

GARBOLDISHAM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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TRIP TO THE PANTOMIME

On Friday 12th January 2018, we went on a school trip to the pantomime to see *Sleeping Beauty*. Muddles and his mum, Mrs Midges, the comedians, were very funny. Especially when Muddles hurt his finger and Mrs Halliwell had to kiss it better!

The singing, acting and dancing was magnificent, along with the spectacular props and backgrounds. The band that constantly played throughout the show were also amazing.

A scene that most of us liked the best was when they were thinking how they were going to travel 100 years in to time to break the curse. Suddenly the Tardis from Dr Who came flying in the background and then they arrived outside *Sleeping Beauty*'s bedroom where she had been sleeping for a 100 years! They then broke the curse and when they went back to the correct point in time they all had a big party and lived happily ever after. THANK YOU AGAIN TO FROGS FOR GIVING EVERYONE THE CHANCE TO GO TO THE PANTOMIME – WE HAD A FANTASTIC TIME!

By Lydia Denty and George Litewski.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

12th - 16th February 2018. Back to school **19th February.**

26th February Parent consultations this week

26th March FROGS Hat Parade and Bake Sale

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

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

26th April FROGS Film Night

5th June Class photographs

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

28th May - 1st June. Back to school **4th June.**

BAUBLES!

Mrs Nightingale talked to Beech Tree Class and asked if we had a choice would we want a little treat like a gift of chocolate or sweets from her, Mrs Carter and Mrs Debbie to eat at school or over Christmas, or would we like to consider maybe giving the money they would have spent to a charity. We voted and it was unanimous to not have the sweets as we get so much anyway. So we chatted and came up with the idea of adopting a donkey who had suffered and been neglected in Palestine.

Here is 'Baubles', our Beech Tree Class donkey. We all have a picture of him. He was rescued from a market in Palestine. We have an adoption certificate too and we will get newsletters about him and other adopted donkeys. His sister Belle, was so badly looked after and neglected that she had to be put to sleep. We are very happy and proud to help look after Baubles.

Libby and Corin



WHO ARE THE GREEN TEAM?

Well, they're our school recycling team who help the school reduce the amount of litter that goes to landfill so they can help the environment and stop our bins overflowing.

What do we do in our meetings?

We have our meetings in the log cabin to discuss things eg. rotas for making sure everyone puts the right things in the right bin. We also said we should have an assembly about the Green Team, what we do, who we are.

If you need us for example if the bins are overflowing and think 'what shall we do?' 'I know - get the Green Team'!!!

What about a special uniform so we are easily recognised? We aren't quite sure yet about our uniform.

Mrs Howard is in charge of the Green Team. We are thinking of putting signs on the bins in the playground/classrooms saying what to put in the bins and what NOT to put in the bins. If litter is lying around anywhere, the Green Team will be there to sort it out.

GREEN TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Harry White, Harry Hopkins, Destiny, Lydia, William, Eryn, Gabriel, Calypso, Devan, Corey, Noah and Erin. By Harry H and Harry W



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 wristband and a certificate. Congratulations to all our recent 'Stars'.



12th January: Connor, Miles, Carter, Laila, Haiden, Alice and Rosalia

15th January: Rufus, Phoebe Johnson, Louis, Noel, Chloe, Corin and Daniel C

22nd January: Denni, Olivia, Eve, Taye, Calypso, Rosa, Ashtyn and Freya Bowen

28th January: Leylah, Noah, Matilda, Noel, Megan, Theo, Harry Seys and Christopher

5th February: Oliver M, India, Thom, Reece, Gabriel, Scarlett, Corin,



HOUSES FOR THE THREE LITTLE PIGS

In Cherry Tree Class we have been looking at The Three Little Pigs and wondered whether we could build a straw house that could stand up to the Big Bad Wolf. Using only paper straws and sellotape, we worked in small groups to build our own, and they were all different shapes and had our own ideas. Some of us made houses that looked like houses, with doors and windows, and others left a strip of tape at the bottom of the house so it would hopefully stick to the table! We also listened to Rosemary's advice to stop, think, and talk about our ideas rather than just jumping straight in.

After we built our houses, the Big Bad Wolf (Miss Evans's hairdryer with stuck on eyes and ears) tried to blow them down. We recorded the time it took for the house to either blow down or blow off the table, and if it was still standing we turned the hairdryer up to "turbo" and added a second hairdryer!

