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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the half-term break. The children have settled back in quickly, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm as we head into the second part of the autumn term.

Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week



This week, we marked Anti-Bullying Week across the school. To launch our learning, the children explored different forms of bullying, how to recognise them, and what they can do if they are worried about themselves or someone else. We also celebrated *World Kindness Day* on Thursday, taking time to reflect on the importance of small, everyday acts of kindness.

Today, children arrived wearing blue clothing and their best odd socks to celebrate individuality and to show that it is perfectly okay to be different. In their PSHE lessons, pupils learnt about the qualities of a good friend, how to resolve disagreements, and how to understand the difference between bullying and a one-off disagreement. In total, we raised £101.77 from Blue Day and the sale of wristbands. Thank you so much for your generosity and continued support.

Remembrance Day

This week, the whole school came together to mark Remembrance Day. Children learnt about the significance of the poppy and why we pause to remember those who have served and sacrificed in past and present conflicts. Across the school, pupils created beautiful poppy-themed artwork, each piece showing great care, reflection, and respect for the occasion. Thank you to School Council for helping Hollydale honour this important moment in such a meaningful way.

Best wishes,
Ms Reid - Headteacher

Thought of the Week

"Knowledge will give you
power, but character respect."
Anonymous



Important dates for your diary

Thursday 20th November	EYFS / KS1 – Reception, Y1/2 and Y2 Black History Month Assembly at 9.20am
Thursday 20th	Black History Month themed lunch
Friday 21st	KS2 – Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Black History Month Assembly at 9.20am
Wednesday 26th	Flu vaccination
Thursday 27th	Individual photos

Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%**.

Please note the following:

100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - Excellent
95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Satisfactory
90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Poor
85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - Very Poor
80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - Unacceptable

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	93%	2
Elm	71%	3
Cedar	95%	1
Oak	93%	1
Birch	93%	2
Hazel	92%	2
Willow	92%	1

Class Catch Up!

Cherry Class (YR) finger-painted some beautiful poppies to honour Remembrance Day.





For Anti-Bullying Week, Year 1/2 Elm Class discussed different ways to show kindness both inside and outside the classroom. We then chose one example and drew it.

Alexandre, Idris, Abdulquadir, Ethan



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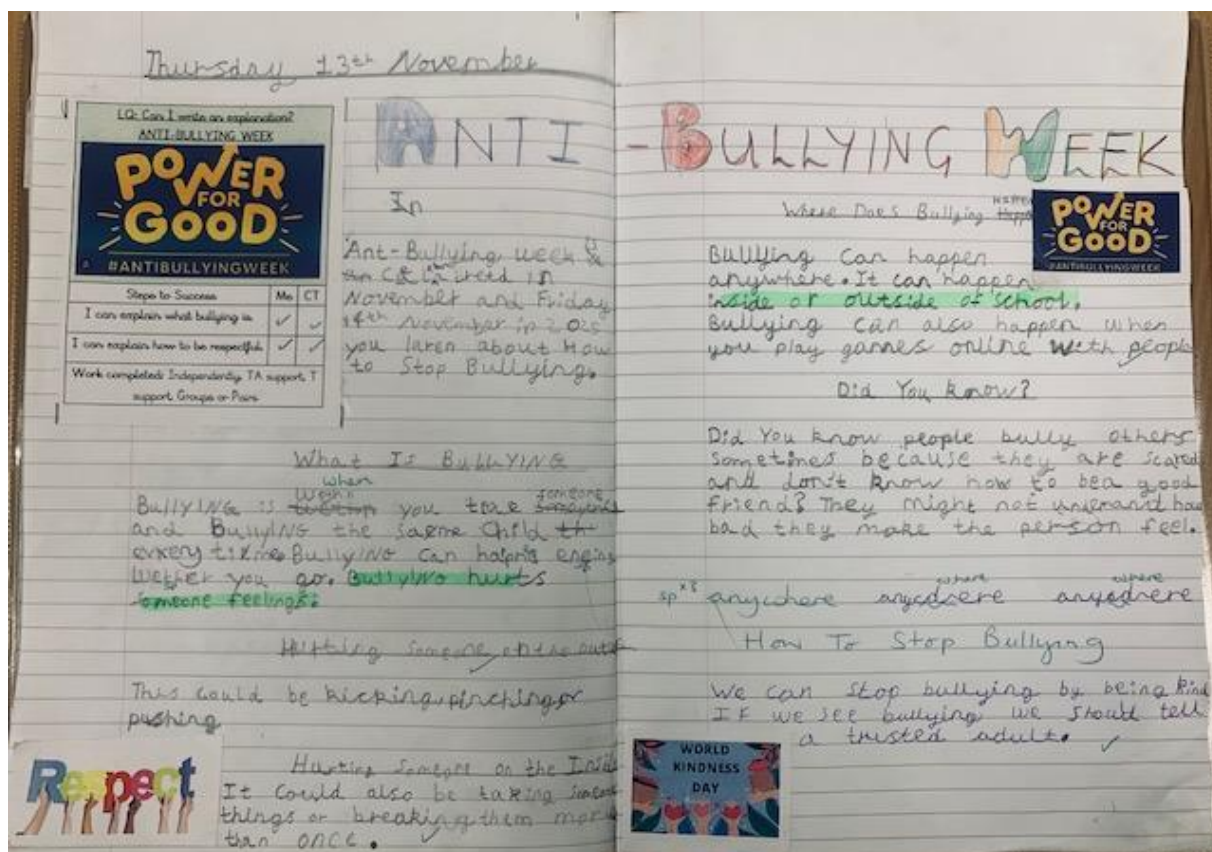
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Year 2 Cedar Class have celebrated Kindness Day by writing kind messages for each other. The children shared thoughtful words with their peers.



