23rd	◆ Y4 trip to Verulamium Museum
Wednesday 23rd	◆ Hazel class assembly, 8.55 am
Thursday 24th	◆ Y6 trip to RAF Museum Hendon
Thursday 24th	◆ Book Fair (though to 29th)
Friday 25th	◆ Non Uniform Day (Sweet or chocolate donation for PTA event)
Monday 28th	◆ Y3 Visit to St Johns Church 1:15-3 pm
Wednesday 30th	◆ Beech class assembly, 8.55 am
Wednesday 30th	◆ Rock Steady Concert 2:15 pm
December	
Thursday 1st	◆ Non Uniform day (Pre loved toys donation for PTA event)
Friday 2nd	◆ Occasional Day (School Closed)
Saturday 3rd	◆ Choir singing in Boxmoor 4 pm

### Sporting News Year 2

On Tuesday, Year 2 attended the Dacorum multi-sports event. It was an action-packed afternoon where the children were involved in many different activities, including throwing a frisbee, stacking cups, active memory games and shuttle runs to collect puzzle pieces. The children had a very enjoyable afternoon.



### KS2

Some of our KS2 children took part in a district wide school games project this week where they participated in lots of different sports, such as curling, archery, boccia and volleyball. We were very proud as they all took part with great determination and enthusiasm.

### House Points

Gade	1375
Colne	1325
Bulbourne	1000
Lea	1050

### Reception Application 2023 For Parents/Carers of children applying for a place in reception for September 2023

- The online admissions process is now open
- The deadline is 15th January 2023

[APPLY HERE](#)

### Attachments

- ⇒ PTA information Poster
- ⇒ DSPL8 Newsletter

### Recently Added On Website (on Newsletter page unless specified)

- ⇒ Beezee Bodies Flyer
- ⇒ Snow Dogs Dacorum
- ⇒ Storm basket ball game
- ⇒ DSPL8 Course information