



Newsletter

DECEMBER

"December is the time for remembering the past and reaching toward the future."

WELCOME!

Dear Families,

It does feel that every week starts with gloomy, rainy days and that it is wetter and darker than it has been in a long time. Life at Exhall Juniors contrasts the weather and every day is filled with children keen to get on and show that sunnier times will be back. Your children, and the way they behave, play an important part in our school's success and their approach has such a positive influence on our culture, so important their voice isn't lost.

Our Junior Leadership Team, led by Mrs So, is up and running again this year, and already we are seeing a positive impact they are having across the school. The Play Leaders across the school are really working hard to ensure our playtimes are successful and fun for all the children when they are outside, and we have our Head and Deputy students, plus House

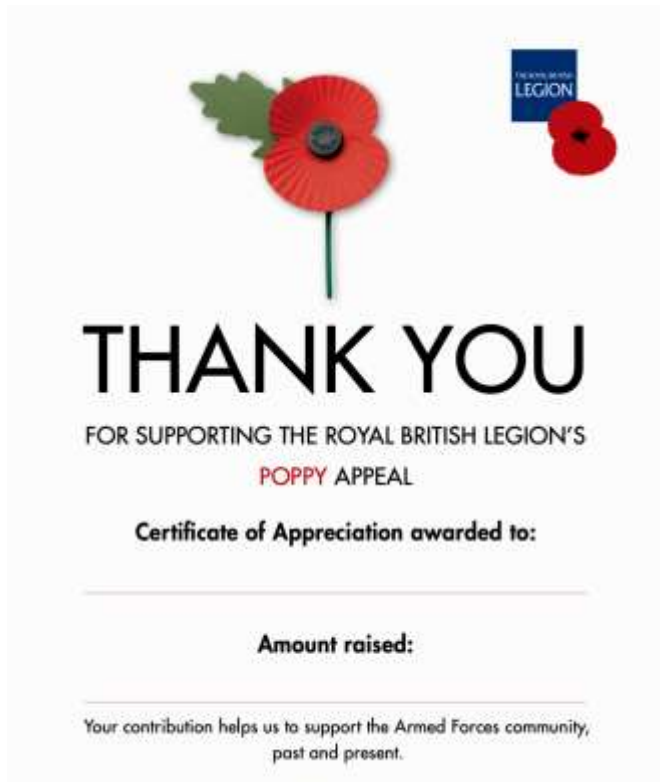
Team Captains – they all play their part in making sure the views of your child are promoted and heard.

The School operates under the "Ready, Respectful, Safe" rules, teaching children that they should be ready to learn, respectful of the people and environment around them and ensure that they are keeping themselves and others safe.

The rules are the guidelines for promoting a good working atmosphere and positive relationships. Within classes, there are discussions about what this means and what it looks like in our school – please make sure you have a chat with your child so they can share how important these elements of our school life support them.



Remembrance Day



In remembrance, we joined together with the community and other local schools to pay our respects, and to lay our wreath at the War Memorial in Bedworth. Head and Deputy students presented wreaths on behalf of the school and its community.

The children were ably supported once again by Mrs Randle, we thank her for her tireless support of this annual ceremony.





“Laughter is the shortest distance between two people”

Our wellbeing benefits from laughing regularly, as it builds and strengthens social connections and can release stress. Laughter has short-term benefits as it can create physical changes in your body and soothes tension. It can also support us in the long term by improving our immune system, relieving pain and improving our self-esteem.

It can feel difficult to start laughing if you are feeling low, but a good place to begin is to remember what has made you laugh in the past!

Our tips for laughter:

1- Smiling is contagious, just like laughter. Try smiling more often, as it has a positive effect on you and the people around.

2- Share a laugh. Make a conscious effort to spend time with friends who make you laugh. Return the favour by sharing funny stories or jokes with those around you!

3- It can be difficult to know where to start, so try preparing to laugh. Create a collection of funny movies, tv shows, funny photos and videos for when you need a humour boost.

4- Try laughing yoga, which is prolonged voluntary laughter that is designed to create positive energy. It will feel forced at first, but it will eventually become spontaneous.

