



24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear Families

Our good friends Caroline Amos & Bridget Hugh-Jones came in this week to deliver a lovely advent themed assembly. Can it really be nearly advent – where does the time go?

Thank you for all your generous donations to the Christmas hamper – the box in the office is starting to fill nicely. Any more donations to the hamper or homemade items for the parents' stall will be gratefully received in the office.

As part of the Shakespeare festival, Puffins are looking forward to performing at the Minack next week – if you haven't done so already, please book your tickets directly with the theatre.

Next week, preparations for the Christmas production will be ramping up – expect your children to be coming home practising their lines....

From next week we will be welcoming Michelle Dyer as our regular supply teacher. Michelle has previously worked with both Choughs and Puffins and we look forward to her being a regular face around the school.

### **Stars of the Week**

Choughs: Delphine - for always working your absolute hardest in everything. You are so determined to do your best. Well done!

Puffins: Oliver - super learning across the curriculum - you try so hard in all you do!

### **Attendance (YTD)**

Whole school = 95%

Choughs = 90%

Puffins = 96%

# Outdoor Art Club

A huge thank you to Sarah for kindly covering Outdoor Art Club and for the amazing photos!



The children used leaves from the garden and petals to make prints. This is called 'Hapa Zome' and is a Japanese printing technique using natural dyes from plants. The children enjoyed bashing the plants with rocks to extract the natural dyes and create beautiful

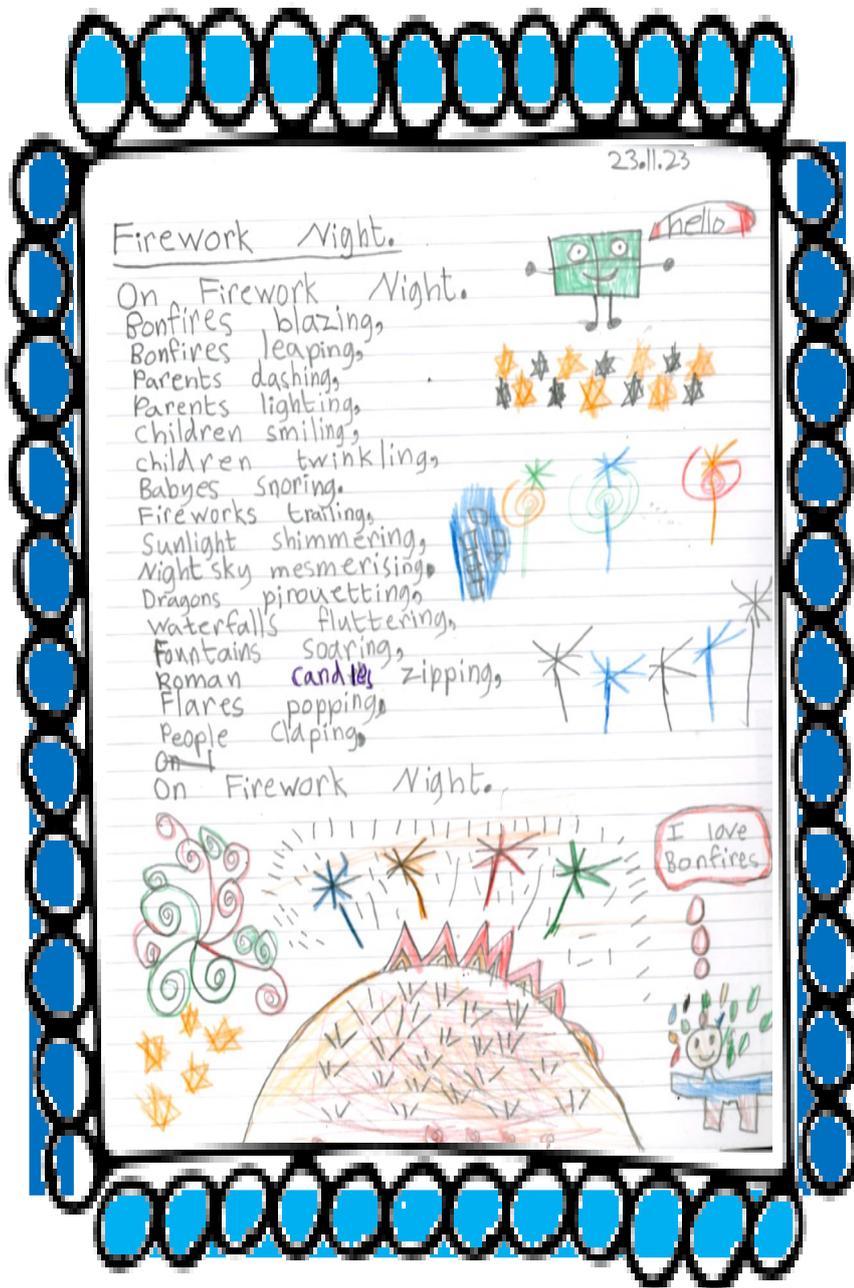


This week we all painted pebbles and then used the pictures to inspire a story.

# Art: Junk Modelling

Blasting into space, a fleet of junk-modelled rockets! We learned different methods of shaping and joining materials and enjoyed decorating our finished models with a range of different items to create texture. The ribbon was great for shiny cardboard or plastic which did not fair well when painted and we liked the pipe cleaners and netting for our booster flames. 3, 2, 1, blast off!