In Oak Class (Year 3) we have been learning about what bullying is and how to tackle it. We wrote explanation texts and created posters to consolidate our learning.



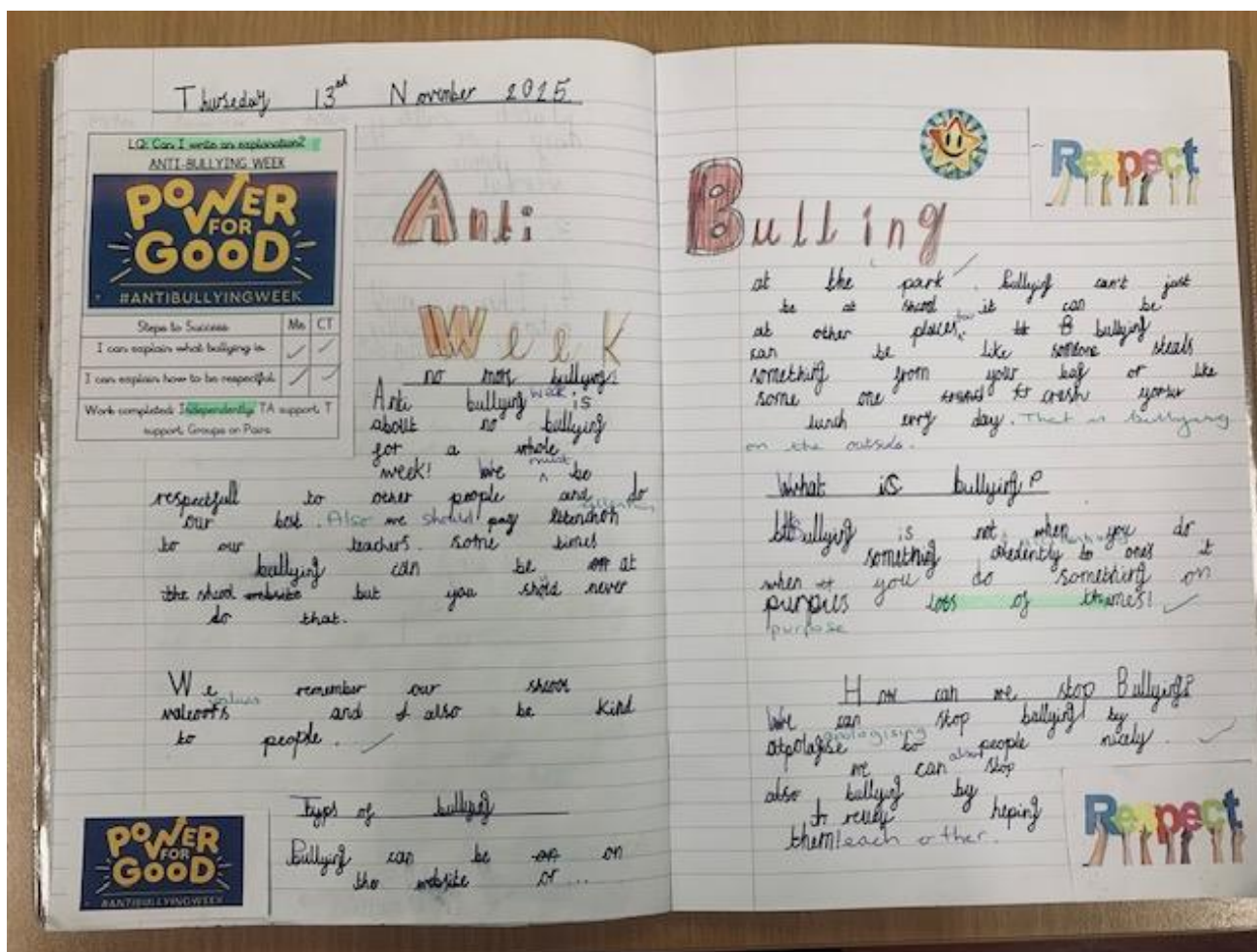
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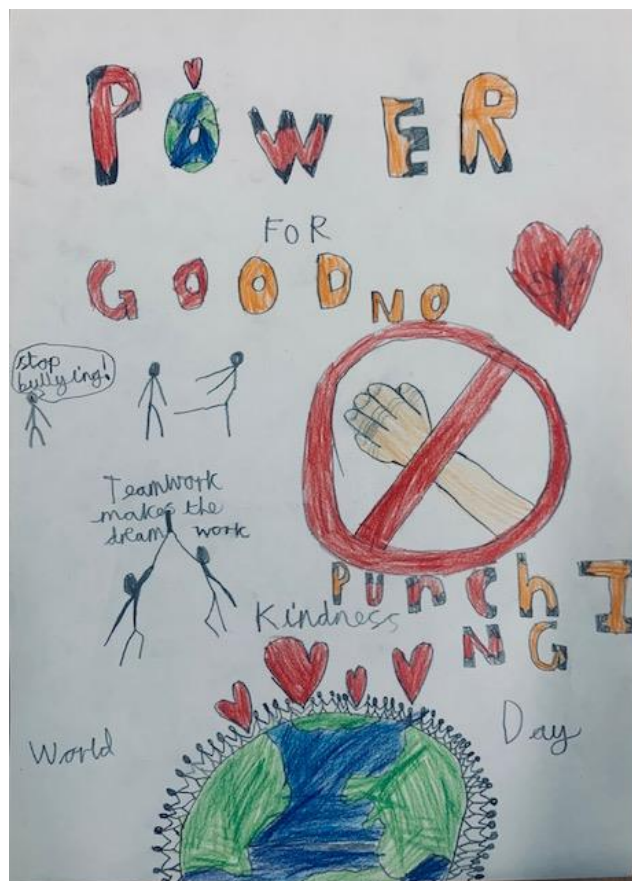
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Max



Nikodem



Power For Good

Every day, Eric goes down to the to play tennis. He has about 30 minutes before 8 some teenagers come and kick him off. One day Eric says "no" and the teenagers threaten to kick and shove him until he cries.

Eric says "no" again and the teenagers do what they said. He minced in pain, all the way home when he got home, he could not make up words to his mum. All she could make up was that he needed to go to hospital.

when they did they x-ray, they found he had broken his leg. They bullies upset Eric so much, that he refused to go to school, even after he recovered. His best friend Jack,

Ash

The Bullies

On the first day, there's some people called Greg, Jeff and Bob. This story is about someone getting bullied and he gets spoken bad about.

Today, Greg has ^{got} been called names, had his stuff stolen in his video game and he always targets him in the game and he says lots of mean stuff in the chat then Greg leaves the game and starts crying.

