

GARBOLDISHAM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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STOP PRESS

We have had confirmation today that our KS2 SATs results put us in the top 10% of schools nationally for reading and maths combined, and at 'number 5' in the county overall! We know that our children, parents and staff are 'second to none', but to see it in print is a wonderful acknowledgement.

We owe a huge 'THANK YOU' to Ms Hemmings for leading us there!

Suzanne Halliwell

SCHOOL COUNCIL

School council are a group of children that help people when they are hurt, decide which charities to support and help to interview possible teachers for the school.

Last week school council had a meeting about which charity to support but we could not decide, so we asked in assembly which charities to support.

There were lots of ideas like homeless people charities, providing clean water for people with dirty water, hospital charities for medicine and lots more. But it's either going to be a charity for clean water in developing countries or a children's asylum seeker charity.

We are also going to go on a Learning Walk around the school to look at the displays around the school. We are then going to come up with two stars and a wish for each area. By Zach Murphy and Jaidan Pliier

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

School starts in the New Year on Thursday 4th January 2018

9th January Swimming begins for Years 3, 4 and 5

12th January Whole school trip to the Pantomime at Norwich Theatre Royal

8th February FROGS Valentines' Disco

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
12th - 16th February 2018. Back to school 19th February.

28th March Easter Service 1pm in St Johns' Church

EASTER HOLIDAY 29th March. Back to school Monday 16th April

5th June Class photographs

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
28th May - 1st June. Back to school 4th June.

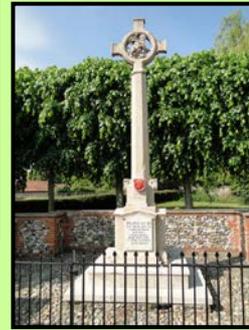


WAR MEMORIAL

On Wednesday 8th November, all of the Year 5's went down to the war memorial to clean it up so that it looked better for Armistice Day. We took some litter pickers to pick up any rubbish/leaves. While we were there we learnt some facts about the Memorial like St George is at the very top of it killing a dragon. There are 4 crests all around the Memorial. One is the flag of England, one the flag of Norfolk, one is the Montgomery family crest and the other one was of Jesus. There were roman numerals that were MCMXIV and MCMXIX which meant 1914 to 1919. We are not sure whether it should have said 1914 to 1918 as that was when the First World War ended.

On Friday 10th November, Beech Tree class and Rowan Tree class went down to the memorial for our own one minute silence and to show our respect to the fallen. Hamish said the reading and Freya Bowen said the prayer. It was very emotional. We had made some wreathes which Rosalia and Aidan laid for us.

By Freya Button and Jonny



STARS OF THE WEEK

'Stars of the Week' are chosen each week and announced in assembly. 'Stars' may have produced particularly good work, they may have done something very well, persevered to achieve their aim or been kind and helpful. 'Stars' receive a badge and a certificate. Congratulations to all our recent 'Stars'.



6th November: Conner, Sophie, Erin Sayer, Megan, George, Aidan, George

13th November: Oliver, Noah, Buddie, Calypso, Kacey, Shannon, Hamish

20th November: Alfie, Ruby, Oskah and Alfie, Ruby, Scarlett, Harry, Libby

27th November: Ben, Paige, Belle, Noel, Phoebe, Brayden, Lucia

4th December: Erin Bailey, India, Devan, Charlie Shaw, Laila, Fraser, Jaidan, Destiny

11th December: Rufus, Phoebe, Louis, Eve, Laila, Haiden, Alice, Rosalia



African animal art in Cherry Tree class by Taye, Charlie V, Erin, Belle, Charlie S, Joshua, Nathaniel, Buddie, Freya and Oskah

To finish our topic on Africa, we designed animal skin patterns (Belle). The first thing Rosemary tells us to do in art is to do nothing and think! (Oskah).

We could choose two animals, either a cheetah, a giraffe, a leopard or a zebra (Taye). Then we took a candle and pressed it on the paper to draw the pattern of the animal skin (Charlie S). You had to press really hard with the wax candles so that the pattern would show up (Erin). We had to think about our design and the colour of paint to use (Freya). We chose a colour of paint and added lots of water to make it very watery paint (Charlie V). We did two animal patterns each (Nathaniel). Every animal pattern is different (Buddie) and unique (Freya).

When the patterns were dry we added more wax patterns and painted over one of the designs again with different coloured watery paint (Joshua). Then we compared the two designs to see the differences between them (Charlie S). The light and dark colours mixed together and the light colours showed through too (Belle).



