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Highfield Newsletter



Celebrating the Extraordinary Story of Herbert John "Jack" Brown

As we mark Remembrance Day, it is important that we take time not only to remember those who served, but also to celebrate the remarkable individuals whose stories bring history to life. One such person is **Herbert John "Jack" Brown**, a Royal Navy engineer who was born in 1924 and who will celebrate his 102nd birthday this year. Reaching 102 is a remarkable achievement in itself, but Jack's life story is extraordinary for many other reasons. If you get the opportunity, take a look here:

https://trentparkhouse.org.uk/blogs/articles/we-interview-jack-102-whose-memories-are-now-part-of-our-oral-history-project

Jack grew up next to what became one of Britain's most secret wartime locations: Trent Park, often referred to as the "House of Secrets." During the Second World War, the estate was used by British Intelligence as a highly confidential prisoner-of-war camp where senior German officers were secretly monitored.

Closer to home, the dangers of war were impossible to ignore. Jack's family home stood beside a gun battery responsible for defending London from enemy aircraft during the Blitz. Despite the obvious risk, officials decided the family did not require an air-raid shelter. Jack's recollection of his family lying in their beds listening to the sound of bombs falling, hoping that the frightening whistle of a descending bomb would not grow louder, was the most thought-provoking part of the video for me. Can you imagine how that must have felt? During daytime raids, the family's sturdy oak dining table became their only place of refuge.

Among Jack's many memories is a visit by Sir Winston Churchill to the area. While it was a tremendous honour to see Britain's wartime leader, there was an unexpected twist to the story: Churchill's daughter, Mary Churchill, happened to be serving as a sergeant on the very gun battery behind Jack's house. It also turned out Churchill was a talented brick-layer!

Jack went on to serve his country as a Royal Navy engineer, playing his part during one of the most challenging periods in modern history. What makes this story even more special for Highfield is that Jack is the great-grandfather of Leo, Seth (who have now moved to high school) and George in year 2. Through them, we are connected to an amazing piece of history. Thank you, Jack and all those of his generation who served, sacrificed and persevered. We are honoured to celebrate Jack's remarkable life and his service to our country.

Enjoy your weekend and thank you for your support.

Mr Feeley

News & Updates

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations and a huge well done to the children in Key Stage One who were recognised for their fantastic effort and attitude last week by making it into the **celebration book**. We are all proud of you for setting such a high standard! The children who we are celebrating are:

2H – Mollie, Mirha, Leilani
2F – Sami, Harveen, Nikethan
1W – Anais, Luca, Zahra, Dua
1B – Mela, Pixie, Oliver, Jasper
RH – Jaivin, Leen, Hadley, Yunay
RSC – Stevie, Elis, Kornel, Jasper

Festival of Light Celebration thank you

Thank you to everyone who supported the festival of light celebration on Wednesday evening. It was such a well-attended event and the round of applause at the end reflected how much everyone enjoyed the fireworks. An especially big thank you to all the volunteers and staff without whom we could not do it. Well done team Highfield!

Dates for your Diary!

- **Mon 9th Nov:** Girls football Vs Alwoodley (a)
- **Tues 10th Nov:** Prospective parents open morning
- **Weds 11th Nov:** Year 1 assembly
- **Thurs 12th Nov:** Girls football Vs Swarcliffe
- **Fri 13th Nov:** KS2 Celebration Assembly