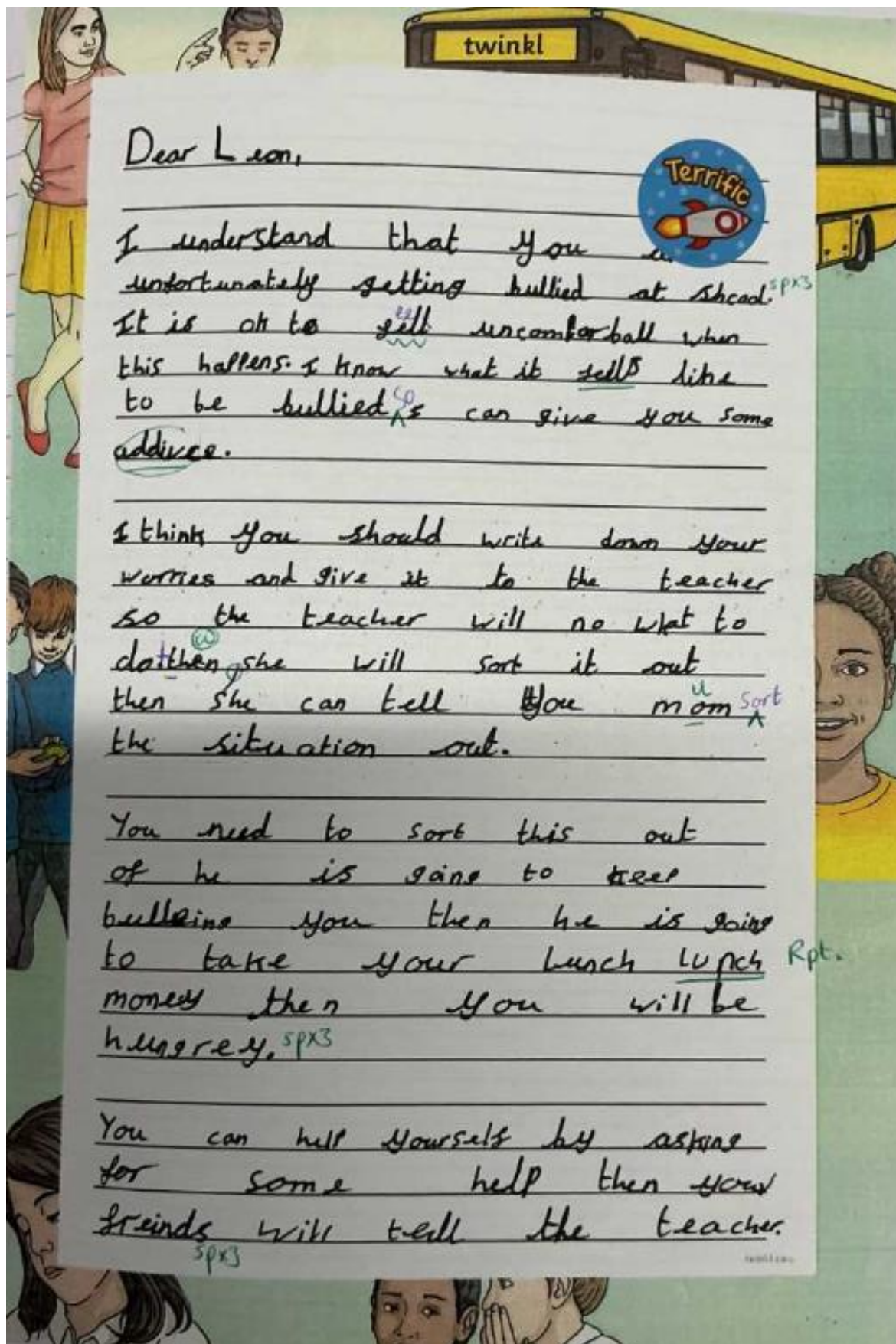
Next day, Jeff and Greg joins the game and calls him "Egg Gregory" and Greg says STOP and calls him mean stuff for 30 minutes straight. So Greg leaves the game and then Bob joins they both talk about how annoying they are and when Greg joins back both of them make fun of him.

