



Green Spider Climbing

All our children from Reception to Year 6 have been climbing their way to success this week. They showed great determination, bravery and team spirit. It was lovely to see the children encouraging their classmates to challenge and push themselves. Well done!

Through climbing, our children learn great life skills. Alongside skills of **Confidence, Resilience, Responsibility, Problem solving**, the children really develop their **Physical motor skills**: There are only a few sports that use such a variety of motor skills. Children develop hand and finger strength (great for hand-writing). They gain physical strength in their arms, legs and their core muscles. They learn bilateral coordination – where they have to use both sides of their body together. This helps create neural pathways across the midline of the brain.

Through climbing they learn the ‘secrets of success’ which underpin our ‘Growth Mindset’ :



Nasal Flu Vaccination

The School Immunisation Team will be visiting us on the **22nd November**. Please click [HERE](#) to give or decline consent.



Children in Need and International Day



Parent Involvement

In recognition of International Children's Day on Sunday 20th November, we will be doing some internationally themed activities on **Friday 18th November** ('Wear what you like day' & Children in need fundraising)

If you are someone who has lived in another country or was born in another country and you would like to talk to the children about your experiences or read a story from that country to them - we would love to hear from you - let your child's class teacher know and we will find time next week for you to come and talk to the children.

Our Children in Need donation page can be found [here](#).



Family Values

This half term our family value is **RESPECT**.

Respect is one of our three core values at Mordiford: **Love, compassion and respect**. Click [here](#) to see the activities for you to explore together.

Children can bring their artwork for a Values display in the hall.

Arrow Class Assembly

Year 2 led a wonderful assembly about kindness and friendship on Wednesday morning. They talked about how they can fill other people's buckets by making kind and thoughtful gestures.



PTFA Bonfire Night

A huge thank you to the PTFA who organised our fantastic firework night and to everyone who volunteered and helped throughout the evening.

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, it was a very successful event. We all had a great evening. The PTFA raised an amazing £2168.82!



Please see the attached document for the totals the PTFA have raised this year so far.

Well done to Year 2 who were the winners of the Smartie Challenge!



Pack a Shoe Box

Each year thousands of people generously pack shoe-box gifts to bless children in need around the world. This year we will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child by packing shoe boxes.

Find out all you need to know about how to pack your shoebox gift [here](#).

Please be aware that all shoe boxes must be in school by **Wednesday 23rd of November** to be collected on **Friday 25th**.



Park up and Pick

Year 6 have some delicious apple juice to sell at £3 per bottle, let us know if you would like some! We are still collecting delicious apples off our tree, please come and help yourself for FREE if you fancy cooking apple pie or crumble! It is sad to see the fruit going to waste.



Remembrance Service

Year 6 led a respectful remembrance service at Holy Rood Church this morning. Thank you to all the parents who came to watch the service.

A big thank you to Elissa and Elsa who helped sell poppies this week.



Prayer Corner

Ever Loving God,

We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;

May the same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

