

Dear Parents/Carers

We have a variety of news to update you on so far this half term. The children have certainly been busy!

Remembrance



In our Remembrance Assemblies we honoured the memory of the fallen and pledged to care for the living. We discussed the significance of the Poppy and reflected together in a two-minute silence.

Children in Need

Thank you to Miss Parker-Routh for organising Children in Need at Cedars this year. The children and staff certainly enjoyed dressing up! We raised £332 for this very worthy cause.



Staffing Update

Mrs James (Early Years Leader and Teacher) will be returning from her Maternity Leave on 1st January 2022. I would like to thank Mrs Leung for her excellent maternity cover for Mrs James and wish her well in her new Reception class teacher post in January.



Miss Armitt will be having a baby in May 2022. We are delighted for Miss Armitt and her partner.

School Council



This half term we elected a new Cedars' School Council.

Cedars' School Council is a formal group of pupils who act as representatives of their classmates in discussing school issues with the Senior Leadership Team.

Pupils are elected to represent the views of all pupils and also to improve Cedars.

Environment

Warith, Zachary, Charlotte, Gregor, Letchan, Joshua, Charlie and Albert.

Community

Felix, Phoebe, Ollie, Amber and Grace.

Charity

Isla, Amelie, Summer, Harry and Phoebe.

The School Council visited the Food Bank in Kiln Farm. The children were able to write a message of hope for the people of Milton Keynes. Thank you to Isla and Amelie for being our representatives, as we delivered our messages we met the Mayor! The Food Bank have thanked Milton Keynes in raising over 360,000 meals for people through the donations given.



Choir

It was absolutely wonderful to hear the Cedars' School Choir performing again. The children sang beautifully at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church and provided great musical entertainment on, what was otherwise, a very wet and windy Saturday morning! Thank you to all the parents and staff who attended and gave the children a well-deserved cheering audience to share their hard work with, it was much appreciated.



Christmas Around the World Day



On Wednesday 1st December 2021 the children learnt about how Christmas is celebrated in different countries. The children also made their own Christmas decorations to decorate school and to be put on Christmas trees at the Food Bank in Bletchley and John Lewis at MK Shopping Centre. Look out for the Parentmail towards the end of term

detailing the video link which will enable you to view Cedars' decorations.

PTFA Disco



Thank you to the Cedars' PTFA for organising three super discos for the children. The children had an amazing time and staff loved seeing the children having so much fun!

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 10th December



Reminder, on Friday 10th December 2021, we will be taking part in **Christmas Jumper Day**. Christmas Jumper Day is an annual fundraising campaign in the UK and Ireland organised by charity Save the Children in the UK.

To make a donation please click on the link below:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/Cedars-Primary-School6>

Safeguarding



This half term the children have been reminded about the PANTS rules. These are:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The children have talked about the trusted adults they could speak to at home or at school if they have a problem. They could also call Childline on 0800 111. They all really enjoyed listening to the Pantosaurus song.

Lost Property

Please could you check that all of your child's clothes are named. We have a huge pile of jumpers, cardigans and coats in our lost property box. If you have any missing items, you are welcome to pop into our welfare area and look for these. We kindly request that you wear a mask when you are looking through the lost property box. At the end of this term, any items of clothing that we have left will be given to charity.

Celebration Assembly

Each week the Class Teacher chooses children for a special award: 'Certificate of Achievement and Recognition' and 'The Cedars' Way Award'. Many congratulations to the following children for their special awards this half term so far:

Certificate of Achievement and Recognition

Chloe, Emillia, Damian, Isla, Phoebe, Harry, Issy, Jennifer, Zachary, Roman, Ellie, Theo, David, Evie, Esmae, Jacob, Jay, Marcelo, Archie, Eli, Harry, Charlie, Quincy, Lena, Ely, Summer, Lucy W, Sara, Archie J, Chris, Isabella, Harry, Lois, Bonnie, Edenaya, Ollie, Thea, Phoebe, Jason, Iris, Addison, Eddie E, Letchan, Meadow, Daniel, Alfie-Rae, Taylor, Gregor, Evelyn, James, Nellie, Henry, Louie, Cayden, Sam, Eliza, Noah M, James, Olivia, Krystal, Chase A, Thomas K, Poppy R, Callum, Klaudia, Chloe-Leigh, Jack P, All of Sharks Class, All of Stingrays Class, Alana, Tazmin, Max, Jude, Charlotte

The Cedars' Way Award

Jack F, Isla, Henry, Tilly, Rowan, Max, Anna-Sofia, Phoebe R, Esmae, David, Roman, Jacob, Zachary, Ava M, Issy, Adhisaya, Oliver B, Felix, Oliver M, Lucas, Liliana, Rosalie, Grace W, Lyla, Chris, Lucy W, Juli, Isabella, Lucy P, Suri, Chloe P, Georgia, Zac, Ryan, Chase, Amber, Sonny, Georgia, Jacob, Joshua, Letchan, William, Taylor, Daniel, Hattie, Sidney, James, Ava, Bastian, Jayden, Noah, Joseph, Ruby, Alfie, Evie S, Ellie-Mae, James, Issac, Macie, Freyja, Willow, Ellie, Zachary, Lila, Sophie,

Warith, Jemima, Ava, Elizabeth, Maisie, Jack, Emma, Isla, Laura

Stingrays, Zebras and Sharks Class Assembly

It has been wonderful to begin sharing Class Assemblies with you again this year. We were very proud of how well the children shared their learning especially considering they have not done it in a while!

Dates

- 7th December, 9:30am
 - KS1 Xmas Performance
- 8th December
 - 9:30am Reception Xmas Performance
 - 2pm KS1 Xmas Performance
- 9th December
 - 2pm Reception Xmas Performance
 - 6pm KS1 Xmas Performance
- 15th December
 - 2:15pm Years 3-6 Carol Concert for Parents on the playground
- 16th December - last day of term

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards

Lisa Munday

