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Dear Parents and Carers,

Poppy Appeal:

Thank you for the donations to the poppy appeal. The children have been reflecting upon peace, and how lucky we are to have peace and freedom in this country. During collective worship, we will be honouring the 2 minutes silence at 11:00am. Mrs Betley will be laying a wreath on Sunday on behalf of Layston outside St. Peter's.



Teaching and Learning:

In Forest School the children have been planting poppy seeds and talking about Remembrance Day coming up. They have been using maple leaves on the field to create pictures and patterns and talking about temporary land art and photographing any art they make. Year 4 have created Andy Goldsworthy style nature art.

Enrichment: Eco workshop

The children have had an exciting opportunity taking part in Eco Workshops on Thursday 9th November. Plastic is a part of our daily lives, whether it be a bottle, a straw or plastic bag. It makes up a large part of the materials we regularly use. After exploring the issues through an interactive presentation on the subject of marine litter. The children then had a chance to decorate a cork fish using colourful recycled scales.



Some children discovered how far food travels by tracing the journeys of different varieties of fruit and vegetables. The children had a chance to create paper pots planted with vegetable seedlings or growing micro greens.

Meet the teacher:

We are pleased to welcome Miss Wheatley to our staff team at Layston. She will be working alongside Miss Wilcox teaching the Y2 children to support a smooth handover and transition for our Y2 children. She will be taking over as Y2 teacher early in the spring term when Miss Wilcox goes on maternity leave. Miss Wheatley and Miss Wilcox will be available from 2:45 - 3:10 on Monday 20th November for the Y2 parents to come along and meet with them, and have an opportunity to ask any questions.



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Friendship week

Next week is Anti-bullying Week and at Layston we celebrate by promoting friendship. During collective worship children in all classes will think about what it means to be a good friend and how they can support and help their friends. Children will also take part in activities within their class to support this initiative.

Dates:

The Christmas production will be Wednesday 13th December 1:30-3:00pm, Thursday 14th December 1:30-3:00pm and Friday 15th December 5:30-7:00pm. Our Nativity will be on Tuesday 19th December at St Peter's Church at 9:30.

Best wishes

Adele McMurrough

Headteacher

