



## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now completed our first half term of the year! The children have been brilliant and come in with a smile and lots of energy every day.

This week, Year 6 have been applying for their special roles and responsibilities. There is a large menu of quite diverse and interesting roles on offer, and we look forward to communicating the official list with the community in the first week back. Look out for House Captain ties and Pupil Parliament badges!

The Scouts visited this week to hold a special assembly for our children. Also, Cousteau class did the first class name assembly for the school, sharing all their knowledge about this great explorer.

We are also running Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to support, please collect a box from the office to fill up with gifts to donate.

Look out to see if your child won the Reading Raffle. There has been great excitement all term to as pupils have collected tickets and placed them in the book of their choice. We will be running another raffle next term as well to encourage lots of home reading.

I hope everyone enjoys some family time together this holiday and no doubt some Halloween or Autumnal fun. Remember to stay safe on these dark nights.

Happy Half-term,  
Stina Witkowski

## Pensarn Trip

Last week, 37 members of Year 6 went to north Wales on their annual residential trip. All the children took everything in their stride braving the October weather to take on the gorge, the rocks and the sea. Throughout the week, the children showed determination, perseverance, and resilience by putting themselves outside their comfort zones in different situations. In fact, the most complaints we heard were about leaving!! A particular favourite was (as always) the gorge - even with the very cold water!

A special thank you to staff who gave up their time to accompany the children and a particular thank you to Mrs Bond who joined the team and gave it her all! (Miss Mercey)

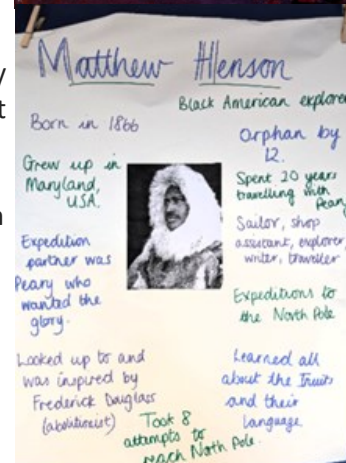


## Fiennes

This week, for Black History Month, Fiennes class learnt about Matthew Henson, who was the first African American explorer to reach the North Pole, in 1909. We also learnt about Vanessa Nakate, a climate activist, and created climate change posters. Mrs Ellard



Winners of the Reading Raffle draw with Mis Joyce



**Cousteau**

Cousteau presented an amazing class assembly on Tuesday. They used all they had learnt about Jacques Cousteau - as well as a poem they had written earlier in the term - to let the rest of the school know about Cousteau's achievements as an underwater explorer. They then compared Jacques to Karl Brashear who was another diver who showed amazing perseverance.



Karl faced racial opposition as well as needing to overcome physical disability to achieve his diving goals. Everyone worked hard and presented their parts clearly - a super team effort. We're looking forward to hearing about other class names as we go through the year. Mrs Mackie-Gandy

**Remembrance Parade** The Cobham Remembrance Day Parade is on **Sunday 10 November**. All pupils are welcome to take part in the Parade and should meet in Hollyhedge car park at around 10.00am. Activities on the theme of remembrance, will be available in Church Gate House for those children who do not wish to sit through the whole church service. After the service, the parade will march back to the car park, arriving at about 12.00, where children can be collected. See letter for more details.



The school is supporting St Andrew's Church's **Operation Christmas Child** collection. If you would like to pack a shoebox see <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for more details.

Please return boxes to school by **8 November**. **Competition** Don't forget entries for Mrs Ellard's **Black History Month** competition must be in by Friday 8 November. See attached flyer for details



Thank you to those who have given **raffle prizes for our BIG Christmas Raffle**. It's so wonderful to find donations in "Donnie our donations trolley" each morning! If you own or know a business who would like to donate, please let your class rep or a FoSA member know. It really is a cracking raffle and we promote it far and wide! We would also appreciate **Advent calendars, of any kind**, if anyone has those to donate.

The artwork for **Cauliflower Cards** has now been shipped. Thanks to your orders we have made a total of **£136.00** for the school! What a lovely way to make money for our school and give joy in the children's creations for Christmas. Your reps will update you on the progress and delivery dates.

**November Fireworks Display 2nd November!** Cobham Avorians Cricket Club put on a great show and have lots of attractions every year. They kindly donate to St Andrew's for every ticket bought that uses the code **STA 24**. If you are going to the fireworks this year, please purchase your tickets using this code. <https://www.avorianscc.co.uk/news/avorians-fireworks-2nd-november-2024-2876089.html>

Have a great half term break everyone! Yvonne Bond  
**Shoe Boxes Needed**

Winstanley Class is starting their new project "Memory Box". We need shoe boxes to make the memory boxes. If you have any unwanted shoe boxes please send them into school. Many thanks, Mrs Wilde

**Poppies** We are selling poppies and other merchandise to support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Prices are £1 for reflectors, zip pulls and silicon wristbands and £1.50 for snap bands. Please send donations in with your child if you would like to support this cause.

**Online workshop - 4 November** There is a free online event sharing insights about young people's digital lives and how best to support their wellbeing and safety in the digital era. See <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/universityofsurrey3/1438416> and attached flyer

**Best Class Attendance**  
Bingham

**House Points**  
Polesden Lacey

**Next Week's Value**  
Gratitude

**Celebration Certificates**

**Value- Perseverance**

- Winstanley: Logan
- Bingham: Arthur
- Erikson: Phoebe
- Cousteau: Luna
- Fiennes: Pensarners
- Mallory: Pensarners



**Achievement, Progress or effort in Maths/English**

- Winstanley: Nyla
- Bingham: Riley
- Erikson: Daisy
- Cousteau: Isabella
- Fiennes: Mariella
- Mallory: Lorenzo