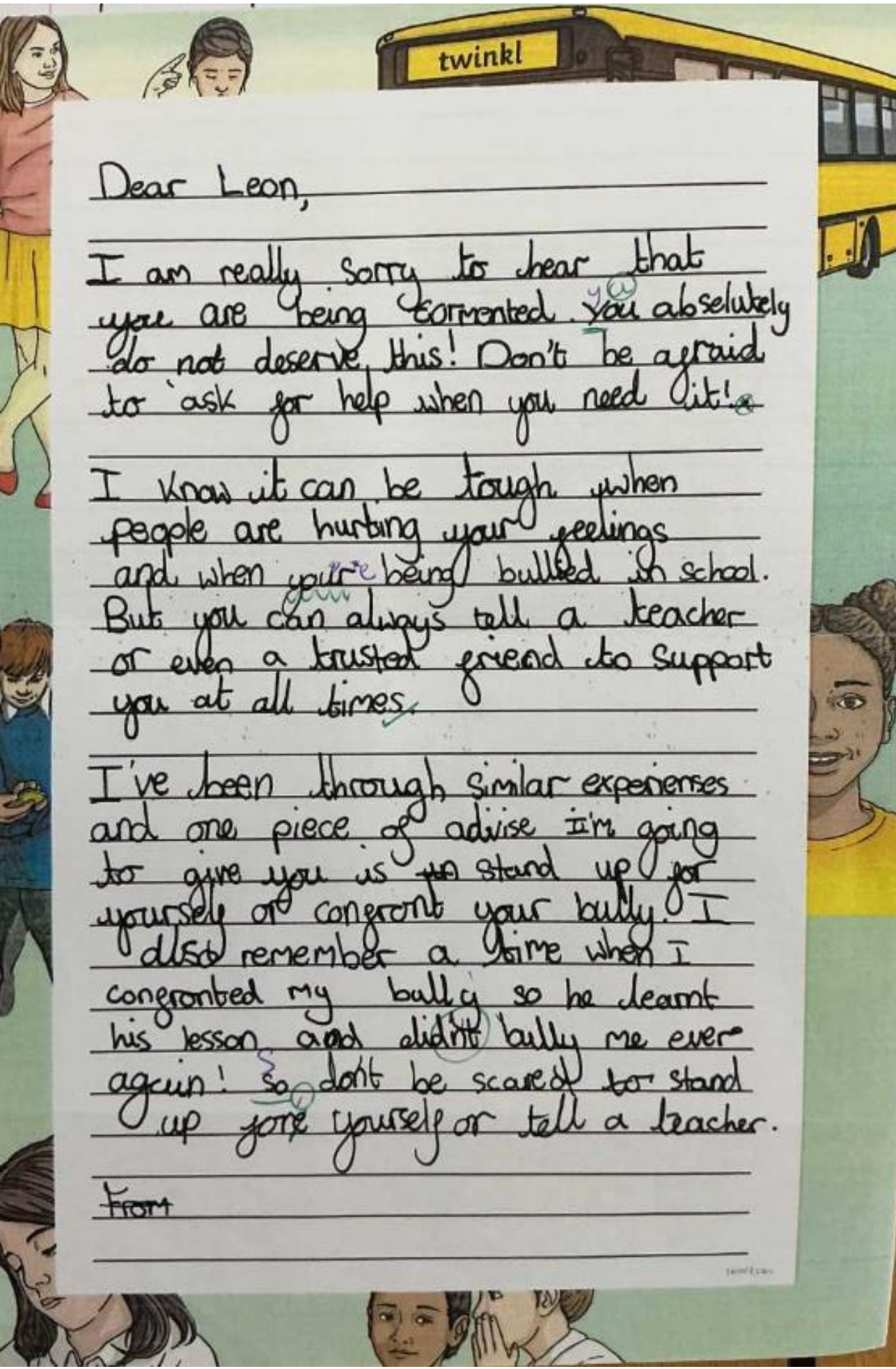
Final day, so first Jeff calls Greg mean stuff and make names so after that Greg had enough he told his mum about the kid who was bullying him in the game.

K'Hari

In Y5 Hazel class, we wrote letters for Anti-Bullying Week, giving advice on how we can use our 'power for good' to deal with bullies.

