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What a lovely week we have enjoyed at Dawpool! As we move further into November, there have been some wonderful opportunities for our children to reflect, learn and develop important life skills. This week has been a particularly special reminder of the importance of kindness, compassion and looking after one another – values that sit at the very heart of our school vision.

On Wednesday, our school community came together for a very special Remembrance Day Service, thoughtfully led by members of our Year 5 and 6 Ethos Group.



Our worship encouraged us to think about how we can each become peacemakers in our own lives. Whilst we may not be able to change everything happening in the wider world, we can all make a difference through the choices we make each day – choosing kindness over unkindness, friendship over exclusion and understanding over disagreement.

This links so beautifully with our school vision of being **Rooted, Inspired and Committed**. Inspired by the example of Jesus, we are reminded that peace begins with the way we treat one another and that even the smallest acts of love and kindness can make a difference.

I was incredibly proud of our Ethos Group, who led our worship with such maturity, sensitivity and respect. Thank you to each of them for helping to make our Remembrance Service such a meaningful occasion for our whole school community.

"It was really nice to lead the worship because the Ethos Group got to lead it. It was definitely a time to reflect because my Mum's Uncle and two Grandad's fought in the war. Sometimes it was a bit sad but it was really nice to remember them." Charlotte Y5

"I liked it because it made me think about my Grandad. We want peace now." Archie Y3

"It was a special time to gather together. It was lovely to see the children in the Ethos Group showing respect with such confidence." Fiona Barrick SENCO

This week, our Year 1 and Year 2 children enjoyed the first session of their *Five Ways to Wellbeing* workshops, led by Beckie and Liz from the Mental



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Health Support Team (MHST).

The programme will continue over the next four weeks, helping our children to develop an understanding of how they can look after their own emotional wellbeing and support the wellbeing of others.

The focus of this week's session was 'Connect'. The children explored the importance of positive relationships and how connecting with others can help us to feel happy, valued and that we belong.

They also spent time thinking about kindness – the impact that our words and actions can have on others and the many different ways we can show kindness to the people around us.

It is wonderful to see our youngest children developing these important skills. At Dawpool, we want every child to feel deeply known, valued and nurtured, and learning how to build positive, caring relationships is such an important part of this.

"I'm going to be kind. " Molly Y1

"I'll make people happy by being happy." James Y1

Our Year 4 children had a fantastic opportunity to represent Dawpool at an indoor athletics event alongside pupils from six other local schools.

The children enjoyed taking part in a range of sporting activities, putting their athletic skills to the test whilst demonstrating teamwork, determination and encouragement for one another.

We are very proud of everyone who took part and demonstrated such enthusiasm and team spirit. Well done, Year 4!

"It was really fun and we did lots of really exciting activities. All of us were really happy." Phoebe Y4

"It was great fun being with other schools. Mr Roberts came with us to help us get better with our techniques." Timothy Y4



A reminder that next week,we will be joining schools across the country to celebrate **National Anti-Bullying Week**, with this year's theme, **'Break the Silence'**.

At Dawpool, we want every child to feel safe, included, valued and heard. Our school vision reminds us that we are all unique, with our own gifts and talents, and that we have a responsibility to use these to make a positive difference in the lives of



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others.

We will be launching the week on Monday 16th November with Odd Socks Day!

I am really looking forward to seeing our children, parents and staff arriving in their odd socks on Monday morning! Odd Socks Day is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate everything that makes us unique and to remind ourselves that our differences are something to be valued and celebrated.

There is no need to buy anything new or special – simply choose two different socks and wear them with pride!

Together, we can make sure that every voice matters. As we prepare for Anti-Bullying Week, I hope we can all take a moment to consider the small things we can do to make someone else's day a little brighter.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the part you play in making Dawpool such a caring and special community.

I look forward to seeing lots of colourful odd socks on Monday morning!

Warm wishes,
Mrs Helen Griffiths

NEXT WEEK

Monday 16th November

Odd Socks Day

3.30 - 4.15 Choir Club

Tuesday 17th November

Forest school for F1

3.30-4.30pm Lego Club Y4 & Y5

3.30-4.30pm Dance Club Y2 & Y3

Wednesday 18th November

3.30-4.30pm Chess Club

Thursday 19th November

3.30-4.15pm Netball Club

Friday 20th November

Own clothes day for raffle donations



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Monday- Lunchtime Chess Club
Choir Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6
Tuesday- Lego Club Y5 Y6
Dance Club Y2 Y3
Wednesday- KS2 Chess club.
KS2 Girls Football
Thursday- Netball Club



Year 2 enjoyed creating their fire circle to recap rules for keeping safe in the forest before they spent time building dens.

