

Hello Reception Families,

What a lovely week back! Seeing everyone's happy faces first thing on Monday morning really makes this the best job ever. This week we have welcomed lovely Hollie Jenkins to our class. She has settled in and made some great friends already and we are very pleased to have her as part of the Hendrefoilan family.



In maths we have used the Numicon shapes and leaves with dots on to help add two numbers together. We did very well and are getting super whizzy at adding. We also used the Numicon to work out pairs of numbers that make 10. We learned these are called number bonds to 10.

We started off the week writing about some of the fun things we did during Half Term. We are getting very good at trying to write our own words and our handwriting is getting clearer every day as we become more confident. We learned 2 new sounds in phonics - e and h. We sang along to the songs and practiced how to form the letters correctly. We now know 10 different sounds! (s a t p i n c k e h)

This Mucky Monday we collected different natural objects outside and sorted them under different headings. Some were yellow, green, red, smooth, rough, long or short. We showed we can hunt for and find all sorts of things.



During 'Workout Wednesday' this week we worked with Mrs Adams and enjoyed dancing to Bonfire Night music, pretending we were fireworks and building bonfires. It was very exciting.

On Thursday we learned about how to stay safe on Bonfire Night and we made some yummy chocolate breadstick sparklers with Mrs Dolbear. Everyone was very excited to see the real fireworks later that tonight. We also learned about the different habitats that woodland animals live in and their names. Some were new but we already knew quite a few of them.



Finally on Friday we thought about the exciting things we saw, heard and felt last night on Bonfire Night and gathered our ideas to write a class poem. We also made some lovely glittery firework pictures. They look very colourful and pretty.

Next week we will start sending home reading books and a reading diary in the zip folders you had at the start of term. These will come home on a Thursday and will need to be returned to school on a Tuesday, the same as the rest of the Foundation Phase Classes. To start, children will have picture books or books with very simple phrases. There is guidance at the start of each book that explains how to get the best out of sharing the book with your child. If you could write a few lines about the experience in the Reading Diary this will become a great means of communication between home and school. I will be sending out Hwb emails again with the reading books just in case some went walkies, so fear not! (Instructions below if needed to log on) If you have not already sent in the zip folders, could you send them in by Tuesday, so they can be filled ready for Thursday.



Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and have fun.

Many thanks,

Mrs Howard, Mrs Dolbear, Mr McNaughton & Mrs Adams. ♥♥♥

Hello, a few Fridays ago I sent home individual Hwb account details for everyone. (on a laminated strip of paper) To ensure we are digitally connected, could I please ask for you and your child to create and save a picture (of anything that interests them) using their Hwb account and the jit5 app. This is a lovely child friendly painting app that is on your Hwb account. If you sign in, click on the blue Just2easy box and then the yellow jit5 box, you can paint and write, amongst many other things. Once you have created your picture click on the save disc at the top of the page (orange circle, blue disk) This will automatically share to my folder for me to view. I will have also sent to you this same letter, which you will be able to see if you click on the Shared Files box (same page you clicked on jit5)

These checks enable me to know that everyone has been able to access their Hwb accounts and J2E, should we need to use it for Digital Learning at any point in the future, as work would be shared using this digital platform. I have also uploaded 3 videos we made in class for Halloween. Again log into Hwb, go to Just2easy and click on the Shared Files box. I hope you enjoy!

Many thanks,

Mrs Howard.