To get you started –



Did you hear about the racing snail who got rid of his shell? He thought it would make him faster, but it just made him sluggish! 😊

Mice Donation



A huge thank you to the Waldron family who have kindly donated computer mice for our Chromebooks.

Not everyone likes to use the inbuilt touchpad, including many adults, and this kind gift allows the option now so all children can gain better access to our IT lessons. It is much appreciated.

Celebrating Outside Achievements

We are always keen to share what you child does outside the school. Every week in our Pride Assembly we spend time to hear their success which can be varied. Here's a selection from the term so far -



Amelie was very proud to share her persevering skills with her Lego model – it took two hours to do!



Layla-Mae during her award for being nominated for Brownie of the Year.



Braidon shared how he raised significant amounts of pocket money by cleaning cars and gardening in his own free time – a future entrepreneur in the making!



Swimming lessons in Bath

We can be guaranteed someone in school would have succeeded and received a swimming certificate ... and Marika is always keen to share her gymnastic awards ...



Please encourage your child to share their success from outside, or send in details yourself to the office, put title your email Pride Award

Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut? He just wanted a little more space.



Attendance

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us this year so far with making sure their child is at school more than 95% of the time, or more, and that they are on time each day.

You are supporting your child in making sure they don't miss out on important learning experiences throughout the year and building resilience for the future.

Thank you also to those parents who have improved their child's attendance following a letter/meeting to say that their child was at risk of being persistently absent – the efforts you've made are really appreciated.

Our attendance celebration record begins again at the start of each term - therefore every child has the potential to achieve 95% or better each term.

A	95.03%
B	92.29%
C	93.67%
D	95.28%
E	95.25%
F	95.6%

Community Spirit



Our school site is very lucky to have such amazing grounds surrounded by an abundance of nature. We do love our trees ... most of the year.

We have found this autumn term that the trees have mainly decided to drop their leaves at the same time, and our playgrounds have been drowning in leaves. These great sways of leaves are great to wade through, not so good to play games on, we have lost a few tennis balls.

However, no challenge is impossible when you have children prepared to roll up their sleeves and use their own lunchtimes to clear the site.

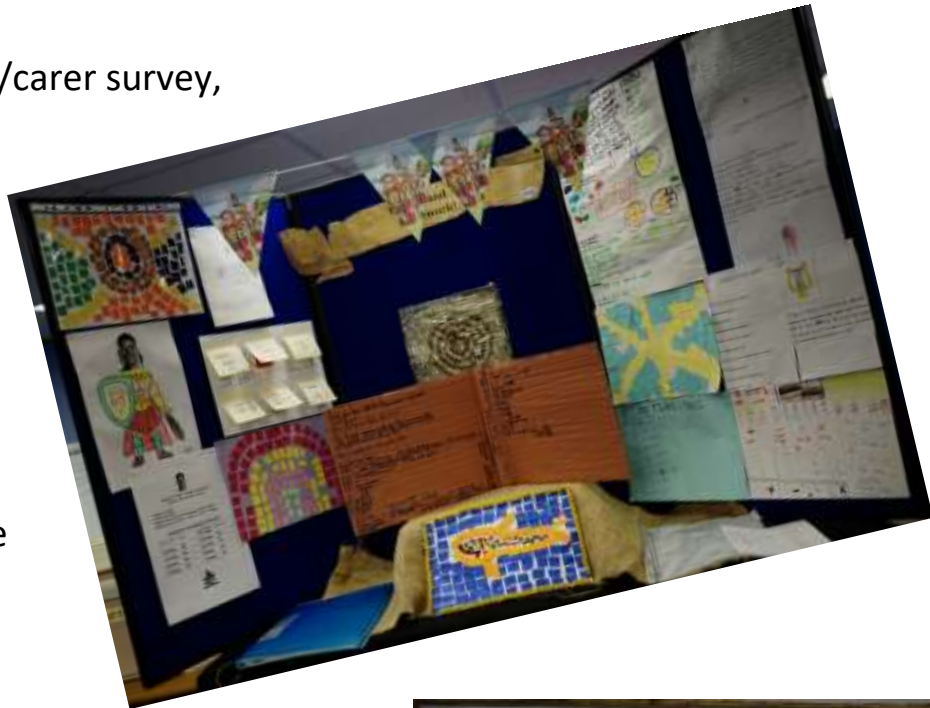
Well done to all the children, too many to mention that have shown great community spirit!