In Choughs class this week, we have been writing poems inspired by Bonfire Night.

We thought about how to use repetition to bookend our poem and enjoyed using onomatopoeia to describe the sounds made by different types of fireworks. We wrote about the way fireworks make us feel when we watch them and what different groups of people might do on Bonfire Night. There was a general consensus in

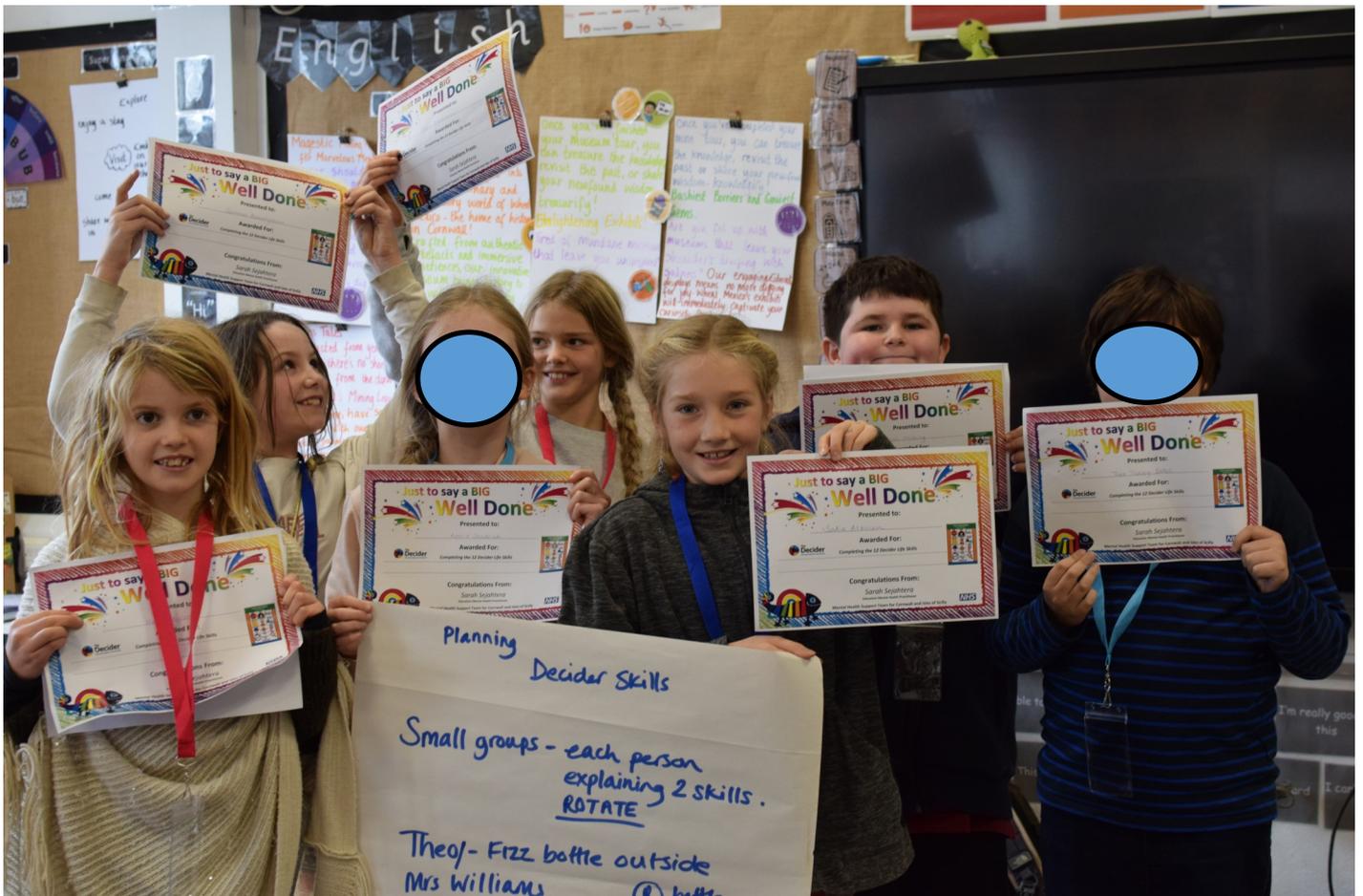
Choughs that the children would be eating and playing while the grown-ups were lighting the fire and chatting!

We have also been learning about metaphors — can you find the 'ballet inspired' one here?

This beautifully decorated poem is by one of the Year Ones!

# Congratulations to our newly qualified Mental Health Ambassadors!

We are excited to announce that our Mental Health Ambassadors have now completed their training (they focused incredibly well and showed great maturity during this process) and are now making preparations to share what they have learnt with the school.





# Reindeer Ready to Adopt!

Thank you so much to Vickie and Tristan for coming in to school once again to create really awesome reindeer, with each one ready to sell at the Christmas Market!

As you can see, they all have a huge amount of character and will certainly (well... probably) bring Christmas cheer once adopted!

Festive accessories are being added as we write to ensure they will be looking their best for the big day!

Don't miss out on your chance to adopt one!

