

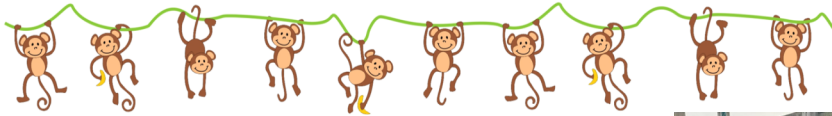


# Himbleton Herald

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Nature, Nurture, Knowledge; Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.



## Dudley Castle and Zoo Visit

On Wednesday, children in Early Years visited Dudley Castle and Zoo as part of their Castles Unit of Enquiry. They enjoyed exploring the castle and looked at the animals, including a red panda, a talking macaw called Charlie and a rather large sealion! Thank you to Mr Roberts and Mr Jenkinson for accompanying the children and to the Friends of Himbleton PTA for subsidising the cost.



## Collective Worship

In our collective worship this week the children learnt about the parable of The Lost Sheep, exploring the importance of perseverance and thinking about the hidden message that each and every one of us are special in God's eyes.

"And God is just like the shepherd in the story. God knows and loves each and every one of us."



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## Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Our whole school attendance this week was 92.4% and our attendance to date is 95.5%. Congratulations to KS1 who had the highest attendance of 98.35%

## Looking After God's World

We were delighted to see Reverend Sandland who led collective worship on Wednesday. He reminded us that everyone has a part to play when looking after the world that God has made.



Very many congratulations to Oscar, Oscar, Ava and Toby for outstanding work certificates this week and to Emily, Kenneth, Harry and Alfie for Gold Awards for living our Christian values. In addition, well done to Georgie for showing off her Stage 3 swimming certificate from home. We are very proud of you all.



## Wake up Wednesday

This week's Wake up Wednesday explored the topic of supporting children to develop emotional literacy. This has been shared with you on Class Dojo.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators  
**SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO DEVELOP EMOTIONAL LITERACY**



## Housepoints

Congratulations to Oak who won this week's House Cup with 665 points.

## A Dilemma in UKS2

In their English lessons, UKS2 are currently focusing on writing balanced arguments based on a huge dilemma in their text of 'Friend of Foe' by Michael Morpurgo. Do David and Tucky protect the German airman they have found or do they allow them to be captured by the Home Guard? Their decision is made more complicated by the fact that one of the airmen has saved David's life, by preventing him from drowning in the local stream. The children have thoughtfully listed and sorted arguments 'for' and 'against' protecting the German airmen.

Reasons about the airman	Costs of helping the airman
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This week, children have been taking part in the Big Garden Birdwatch Challenge in Forest School.



**Friends of Himbleton**  
The next Friends' meeting is scheduled for 12.02.25 and everyone is welcome. The minutes of the meeting are available on the school website.

## Around the World in 30 Days

As part of their 'Around the World in 30 Days' unit of enquiry, KS1 have enjoyed learning more about the seven continents and five oceans through songs, games, stories and small world play. They have also demonstrated excellent geographical skills by maps and globes to begin to locate the continents and oceans.

## Science in Action

LKS2 had a fabulous, force-filled morning exploring which forces were in place for different actions such as skipping, dribbling a ball and bouncing a ball on a racket. They had to identify the force, the objects making contact and the effect of the force on the object. Super thinking, great discussion and clear reasoning LKS2.



## Dates for Your Diary

- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Year 1 Phonics' meeting—3.30-4.00pm
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Y4 Multiplication check meeting—4.00-4.30pm
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February—NSPCC Number and wear slippers Day
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February—Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February—Friends of Himbleton meeting—8.00pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February—Last Day of Spring 1 Term



## Parking Matters

Thank you to parents and carers who have supported the new parking arrangements on the hill.

We politely ask that parents and carers dropping off at for Breakfast Club park on the bottom of the hill so that staff who need to park all day can do so. Thank you.