"I like Forest School because we go in the real forest and I like being outside." Robyn

It is the turn of F1 for Forest School next week.

Pre-Loved Christmas Clothing Sale

On Thursday 24th November, there will be a Pre-Loved Christmas Clothing Sale in the school hall.

We're asking for donations of pre-loved Christmas jumpers and any other festive clothing - for children and adults, all sizes welcome.

All money raised from the sale will go towards funding the Irby Village Christmas Lights.

Please bring donations into the school office.

Thank you for your support

Junior FoDS

Today, at school, pupils and staff voted for the Junior FoDS representative from each year group from Y2-Y6. The successful candidates were

Y2 Tilly and Flo
Y3 Samuel and Mollie
Y4 Nina and Phoebe
Y5 Theo and Sadie
Y6 Isaac and Ben P

Well done to the all of the children who put their names forward.



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Christmas Planning

Following Monday's Christmas Planning Meeting, preparations are well underway, with some fantastic new ideas for this year's events.

To make it all happen, we need your help! If you can spare some time preparing at home, helping in the run-up to events or volunteering on the day, we would really appreciate your support.

Please sign up here: https://signup.com/go/KPwZtYf

Thank you for helping us make Christmas special for the children!



Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform – Friday 20th November

We are pleased to be hosting the hugely popular Rainbow Raffle again this year!

There will be a very special non-uniform day on Friday 20th November in exchange for donations for the hampers, which can be WON in our Christmas Raffle.

This year's class colours:

F1 – Purple

F2 – Yellow

Y1 – Pink

Y2 – Red

Y3 – Orange

Y4 – Blue

Y5 – Gold

Y6 – Green



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We would also be very grateful for a volunteer parent from each year group to make up the Rainbow Hampers for the Raffle. Please SignUp using the below link:

https://signup.com/go/KPwZtYf

Class Donations – Friday 27th November

To help support our Christmas events we would be very grateful for your help with donating a few items:

F1 & F2 – Sweets

Y1 & Y2 – Chocolates

Y3 & Y4 – Lucky Dip Toys

Y5 & Y6 – Wrapping Paper

We also need pre-loved teddies for our extremely popular Teddy Tombola. Please bring these in from Friday 27th November and drop them into the school office.

If you are crafty we would be very grateful for handmade items to add to our Christmas Shop which is always very popular with the children.



Wednesday 2nd December

Following such a successful workshop last year, we're delighted to bring it back for another festive evening! Come along with friends, enjoy some festive refreshments and create your own beautiful Christmas wreath.

Wednesday 2nd December 7–9pm at Dawpool School Hall - £25 per person

Spaces are limited – book your place online using the link below: 👇

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-wreath-workshop



Friday 4th December



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Save the date for our Christmas Bazaar on Friday 4th December.

Tokens are now available online for you to buy for your children to spend at the bazaar, please use the link below and include your child's name and year group in the name field or notes section when ordering:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/christmas-bazaar-tokens-10-or-20

Cash can also be used on the day.



Tuesday 15th December

This year, FoDS will be hosting Elfridges at school on Tuesday 15th December.

All children will have the opportunity to choose and buy a Christmas gift for their Mum, Dad or other significant people in their lives, as well as siblings and pets.

There are multiple options to choose from - this is just to make sure we have enough gifts for all children to buy for their loved ones.

1 token will be allocated for every gift purchased online and this will be given to the children on the day - a list of everyone who has purchased will also be available to ensure no one is missed.

PREORDER ONLINE ONLY using the link below:

https://friends-of-dawpool-school.sumupstore.com/product/elfridges

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Sunday 15th Nov Safeguarding Sunday	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Safeguarding Sunday Service at St Chads 4.00pm Pop Up church at St chads
Sunday 22nd Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church St Chads
Sunday 29th Nov	9.00am BCP Communion at St Bartholomew's 10.30am Holy Communion at St Bartholomew's

For more information about Services and events at St Bartholomew's Thurstaston and St Chad's Irby, please visit:
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