Regan





Dear Leon,

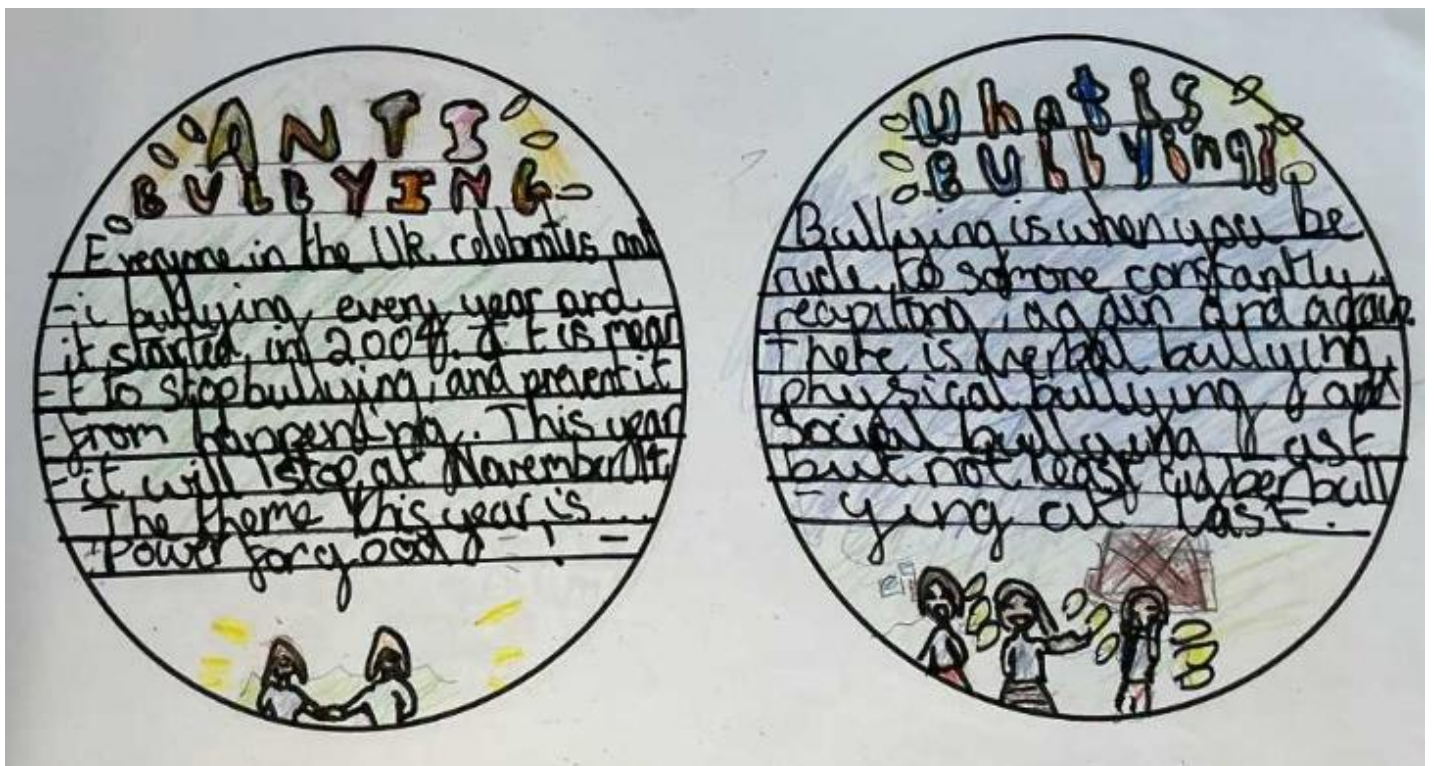
I am really sorry to hear that you are being ^ytormented. You absolutely do not deserve this! Don't be afraid to ask for help when you need it!

I know it can be tough when people are hurting your feelings and when you're being bullied in school. But you can always tell a teacher or even a trusted friend to support you at all times.

I've been through similar experiences and one piece of advice I'm going to give you is to stand up for yourself or confront your bully. I also remember a time when I confronted my bully so he learnt his lesson and didn't bully me ever again! So don't be scared to stand up for yourself or tell a teacher.