'Gold Book' celebrations

In this space we celebrate children who have recently been entered into the 'Gold Book' for all sorts of reasons, but particularly for good, kind, helpful, thoughtful and caring behaviour. We think all of our children behave well but sometimes the acts of individuals require special recognition. We are pleased to say that some children appear in the 'Gold Book' more than once.

Well done to:

Noel, Isaac, Beatrice, Megan, Jaidan, Destiny, Hamish, Elliot, Jonny, Ashtyn, Miles, Sam B, Theo, Taye, Gracie, Harvey, Rosalia, Bradley, Haiden, Charlie Shaw, Alfie Woodrow, Gabriel, Mrs Debbie, Aidan, Hamish, Freya Bowen, Corin, Destiny, Libby, George, Lucia, the whole of Beech Tree Class, Ruby Webb, Freya Button and Lydia

Multiplying, adding and dividing fractions

In Beech tree class we have been learning how to multiply, divide and add fractions. To divide a fraction for example: $1/6$ divided by $3/4$, you would have to flip the reciprocal and it would become $1/6$ divided by $4/3$. Then $1/6 \times 4/3$ which would be 1×4 is 4 and 6×3 is 18, so it would be $4/18$.

To multiply $2/9$ multiplied by $3/6$ would be easy peasy because all you have to do is: 2×3 is 6 and 6×9 is 54 so it is $6/54$ simplified would be $1/9$. To add a fraction you have to do a butterfly around the fractions. For example, you could do $2/5 + 3/7$ and find the lowest common denominator which is 5×7 which is 35. Then you do 5×3 which is 15 and 7×2 which is 14 and $14 + 15$ is 29 so the answer is $29/35$. By Libby and Harvey

Sonic boom

On 18th October, Mr McGahan came in to talk to Beech Tree class about the sonic boom that had happened a few weeks ago. He told us how the sonic boom was created and he also showed us what it looks like (it's cone shaped). Afterwards he told us that he had once gone supersonic (he was in the RAF) and also that it is silent inside the plane because all of the sound is behind the plane. It was such an informative visit and was enjoyed by everyone.

By Aidan and Christopher



FRACTION FACTS by Cherry Tree class children
Louis, Matilda, James, Rhiannon, Eve, Devan, Reece,
Thom, Carter, Alfie, Alyssa

In Cherry Tree class we have been learning about fractions (Matilda). A fraction is a part of something – fractions are when you make something into more pieces (Louis).

We folded a piece of paper to make sure it was the right size (Devan) and cut it into halves (Reece) and quarters (James). If a cake is cut into two different sized pieces they are not halves (Alyssa). The pieces must be the same size (Reece), otherwise this wouldn't be fair and they wouldn't be proper halves or quarters (Alfie). A half would be written $\frac{1}{2}$ (Alfie). We picked a shape and drew around it then folded it into half and wrote it on the shape (Rhiannon).

The top number tells you how many pieces there are in your fraction (Carter). The bottom number tells you how many pieces to cut the paper into (Reece) and this is called the denominator (Thom).

In a half fraction, one is at the top and two is at the bottom so one over two pieces is a half (Eve). Something cut into three pieces is cut into thirds and a third is written $1/3$ (Thom).

School of Rock, the Musical

On Tuesday 7th November Year 5 and 6 went to Diss High School to watch their play. It was really funny and entertaining to watch. We went by coach at 10:00am and it finished around 2:30pm.

It was nice to see some familiar faces such as Finn Wilcockson as Billy, Georgia Casey in the stage crew, Louis Sait as one of Tamika's dads and William Sait as Ned/Mr Schneebly. The cast was very funny. There were no funniest scenes because it was all hilarious.

We got to meet all the cast at lunch and go outside to play and meet the stage crew. The teachers who came with us were Mrs Carter and Mrs Debbie. There were two other schools there, Diss and Roydon, but we were still the best behaved there by a long, long way!

By Corin Wilcockson and Shannon Callow-Winter



CLUB NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

After School Club runs every afternoon from 3pm to 4pm with different activities each day. All children welcome.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club runs every day in the school hall.

Children welcome from 7.45am. £3 a day.

Please see Jo in the office for details.

SPORTS CLUBS

Rugby Club will take place on Friday 3pm-4pm until half term

News about other after school sports clubs will be available in the new year

Ribbon of Poppies by Carol McGahan

The children in Oak Tree and Cherry Tree classes have planted poppy seeds to commemorate Remembrance Day. Mrs Howard's dad very kindly made us a lovely planter which is situated outside the front of our school. All the children scattered some seeds before making poppies in class and learning more about the act of remembrance in an assembly, which included a short silence.

We are hoping that the poppies will bloom next summer and will act as a reminder that 2018 is 100 years since the end of the First World War.



