



Saint Nathaniel's Academy

November 2021 Newsletter



Remembrance Day

Following our Year 5's recent visit to the National Memorial Arboretum they have been hard at work writing poems for Remembrance. They were also visited in class by published poets to share their writing tips and techniques and inspire the children's own poems. Our Year 5 children have taken these experiences and used them to make a digital worship video which was shared with all classes as our Remembrance Day assembly. Their video was also shared across all 18 other Trust schools. I am incredibly proud of what the children have accomplished. The video is available for parents to view through our school website. A group of Year 5 children also accompanied Miss Clarke and Mrs Patrick to the Remembrance service outside Swan Bank church this morning to lay a wreath on the cenotaph.

Jonathan Gullis MP visit

Our local MP Jonathan Gullis has visited Saint Nathaniel's today along with Vickie Gwynne from Middleport Matters. They were greeted by our Head Boy and Head Girl and were then introduced to our Community Ambassadors who have been working closely with Miss Price and PCSO Hopley to produce newsletters for our parents, represent our school at community events and even plan some events of our own. During the visit, Jonathan Gullis MP announced the winner of his annual Christmas Card competition. Congratulations to Adam in Year 5 who was awarded with a certificate and prize for winning the competition. Well done Adam!

360 degree E-safety Accreditation

We are really proud to announce that our school has been re-assessed and we have successfully retained our '360 degree' E-safety accreditation for another three years. Lots of exciting computing learning is taking place across the school and wherever possible the children love to share their learning with you through photographs on twitter, the school website and Class Dojo. Our Digital Leaders are also working hard across the school with Mr Field and Mr Young to ensure that all our children are being E-safe when using technology.

Fund raising

Since September our amazing school community has fund raised hundreds of pounds for a number of different charities including Macmillan, Young Minds and Cancer Research UK. We also have plans in December to join in the annual Save the Children's Christmas jumper day to raise further funds for another deserving charity. With this in mind, I have made the decision not to hold a school fund raising event for Children in Need this November. Whilst I know that we have amazingly supportive and generous parents I am also mindful that particularly at this time of year in the run up to Christmas there are already many financial demands on parents. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Staffing changes

This week we bid farewell to two members of staff. Mrs Baker in our school office is moving on to a new post in a new school and Mr Henshall our Site Manager is retiring. On behalf of all the staff and children I would like to say a big thank you to both staff for their hard work and wish Mr Henshall a long and happy retirement.

CALLING ALL PARENTS WITH CHILDREN DUE TO START RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2022

If your child is currently in nursery then the on-line portal to apply for a Reception place opened on 1st November. Please check the Stoke-on-Trent Council Website for further information. If you are unable to make an application on-line, paper copies of the forms are available upon request from the school office.

'With God all things are possible' Matthew 19:26