

John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week here at John Ray Infants, and I wanted to share a few highlights with you.



On Monday, we held a Remembrance Day assembly where the children came together to think about those who have served and sacrificed. I spoke to them about how important remembering is. I was incredibly proud of the respect and understanding they showed, especially during the moment of silence within their classes. Thank you to Miss Hollingsworth, Roxanne, and Basia who represented the school last week and laid a wreath during the Braintree Remembrance Parade last Sunday.

A huge congratulations to our new school councillors. In the lead-up to the election, we talked a lot about democracy and the importance of everyone having a voice. Each candidate worked hard to make campaign posters, that looked fantastic! The councillors are excited to get started, and we can't wait to see all the great things they'll do for the school. I was so proud of Imogen and Annaiyah who performed their first duty helping me with a school tour for prospective parents – without prompting they confidently explained about our core values and rules, adding it was 'the best school in the world'. What stars! The whole council will be accompanying Mrs Convoy and Mrs Bennett to St Michaels church on Monday to help decorate a windowsill with our home made Christmas decorations.

I'd also like to give a special mention this week to our EYFS classes. Both Mrs Turner and I have seen amazing progress with their writing! So many children are now using their phonics skills to create words on their own, even tackling more challenging ones. We're all so impressed by their enthusiasm and hard work—well done, EYFS!

Our school was a sea of spots as the children came dressed up to support Children in Need. Throughout the day, we talked about the importance of helping others and how the money raised will make a difference to children and families across the UK. A big thank you to everyone who donated.



Looking ahead, please check previous and upcoming newsletters for key dates, including our Christmas craft sessions, the nativity, Year One and Two Christmas singing, and Christmas Dinner Day. We've got lots of festive activities planned, and it's shaping up to be a joyful season here at school!

Have a fun and relaxing weekend,

Lisa Christian

Headteacher