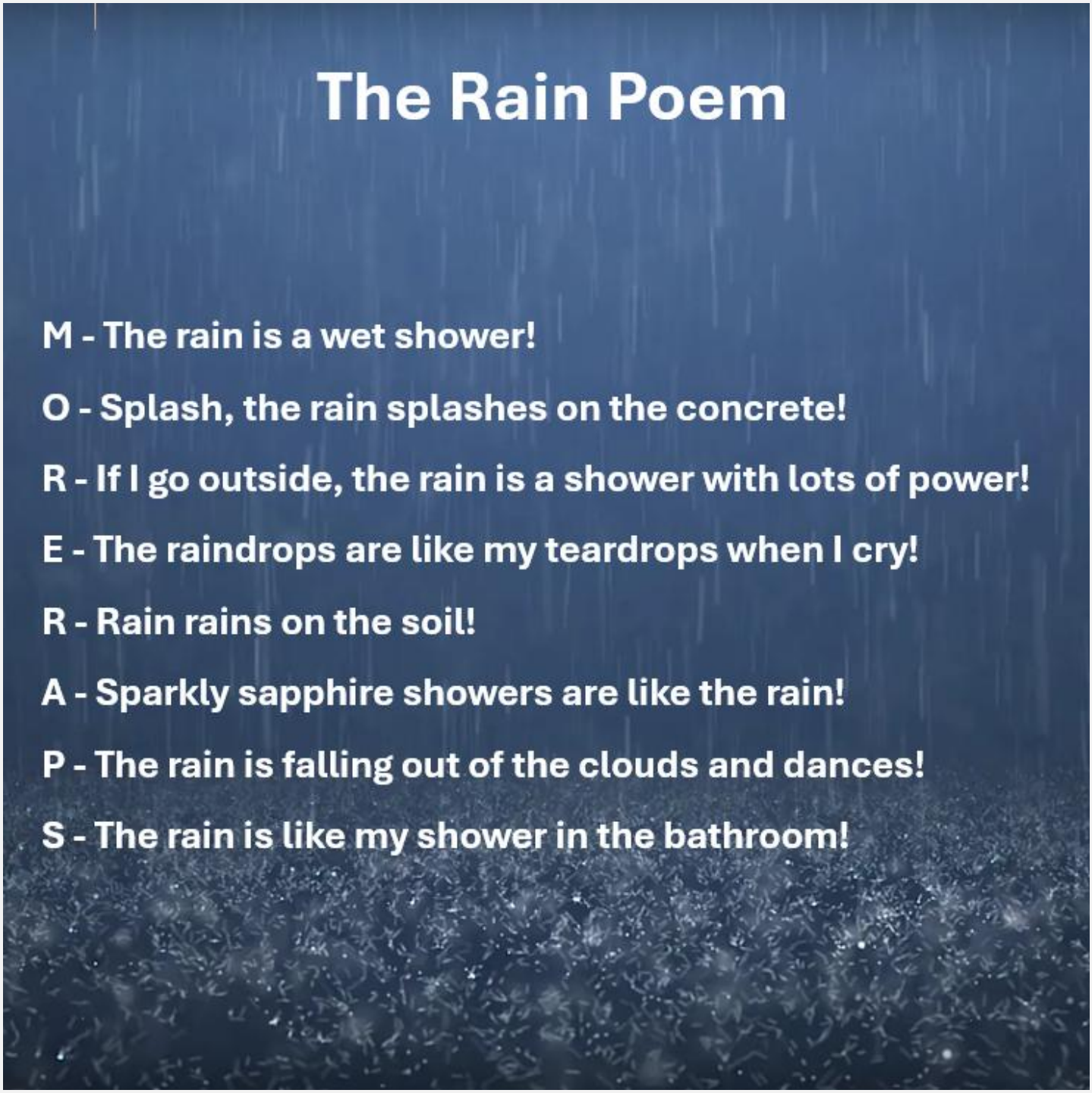
Ayla and Alice meet superstar poet!



Ayla and Alice had a very special opportunity to meet poet and author Joseph Coelho at Leeds Library. Joseph Coelho is one of the poets we study in Year 4 and a former poet laureate. The girls enjoyed chatting with him about the poems they've been studying in class, sharing their thoughts and excitement along the way. Ayla's love of reading really shone through and she was absolutely thrilled to come away with a signed copy of Creeping Beauty. In true Ayla fashion, she read it from cover to cover in just one day! A lovely experience for both girls and a special moment to celebrate their learning outside of their classroom.

In a continuation of celebrating Joseph Coelho's work, Alejandro has written a MORERAPS poem about this week's rain on the next page. A MORERAPS poem is an acrostic poem which uses imaginative vocabulary, descriptions and sometimes rhyme to make the poem interesting.