From

Y5/6 Willow Class created anti-bullying circle books to show what we've been learning about.
Kelsey Lee, Aisha and Neriah



The Royal Ballet and Opera Workshop – UKS2

As part of their music curriculum the children in Year 5 & Year 6 were able to take part in an online workshop facilitated by The Royal Ballet and Opera. They were able to explore the rich history of opera and sing along with a range of performers. They particularly enjoyed the behind the scenes tour of the Royal Opera House theatre in Covent Garden.



Remembrance Day Artwork





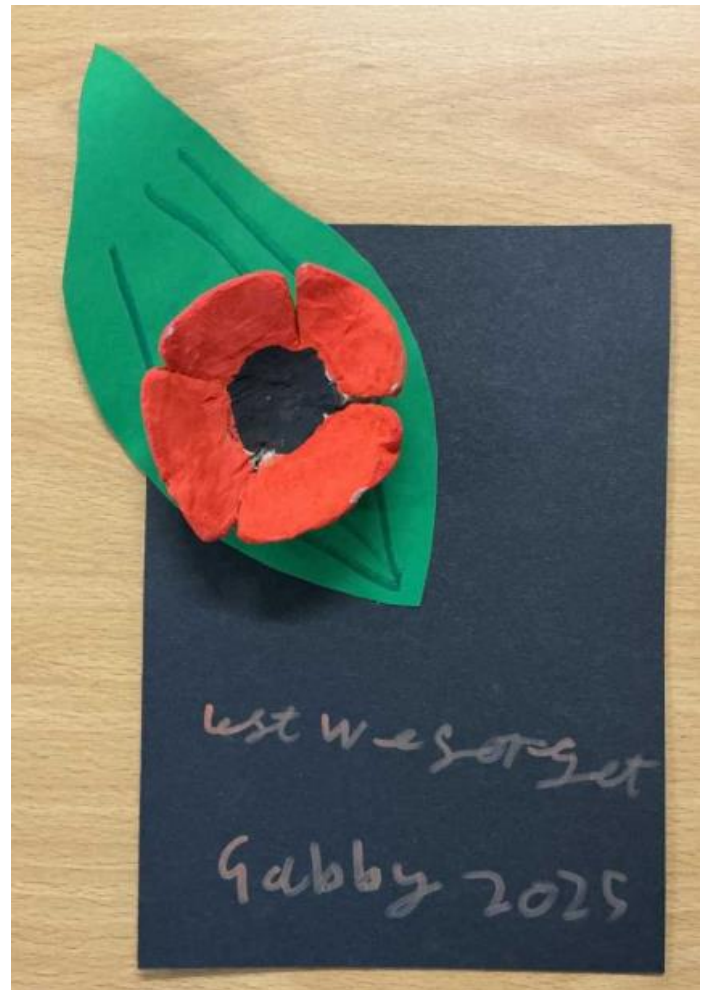
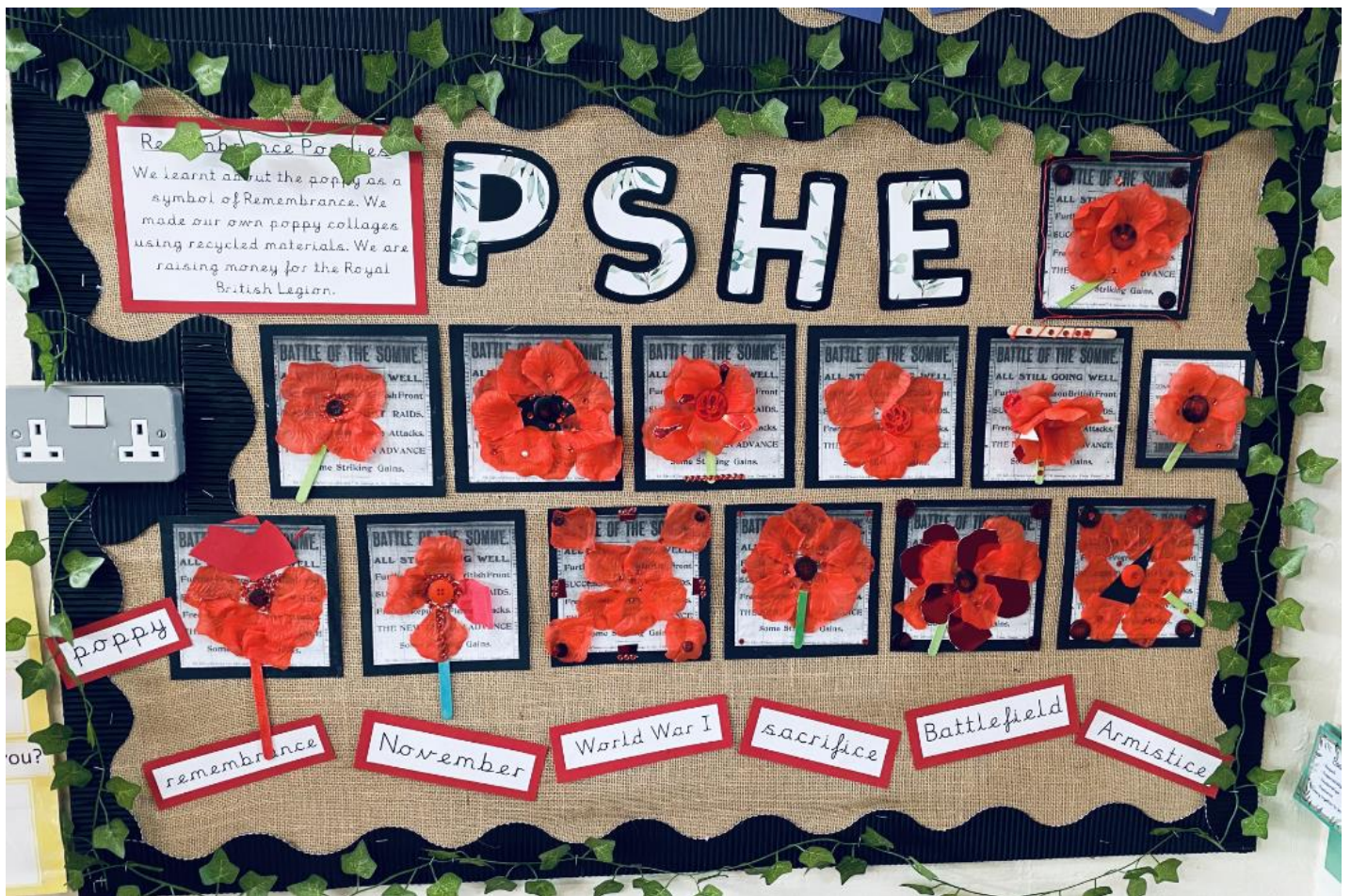
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Thursday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 10.11.25