Homework

From our recent parent/carer survey, it was clear that one area that we needed to extend our offer was around homework – and you were right.

Once we set some inspiration homework tasks, the children have responded so well with some exciting efforts.



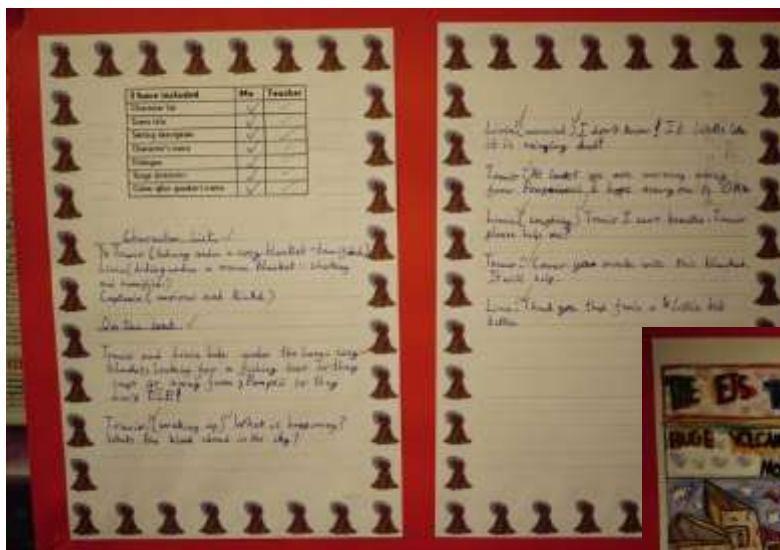
Year 3 and 4

Year Three and Four Have been working hard on their Roman topic.