Our village has been registered as part of the 'Ribbon of Poppies' which aims to cover the UK and beyond with a 'ribbon' of red poppies in 2018.

VISIT BY BANHAM ZOO TO OAK TREE CLASS

On Monday 13th November the younger children were lucky enough to have Charli from Banham Zoo come and visit them. She brought several animals and artefacts with her and the children enjoyed looking at, stroking and even holding them. Most of the children loved meeting Pop the bearded dragon best as he was spiky. The children were given lots of information about different habitats and they had to think about how the animals were specially adapted to these living conditions. It was a really fun afternoon and we all learnt a lot! By Mrs Howard



Hockey

In Year 3,4,5 and 6 we have been doing hockey in PE. We started off by learning to dribble without letting go of your hockey stick. We have also been playing some little matches where we learnt it is all about space and just going for it using your dribbling. By Libby and Corin

ROTARY CLUB DICTIONARIES

At Garboldisham Primary School a lady called Janet came from the Diss Rotary Club and she gave us Year 5s some dictionaries. They aren't just from Diss they come from all around the world. Every Year 5 is getting one from all around the world as well.

The dictionaries aren't just normal dictionaries. They are special because they don't just have words. They have lots of things like diagrams, how things work, what they do, how to make them, what they are and what it is. They are really expensive so we are very grateful from the bottom of our hearts and we hope we see her again.

By Bradley and Ashtyn

Mayan Art with Rosemary

In art Rosemary came in and taught us about how to make natural paints using natural plants.

She got us a big piece of paper and paints to create a Mayan design using natural coloured paints. We used black pens and finished with gold, silver and bronze.

We also used sticks and more natural paints made out of eggs, blackberries and rosehips. We used sticks and dipped them in the paints and dribbled them across the paper, having fun and making a mess!

By Freya Bowen and Daniel Corble

MUSIC by Sam R and Sam B

In school we play music like violin, guitar, piano and recorder. In violin we are playing Christmas songs like 'Children Go' and 'Jingle Bells'. In guitar the Christmas songs we are learning are 'Jingle Bells', 'White Christmas', 'Silent Night' and 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'

Mayan topic work

In Beech Tree class we have been doing Mayan projects. Some of the projects included: architecture (Hamish, Harry W and Gracie), transport and trade (Chris and Elliot), weapons and tools, (Destiny Brayden), food, (George) and fashion, (Lydia). On Monday 13th, a ton of projects were sent into class. We don't have any room to display them all!

By Hamish and Elliot

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

A huge thank you to everyone who brought shoebox gifts in to send to the 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal. Twenty four boxes have gone on their way to make Christmas a bit more special for children in need in countries overseas. Carol McGahan

Christmas Message from Suzanne Halliwell

It has been a fantastically busy term and the children have worked so hard, as have the staff. We are all looking forward to a good rest and hope that you and your families have a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

CROSS COUNTRY SMALL SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

On Thursday 2nd November, 20 children went to run 1000-1600 metres around Fritton Lake. It was a great day and everyone did their best. These are some of the placings: Year 3 girls: Megan Rosher came 13th, Annie Worby came 23rd and Calypso Raven came 26th. Year 3 boys: Isaac Maxwell came 28th. Year 4 girls: Jessica Thomas came 13th with Rosa Scott-Bell and Jessica Olbison running well too. As for Year 4 boys: William Veall came 11th. Fraser Canham, Sam Bunning, Ben Twite and Theo Bell-Tye also ran well. Year 5 girls: Alice Rickatson came 50th. Year 5 boys: Jacob Thomas came 19th and Dresden Johnson came 7th (which means that he is in the county finals!). Year 6 girls: Lucia Marquez O'Brien came 39th, Libby Worby came 48th and Rosalia Dragan came 54th. Year 6 boys: Zach Murphy came 26th and Sacha Guy came 40th. In each race there were 80 children, but at the end Year 6 girls and boys ran together.

Well done to everyone who took part - we are very proud of you all. A special well done to Dresden. We wish you good luck for the finals. Here are some action shots. By Dresden and Lucia



HOMEWORK JOURNALS

The whole school are doing these blue homework journals which we can decorate ourselves however we wanted but we had to have our names and 'homework journal' written on the front.

The learning objective of these homework journals is to understand homework in literacy, topic and maths.

Homework journals are handed out on Wednesday and handed in the week after. We do these books every week.

The work we do in these books is really fun and enjoyable for the pupils.

In these books we have six tasks, two in maths, two in literacy and two in topic. Task one in literacy - design and create an informative leaflet to encourage parents and carers to choose Garboldisham Church Primary School for their children's education and use your power of persuasion.