The Big Bad Wolf beat most of the houses, so we thought about how we could improve our designs and made changes. Some of us changed the shape and some added more straws and tape to make the structure stronger. It was useful to test our houses first and see what the problems were, and then when we tested them again they all lasted longer against the Big Bad Wolf. We do think that bricks would probably be a better option for a house, though, especially if the Big Bad Pig comes along with his hammer!

By Alfie, Alyssa, Belle, Charlie S, Charlie V, Eve, Freya, James, Oskah, Thom

'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. We have been SO good that we have filled up one Gold Book and Miss Evans has bought us a new one!

Well done to:

Lydia, Jonny, Brayden, Harry Seys, all of Rowan tree class, Louis, Haiden, all of year 1, Noel Clay, Gabriel, Ben, Theo, George, Logan, Sienna, Rosa, Mason and Oliver M, Mr Canham and Mr Davies.

DIFFERENT LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT

In Beech Tree Class, we have been learning all about our Government, which has lots of different levels from the Prime Minister down. It goes from Parliament down to the House of Commons and the House of Lords. This is followed by the County Council e.g. Norfolk County Council. The District Council follows: e.g. Breckland District Council down to a Parish Council, ours is Garboldisham Parish Council.

To get elected to Parliament and become Prime Minister you are either solo or in a party, for example Labour, Conservatives, the Green Party, UKIP, Liberal Democrats or Plaid Cymru. The current boss of the party becomes Prime Minister if their party wins a General Election and they also choose the new boss. When you are over 18 you are allowed to vote for your chosen party.

By Corin and Ryan

SWIMMING

On Tuesdays we go to Diss Swimming Centre to swim. We do it for half an hour and we have 4 groups, all with a qualified swimming coach.

It is really fun and we know that it costs a lot of money for the pool and the bus, so thank you to the school for this. We wish we could have longer than half an hour in the pool. Thank you again.

From Jacob & Harvey

CHERRY TREE CLASS ART – ARCTIC LANDSCAPES

By Taye, Carter, Erin, Rhiannon, Matilda, Nathaniel, Joshua, Louis, Reece, Devan

In art on Thursday afternoons, Cherry Tree class have made arctic landscape pictures. We drew the cold icy backgrounds with snowy icebergs, the freezing cold sun, an avalanche and a few people who live there in their warm, woolly coats. We drew cracks in the ice, the foggy arctic cold air and the freezing cold watery sea hitting the ice.

We cut polar bears out of cream felt and Rosemary helped us stick them on our backgrounds. Nathaniel's polar bear was in the water so he didn't give it any legs as you wouldn't see them. Louis cut out three polar bears, a mum, baby and a dad who was going towards a cave.



SMARTIE PILATES

On Thursday Year 5 have been doing Pilates with Debbie and Lydia. In Pilates it's all about strengthening the core muscles and helping you stretch out your muscles. We do lots of different Pilate stretches to music with different themes like in the jungle, at the beach, in the horror house, through the ages and winter fun. We also dance to lots of famous and fun songs by people like Michael Jackson and copy dance videos.

The Year 6's are doing a routine to the pilates theme 'through the ages' to help us with our class topic, 'World War 2' which we have just started.

By Alice and Ashtyn.



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.

OTHER CLUBS

Monday Football Years 4,5 and 6

Monday Music Club Years 2 - 6

Tuesday Netball Years 4,5 and 6

Friday Rugby Years 3,4,5 and 6

IS IT OK TO TELL A LIE?

In RE we were asked the question 'is it ok to tell a lie?' We all said 'no' but one person said 'yes'. Then Mrs Nightingale told us a story.

The story was about two Christian sisters during World War 2. One lied to some German troops to save a Jewish Dutch family and she hid them in her home so they wouldn't suffer. Then the other sister told the Nazi's where the Jewish family were hiding. This led to the Jewish family being captured. The Jewish Dutch family eventually escaped from the prison camp. The sister who had reported them believed that God had played a part in them escaping.

After hearing this, some of us changed our minds as we realised that if we were saving somebody's life, it would be ok to lie.

By Hamish and Brayden

VERA'S VISIT TO GARBOLDISHAM CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Tuesday 16th January, Freya Bowen's Great Grandma came in to talk to all of Beech Tree class about life in World War 2. She was 13 years old when Neville Chamberlain declared that Britain was at war. She also talked to us about how she felt when she saw the bomb damage around her neighbourhood. Vera said she was scared but that life had to go on. She mentioned the air raid shelters and how she was told about the war starting.



The questions we asked Vera all had long and full answers.