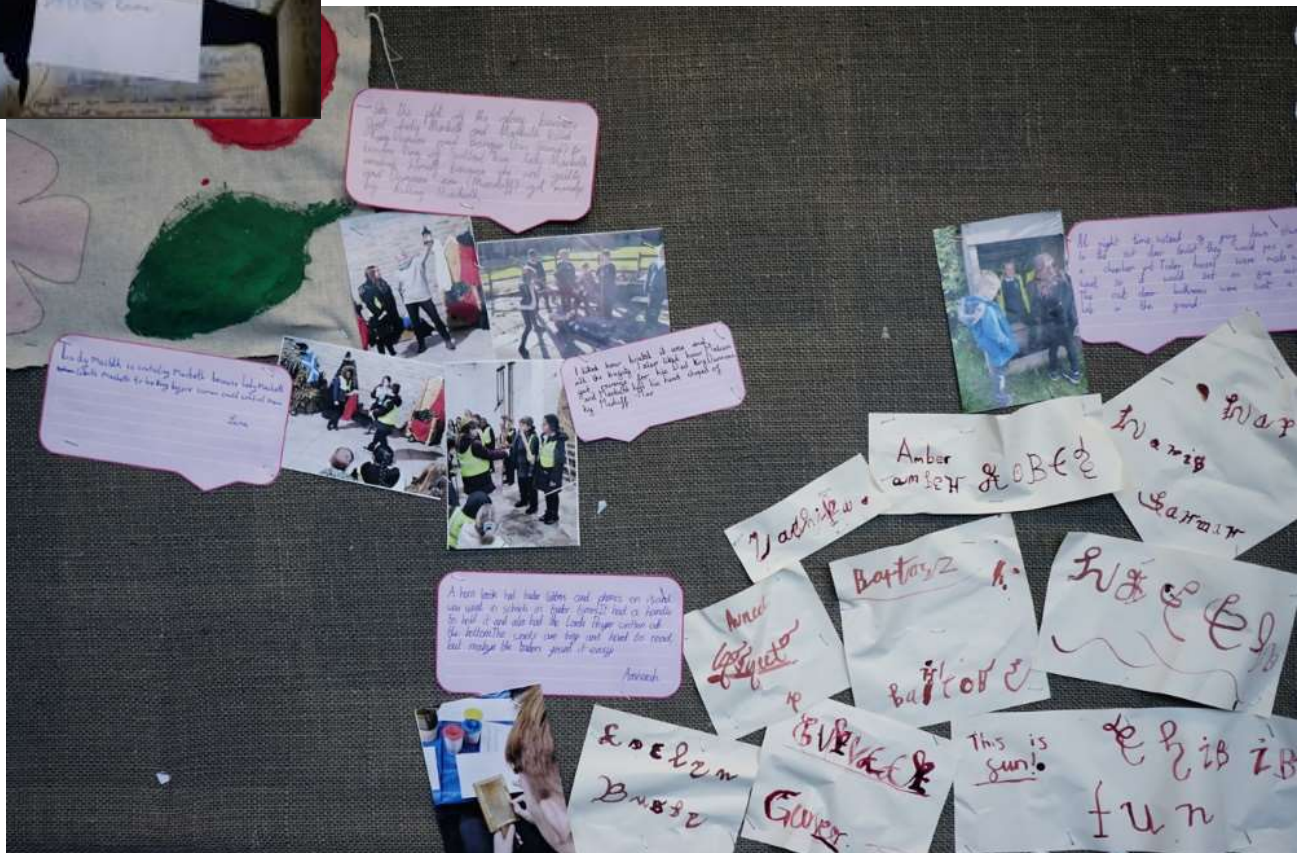


Mount
Vesuvius
has
exploded
again in the
corridor!

At least it's
lots of
learning and
not larva!



The Tudor Topic work continues. They have been inspired by William Shakespeare and their trip to Mary Arden Farm.



My dog accidentally swallowed a bunch of Scrabble tiles.

I think this could spell ...



Reading

There can be few things as powerful as regularly reading to a young child. It has astonishing benefits for children: comfort and reassurance, confidence and security, relaxation, happiness and fun.

Giving a child time and full attention when reading them a story tells them they matter. It builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination and even improves their sleeping patterns.

We continue to support Reading school – it's the key to a child's future success!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2023

This certificate is presented to
Exhall Junior School

& friends

For your kind contribution of
£240.25

To help support those affected by cancer. Thank you.

Celine

Celine & the Coffee Morning Team

7 Nov 2023

Thank you



It's that time of year - the jumpers are out.

There are a couple of days a year when millions of people get out their seasonal sweaters and raise money for a good cause.

An astonishing 65 million Christmas jumpers are reported to be forgotten or unloved at the back of UK wardrobes, and thousands of them end up in our waste streams.

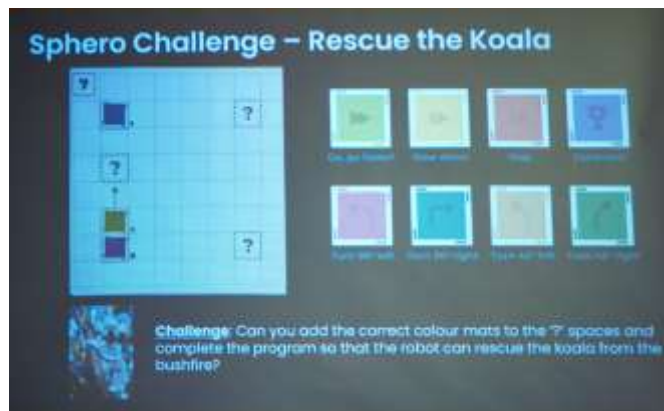
If you have any spare jumpers, your child might have grown out of them, can you please donate them to school – we can certainly use them.

Tech We Can Visit

Tech She Can was founded in 2018 by Sheridan Ash MBE with 18 like-minded individuals who are all passionate about improving the pipeline of women going into technology roles. It's now grown into supporting everyone in school.

Poppy Patel, a Learning Design and Delivery Office, came in and delivered a programme learning materials that inspired both Year 5 boys and girls that has fired their desire to have a future career in technology.

