

Tenacres First School November News



*Its that time of year
Cold weather draws
near*

*So wrap up in a
snug coat.*

*We want you to stay
warm*

*So to help you we
warn*

*Remember this
small friendly note.*

As we approach this very special time of year I thought a newsletter was needed to let you know all that has happened over the past few weeks and all that is planned so far for the weeks to come!

As always I thank you for your support. This has included buying poppies, our sponsored event and the Children in Need lunch.

As you read through please make a note of dates for Christmas performances and look out for letters over the coming weeks for Christmas Jumper Day (12th December), play tickets, DVD and Christmas dinner orders.

Miss Marshall

GNOME NEWS : brought to you by

Tia Copson & Aiden Lane

- New vegetable boxes have been filled with top soil and are ready for planting in the courtyard.
- New bins bought with money from the textile recycling bank on KS1 & 2 playground
- We eagerly anticipate the arrival of Frank the Frog who will be awarded as a prize to the class who save the most energy.



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OLYMPIC ATHLETE VISIT

Tenacres was very lucky to have a visit from GB hurdler, Meghan Beesley, on Friday 14th November. The whole school took part in a fast paced and exciting sponsored circuit of fitness activities. Afterwards, Meghan gave an assembly where she talked about her life as an athlete and answered some of the children's questions. We look forward to seeing how much money has been raised from the event for sports equipment in school.



TENACRES REMEMBERS

On Tuesday 11th November Dave Wilkins CBE and ex-governor, led staff and pupils in a 2 minute silence. Dave read a poem and Miss Hurley played the 'Last Post' on the saxophone. During this time the children were very respectful and were encouraged to think about

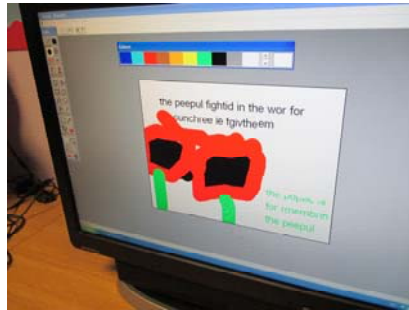
those men and women killed or injured serving their country. Following the service the children enjoyed various activities as part of World War I Topic Day.

For more details see our feature below.



*'At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.'*

Laurence Binyon 1914



Pupils across the school took part in various activities as part of World War I Topic Day. These included arts and crafts, code breaking and drama. The children produced some beautiful art work based on the poppy and learnt many interesting facts. Much fun was had by all!



YEAR 3 'OLIVER' ASSEMBLY

We are so proud of the children who all worked exceedingly hard to learn their lines and their song words. Everyone performed brilliantly. The children are really looking forward to learning even more about the Victorians. Thank you for helping the children learn their parts and for the wonderful costumes.

<u>TENACRES FIRST SCHOOL: PARENTS' SURVEY - OCTOBER 2014</u>					
<i>169 responses</i>	<i>Strongly Agree</i>	<i>Agree</i>	<i>Disagree</i>	<i>Strongly Disagree</i>	<i>Comments</i>
<i>My child is happy at Tenacres.</i>	84%	16%			Always keen to get off to school. Very happy, settled well. Loves school ... has come a long way since joining. Very pleased.
<i>My child feels safe at Tenacres.</i>	84%	16%			
<i>My child makes good progress at Tenacres.</i>	80%	20%			
<i>My child is well looked after at Tenacres.</i>	84%	16%			
<i>My child is taught well at Tenacres.</i>	84%	16%			
<i>My child receives appropriate homework for their age.</i>	70%	30%			A little too much. Can be stressful fitting it in. practical but fun. Spellings can be tough but it is good to challenge.
<i>Tenacres ensures the pupils are well behaved.</i>	75%	25%			
<i>Tenacres deals effectively with bullying.</i>	72%	27%	1%		A number of parents/carers felt they couldn't comment as they have no experience of this
<i>Tenacres is well led and managed.</i>	82%	18%			
<i>Tenacres responds well to any concerns I raise.</i>	79%	21%			Always helpful. Most definitely.
<i>I receive relevant information from school about my child's progress.</i>	79%	21%			Text messages Newsletters Website
<i>I would recommend Tenacres to another parent.</i>	86%	14%			Most definitely. Fantastic school

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2014	
28 November	Yr 1 Teddy Bears Picnic
4 December	Yr 3 Trip Hartlebury Museum
9 December	Yrs 1&2 Xmas play (pm)
10 December	Yrs 1&2 Xmas play (am)
11 December	Reception Xmas play (am) Xmas lunch
12 December	Xmas Jumper Day
16 December	Yrs 3&4 Xmas play (pm)
17 December	Yrs 3&4 Xmas play (am)
18 December	Reception Trip to Ash End House
Fri 19 December	End of Term - School closes for Christmas
Spring Term 2015	
Mon 5 January	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Tue 6 January	Start of Term - School opens
16 to 20 February	Half Term
Fri 27 March	End of Term - School closes for Easter
Summer Term 2015	
Mon 13 April	Start of Term - School opens
Mon 4 May	May Day Bank Holiday
25 to 29 May	Half Term
Mon 1 June	(Teacher Day - School closed to pupils)
Fri 17 July	End of Term - School closes for Summer



Tenacres are supporting Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 12th December. We will be sending a letter this week with more details.

Year 4 Bike Ability

Children from year 4 were invited to take part in a 'Bike Ability' course to learn basic maintenance skills and safety awareness when riding a bike. Well done to the children for impressing the tutors with their excellent listening skills and participation.