Excellence Reward week for: Anti-bullying

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Frankie	For making new friends and showing kindness during play.	Zaniyah	Helping others when they are hurt or upset.
Elm Y1-2	Ethan	Since the beginning of the school year, he has consistently been kind to his friends and teachers and always smiles.	Alexandre	For being thoughtful and kind to his friends.
Cedar Y2	Efe	For always showing kindness to friends	Storme	For sharing thoughtful ideas when discussing different scenarios
Oak Y3	Koa	For being able to answer an anti-bullying quiz.	Darnye	For being able to write an anti-bullying explanation text.
Birch Y4	Hasnain	For sharing interesting ideas when discussing 'Power for Good' and creating an engaging story plan.	Skyla	For sharing interesting ideas when discussing 'Power for Good' and creating an engaging story plan.
Hazel Y5	Regan	For writing an informative letter on how to use your 'power for good' to stop bullies.	Elizabeth F	For writing an informative letter on how to use your 'power for good' to stop bullies.
Willow Y5-6	Chayil	For making an informative Anti-bullying booklet to promote kindness and raise awareness	Archie	For making an informative Anti-bullying booklet to promote kindness and raise awareness



Christmas Performance - Save the Date!

Refreshments will be served from 1pm.



Join Us for Our Christmas
Presentations!

Thursday 11th December
2025 - 1:45pm

St Mary Magdalene Church,
St Mary's Rd, SE15 2EA



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Black History Month Lunch – Thursday 20th November 2025

Menu for Pupils-

*Jamaican Jerk Chicken thighs
served with rice and peas*

*Ghanaian Jollof rice and sweet
potato and chickpea bake*

*Sides- sweetcorn and steamed
cabbage*

Dessert

Grenadian Ginger Cake

Fresh fruit

Strawberry and orange jelly