Topic : Make a traditional meal from another country of your choice. We had to take a picture of it and family members had to rate it out of ten for flavour, appearance, etc..

Maths: Take five items from your food cupboard at home. Look at the labels to find out which country they come from.

Work out how many air miles they travelled, etc..

By Ryan Woodrow and Gracie Perrin

CHESS CLUB

Every week on a Wednesday there is a chess club in Beech Tree class during lunch time. It is run by Mrs Nightingale. We have lots of epic chess sets, most of which are brand new, two of them are glass!

At the chess club we quietly play against the opponent and learn new tactics (strategies). There is a chess tournament currently being organised by Christopher Gomer and Harry White (there will need to be sixteen players minimum for the tournament, otherwise it cannot proceed).

Younger children are welcome to come along and learn but numbers are limited.

By Harry White and Sacha Guy.



Christmas lunch

On Wednesday 6th December at our school we had our delicious Christmas lunch made by our brilliant cooks. It included roast potatoes, roast turkey, carrots, sprouts, sweetcorn, stuffing, Yorkshire puddings and gravy. It was amazing. We couldn't have done it without all the helpful



staff helping to produce it. Without them we wouldn't have tasted sensations so a very big thank you to everyone that helped out on Wednesday.



ROL ON FRIDAY

Every Friday we have a session called ROL On Friday (Review Our Learning). In this session we think back to what we have done during the week since Monday and work our way through to Friday. We came up with the name from the bacon rolls that we have on Friday. Here are some of the things that we discussed last Friday: Topic: we learnt about the Mayans through watching other children's Mayan presentations. Science: we were surprised to discover that salt dissolves in both hot and cold water! Maths: we have learnt new division methods e.g the DMSB method and the division has helped us with our factor beetles and vice versa. Literacy: we have learnt that rearranging sentences can make a different focus.

We are looking forward to our next session.

By George Litewski.



Christingle Service

On 1st December we had our Christingle service in Church. We all know that the Christingle isn't just about the sweets and yummy things, so we learnt the meanings of all the different things on the Christingle. The orange is because the world is round, the four cocktail sticks represent the four seasons and the sweets and raisins are all of the food that we have. The red ribbon represents the blood of Christ and the candle shows the light. We really enjoyed our Christingle service. We raised £200 for The Children's Society - the coins weighed over 20kg!



ROMAN NUMERALS

Last week we learnt our Roman Numerals.

Here are the Roman Numerals: I = 1, V = 5, X = 10, L = 50, C = 100 D=500, M = 1000, we learnt a Roman Numerals song and a Roman Song. Here are some Roman Numeral sums: V + V = X (10)
C x M = 100000, M + M = 2000 (MM).

It doesn't matter how big the number is, the same rules apply.

The Romans had Roman Numerals on their buildings and they are still used today in market aisles and on the war memorial in Garboldisham.

Rosalia and Harry.S

POK-A-TOK

Equipment for pok-a-tok:

You need a concrete surface, two hoops, rubber ball the size of a basketball.

What you wear:

The Mayans wore fancy head dresses. They wore padding around their waists, shins and their arms to protect themselves.

How to play pok-a-tok:

You can hit the ball with any part, apart from your feet and hands. The aim of the game is to get the ball through the hoop.

Why they play pok-a-tok:

The game is for religion or to sort out arguments.

How long does pok-a-tok last?

Pok-a-tok could last for days and days. The game would end when the ball goes through the hoop.

The sacrifice

The captain will be sacrificed if you lose the game, but if you win you get rewarded with something nice. By Harry H and Jacob.

Christmas Party and Carol Singing



Years 5 and 6 also recently visited some elderly friends in the village to sing Christmas carols to them.

On 12th December Garboldisham School had their amazing Christmas party with fantastic food made by Marnie and Natasha that all of us enjoyed. A little after it had started, we had a surprise visit from Santa who gave us some books as gifts which were fun to read. We played loads of party games and had lots of fun. Thank you to everyone who organised it. By Gracie and Libby

Dementia Nurse

On 14th November, Maggie Woodhouse, a Dementia Nurse, came to talk to us about people with dementia. While Mrs Nightingale was in hospital there was no room left, so she had to stay on the dementia ward. Maggie asked if we would ask our parents and grandparents to knit some twiddle cuffs. These are for people with dementia. They fiddle about with them and you can put stuff in them such as squishy things, slap bands, buttons, things that make noise and pom-poms. So we are thinking of things to put in. If anybody has anything we could use please may you bring it into Beech Tree Class, thank you.

By Brayden Grant and Destiny Donaldson-Jacobs.