Year 5 especially liked working out the instructions that each coloured tile has programmed into it.



Dates for your Diary

December 2023	
15th Dec 2023	Parent 'Art Walk'
20th Dec 2023	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day Christmas Carols – <i>carers and parents are invited it starts 2.00pm</i>
22nd Dec 2023 (last day of term)	Carol Service @ St Giles Church
25th Dec – 8th Jan	Christmas Holidays + Inset Day
9th Jan	School Opens



Please let us know if have queries, issues or questions.

If we've got something wrong, please let us know, it's important for us to help and support. Just call into the office or call

tel 02476313375 or

admin2571@welearn365.com

My child wants to invent a pencil with an eraser on each end, but I just don't see the point!



Nuneaton & Bedworth

Grub and Hubs



Are you in need of a warm space, and some free/cheap food over the winter period?

We have brought some information together into one website which shows where you can find cheap/free food and warm spaces this winter.



Scan this QR code to head to the website!

Do you run a warm space or free/cheap food opportunity? Or do you know of one that we haven't yet got on our site? Drop us an email to nuneatongrubandhubs@gmail.com

An initiative
developed by:



and local
volunteers

Exhall Cedars Infant School



Exhall Cedars is a **small, nurturing Infant School**, in the heart of the Exhall community, serving Exhall, Bedworth, Hawkesbury Village, Brindley Edge and the Warwickshire/Coventry border.

Cedars provides an **excellent educational experience** for children aged 2-7 years.

Ofsted March 2020:

"Nurturing relationships exist between adults and children in the setting. Children get off to a good start." "Leaders have created a warm and welcoming environment for pupils and staff. Pupils like school and they feel safe."



Pre-school & Nursery

We provide sessional term time provision for 2-4yrs. We support 2Help and 3yr old NEF, including 30 hr provision for working parents.

Nursery 3-4yrs: am/pm or all day sessions

Pre-School 2-3yrs: Flexible to your needs.

Wraparound for 2-4yr olds is available, through school, at an additional cost

We accept Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers



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We provide free information to support families with children and young people aged 0 - 25 across Warwickshire on issues including:

- Childcare
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Help with family finances
- One to one support
- Parenting support
- Support with bullying

All our information is available at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

Saturday December 2nd 12noon- 3pm

Christmas Bazaar

Admission 50p (children free)

Gifts, refreshments, games, crafts, tombola, grand prize draw and lots more!

Sunday December 3rd

First Sunday of Advent

9.30am Holy Communion

11.30am All Age Worship

5pm Evensong

Sunday 17th Dec	9.30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	5.00 pm	CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE
Saturday 23rd Dec	4.00 pm	Quiet Christmas Remembering
		<i>A quiet time to remember those we love but see no longer</i>
Sun 24th Dec	9.30 am	Service of Holy Communion
Christmas Eve	3.00pm	All Age Christingle
	5.00 pm	All Age Christingle
	11.00 pm	Midnight Communion
Mon 25th Dec	8.00 am	Quiet Communion
Christmas Day	10.30 am	All Age worship with Communion
Sun 31st Dec	10.30 am	Joint Service of Holy Communion
New Year's Eve		



WINTER HAF

Winter HAF: Tuesday 2 January - Friday 5 January 2024

Your HAF code can be used to book a maximum of 4 sessions during Winter HAF. These can be with one provider, or across different providers.

Book directly with your chosen provider - let them know if your child has any additional needs or requirements.

Please ensure you cancel any booked sessions you can no longer attend directly with providers. This gives another child the opportunity to book the space.

Forgotten your HAF code? Email hafprogramme@warwickshire.gov.uk with your child's full name and date of birth to receive a reminder.

Please disclose if your child has any SEND or an EHCP when booking activity sessions. This enables the provider to ensure they can meet your families needs, or suggest a suitable alternative if not.



**Where all
children
and young
people are:**



HEARD



SAFE



HEALTHY



SKILLED



HAPPY

**Everyone can play a part in making the
county a great place to grow up and learn.**

**Join us in creating a future we can all believe
in, be part of Child Friendly Warwickshire.**

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