Safeguarding. For child protection concerns you can contact any of our Designated Child Protection Officers: Mr Feeley, Mrs Dalgliesh, Mr Brassil, Mrs Bowker and Mrs Calvert. There is some useful information on the LSCB website about online safety with some useful tips for parents: http://www.leedslscb.org.uk/Parents-Carers-Wider-Family/Keeping-children-safe-online. If you are worried that a child is at risk of harm please contact Leeds Children's Social Work Services on 0113 222 4403.


The Rain Poem
M - The rain is a wet shower!
O - Splash, the rain splashes on the concrete!
R - If I go outside, the rain is a shower with lots of power!
E - The raindrops are like my teardrops when I cry!
R - Rain rains on the soil!
A - Sparkly sapphire showers are like the rain!
P - The rain is falling out of the clouds and dances!
S - The rain is like my shower in the bathroom!

Online Safety for Our Children

Let's stay informed, stay alert and keep them safe.

What is Online Grooming?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online, usually to gain their trust, with the intention of exploiting them — for example, by asking for inappropriate images, arranging to meet them, or causing them emotional harm.



Signs to Look For

- Secretive behaviour with their device (e.g. quickly closing apps, keeping it out of sight).
- Being withdrawn, anxious or upset after being online.
- New online 'friends' they won't talk about.
- Changes in mood, sleep or academic performance.
- Sharing personal information (e.g. photos, where they are).

How Can We Protect Our Children?

- Have regular, open conversations about online safety – without judgement.
- Encourage them to tell you if someone makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Remind them not to share personal information (e.g. full name, address, school).
- Use privacy settings and check who can contact them.
- Teach them to block and report suspicious behaviour.
- Keep devices in shared spaces where possible.

What are COM Networks?

COM networks (Child Online Material networks) are groups, chats or communities online where children are exposed to harmful and illegal content, such as extreme violence, self-harm, suicide material, or child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These can be found on social media, gaming platforms, or encrypted chat apps.



What to Look For

- Your child talking about disturbing or violent content.
- References to "groups", "chats" or "networks" they're not familiar with.
- Sudden changes in behaviour, including secrecy, distress or anxiety.
- Alerts from devices or apps about being added to unknown groups.
- Finding illegal or harmful content on their device.

How Can We Protect Our Children?

- Talk to your child about the risks of online groups and the importance of only joining age-appropriate, trusted communities.
- Check their devices regularly for unknown groups or apps.
- Use parental controls to restrict access to harmful content.
- Encourage them to tell you if they see something upsetting.
- Report harmful content and groups to the platform and, if needed, to the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF).

Remember...

Children may not always tell us what they see or experience online, it's important to keep the conversation going, look for changes, and trust your instincts.

If you ever have any concerns, please contact:

Miss Harrower

Computing and Online Safety Lead

Together, we can help our children explore the online world safely.

Get Into Guitar

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Get Into Guitar are running their **Guitar Rockers** bands at **your childs school**. **Children do not need their own guitar**, we provide them. Existing students **do not need to resign up**. We will contact you. We foster extremely positive relationships with our students, and aim to truly inspire them, building their confidence, aspirations and love of playing music. Any children we can't initially accommodate will be placed on a waiting list.

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We offer:

- In lesson provision of quality, suitably sized acoustic/electric guitars, headphone amplifiers and online tablet/laptop based learning. Resources to take home for practice.
- Performances, competitions with great prizes, learning songs chosen by the children, song writing and Battle of the Bands video recordings.
- Very fairly priced 30 minute lessons with sibling discounts. See below.
- High quality teachers who understand how to motivate and inspire children to learn in a fun, exciting environment.
- Many of our schools offer pupil premium funded lessons for low income families.

Guitar Rockers - These fun, collaborative groups are designed **both for complete beginners, and those who already have some guitar experience**. We meet **every week for 30 minutes**. **Each year group** has a certain number of places which will be filled on a **first come first served basis**. To **find out what days and times lessons take place at your child's school** please see our timetable www.getintoguitar.co.uk/timetable/

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Kind Regards,
Paul Curtis

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