



November News

It was lovely to see everyone back in school after half term – just a reminder tomorrow Friday 5th November is a HSA fundraiser, we can't wait to see children dressed in firework coloured outfits for mufti day.

We are really pleased that engineers have finally resolved some of the ongoing IT and server issues and so **Purple Mash** is back up and running at Gig Mill. This is used as one of the learning platforms for remote learning links, and hopefully many of you will remember using Purple Mash last year. This week teachers are posting photographs of their classrooms for you to share with you on Purple Mash. The children are finding a piece of work that they are really proud of, and they will bring these home next week to share with you.

Please see the whole school focus areas below for future weeks.

Mrs Hannaway

Week beginning	
8 th Nov	School values week including RE Focus day, and World Kindness Day
15 th Nov	One Kind Word is the theme for Anti Bullying Week, each year group will take part in tasks and activities. Children in Need Charity fundraiser Friday 19th November
22 nd Nov	Friendship focus
29 th Nov	Relationships Health Wellbeing new focus – Belonging to a Community

Year 6 Team

During this term, we are continuing with our topic of Ice Worlds. We were so proud of their writing last term, where all the children applied to be a member of Ernest Shackleton's crew – ask your child to find out if their application was accepted! This half term, we will be learning more about explorers from the past, who have travelled to the polar regions as well as finding out more about life in Antarctica today at research bases.

We have been really pleased with all the thoughtful and mature discussions we have had in class linked to our new Relationships, Health and Well-being topics. After learning last term about how to keep themselves safe, in the coming weeks they will be sharing and celebrating what makes their family special with their peers.

Some of the pupils have been selected for leadership roles such as playground pal and well-being warrior. We know they will be excellent role models for their peers. We are looking forward to holding Year 6 house captain elections in the next two weeks. Please encourage your child to prepare a speech to share with us, which explains why they would be suited to the role and how they would contribute to school life representing their house.

Reminder: Please ensure Year 6 children are reading and returning their school reading books regularly. We would also love to see comments about what books they are enjoying reading at home too.

