



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
Autumn Term Issue II

# NEWSLETTER

St John's Highbury Vale C. of E. Primary School

School Website: [www.st.jhv.islington.sch.uk](http://www.st.jhv.islington.sch.uk)

Follow us on Twitter @STJHV

## Reminder

Mrs Read and Mrs Hodgson will be holding a coffee morning this coming **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**, in **Maberly Hall from 9-10am**. Mrs Read is very keen to introduce herself to the parent community formally. Both Mrs Read and Mrs Hodgson are looking forward to sharing a coffee with parents across all year groups, and an opportunity for you to ask any questions will be given. For those parent who cannot attend, a summary of what is discussed will be e-mailed out after the event.

## Assessment and Reporting

We are happy to announce that we have brought into school a much more rigorous assessment programme to help us track children's progress across all year groups. We would like to invite parents to a forum on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 9.05am-10 am** in the **Main Hall**. We will demonstrate the system and also discuss how this will affect the children's termly reports. Again, we will show examples of the new report cards, when they will be given to parents and what they will report on.

## Remembrance Display



The next time you are in school, please take note of the beautiful display at the entrance of our Remembrance poppies. Year 1 and Year 2 children created the beautiful individual poppies, which have been put together collectively in the display. They also created a wreath of poppies, which has been placed at the foot of the memorial statue next to Christ Church.

## Children in Need

Last Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> November, children were invited to come to school in their own clothes for a donation of £1, which would go to Children in Need. We also carried out a bucket shake at the entrance of the school and are happy to announce that the school raised a total of £231.81 in donations. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

## Parents Evenings

Just a reminder that parents evenings are taking place next week on both Monday and Wednesday evening. The sign-up sheets are now up in the main hall, where parents can sign-up to a time they prefer to come and chat with the class teacher.

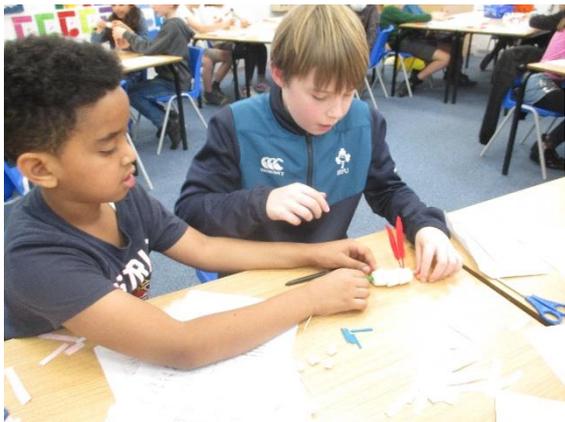
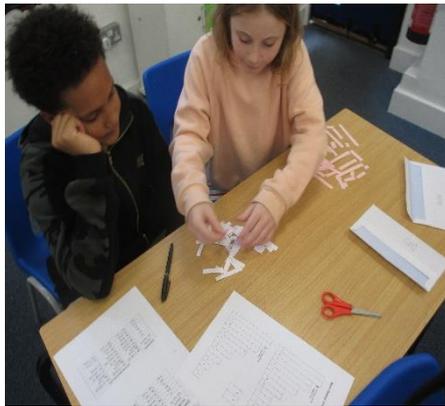
## Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be available to in the school hall on selected dates and times from this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November. Please do come along and pick up some great Christmas bargains. A percentage of the money raised on books sales will be given back to the school to use to buy books for class libraries.

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 3.30pm-3.50pm; Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 8.45am-9.00am; Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 8.45am-9.00am & 3.30pm-3.50pm; Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 8.45am-9.00 am.

## Recent News

**Year 6** have been creating Reebops, they are imaginary animals, made from marshmallows, sweets and other component parts. Their features are determined by the characteristics encoded in their chromosomes. We learnt about inheritance and variation through this activity in which 50% of genes were randomly selected from each parent - 8 genes from the 'mother' and 8 from the 'father' - producing very different Reebop 'babies'



**Year 6** also went to see Abominable: The British Film Institute offer free cinema viewings to schools as part of their Into Film Festival. They loved the film, in which teenage dreamer Yi finds a Yeti on her rooftop in Shanghai and resolves to unite him back with his family at the highest point on Earth. We were lucky enough to get the best seats in the house and enjoy the film from underneath a cosy blanket.