QUESTIONS:

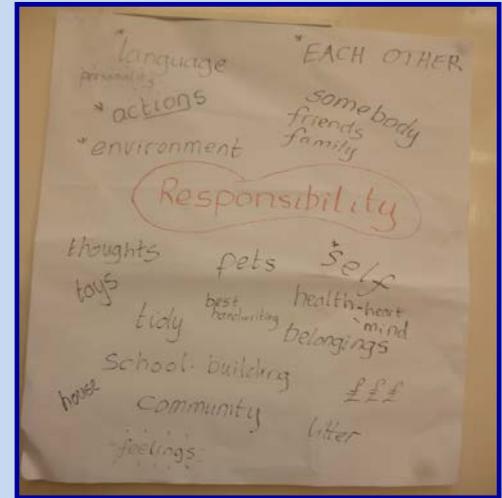
- 1) Did you get evacuated? "No I didn't but my 9 year old brother did. He got evacuated to Wales to live with an elderly couple who had never had children and they made ever such a fuss of him!"
- 2) What emotions did you feel? "Well, I felt scared and worried for my family" she replied.
- 3) Did food rations affect your daily life? "Oh yes! We could only have so much food and it wasn't very much and I was ever so fussy!" she replied.

By Freya Bowen & Shannon Callow-Winter

RESPONSIBILITY

In Collective Worship we have been learning about responsibility. What we think responsibility means is caring about one another and taking care of yourself and your belongings.

By Zach and Dresden



'THE TROLL' in Literacy

In Literacy we learnt that in a big or small picture you can find the tiniest detail. This is the picture we used with Ms McGahey. We could find over 30 tiny bits of detail. For example, the troll is wearing a grass jacket, there are no lamp posts, telephone or electricity poles and so on.

After we looked at the details we all, individually, made up where he lived. We could either draw or describe what we saw, so that the following week we could write our own story about him. What he is doing and why? By Gracie and Freya Button



Roman Town

In the last few days, we have been doing a Roman town project using mathematical skills and thinking.

By Isaac and Ruby

WINDMILLS

As part of our topic on power, Oak Tree Class have been thinking about wind power and windmills. We have discovered how they work and have enjoyed singing 'A mouse lived in a windmill in old Amsterdam'. We have found out a bit about Holland/the Netherlands and what windmills were used for. The children were particularly interested in the tradition of wearing clogs! We also found out that Monet painted pictures of Dutch windmills and we had a go at copying one, with much success. We loved making our own windmills and mice.

By Oak Tree Class



COMMUNICATION

Very many thanks to everyone for your positive response to our efforts in improving communication, reducing the amount of paper that we use and cutting our photocopying bill.

If you are still not receiving alerts from the website please: CHECK your 'spam' folder, look out for an email from 'wordpress' and click on the link to verify your acceptance or, if all else fails, email me

head@garboldisham.norfolk.sch.uk and I will re-submit your details (or you can try this yourself at the bottom of our website home page.)

Please look out for a 'mini survey' from me to assess how well we are doing with communication. Did you know that you can up-date (or submit at any time) your opinion of our school on 'Parent View' <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk> - link available on the home page of our website.

Thank you once again. *Suzanne Halliwell*

LITTLE OUSE HEADWATERS PROJECT

We are looking forward to Spring when the renovation of our willow arbour on the playing field will take place, with the help of LOHP volunteers. People are going to help us at Garboldisham School to re-weave the willow arbour because it has fallen over in the harsh windy and rainy weather conditions.

Also, if the weather permits, we are hoping to go peat cutting at Blo Norton Fen with a work party from the LOHP. We are also going to plant saplings at Scarfe Meadows soon. The Woodland Trust are supplying us with over 400 saplings.

We are looking forward to working with the LOHP and would like to thank them for their help.

From Jonny Wynn, Harry Seys and Aidan Shurmer

SCIENCE - GRAVITY

In the past few weeks we have been studying gravity with Mr Jones in Science. We have learned about gravitational pull and air resistance. One week we dropped two balls. One ball was a football and the other ball was a tennis ball. We dropped the football and tennis ball and they both landed on the table at the same time, even though there was a big difference in the mass.

The next week we made paper spinners that we dropped and timed. Then we made the same model but changed one thing, like we made them thicker or thinner or they had extra weight. Then we timed those spinners and compared the time difference. There was a time difference of milliseconds.

By Lucia and Destiny

DRAMA

A week ago we did some drama with Ms McGahey about Romulus and Remus. It is an old Roman myth about two children who have a wicked uncle who ordered the twins to be killed. So he told his slave to throw the twins in a trough!!

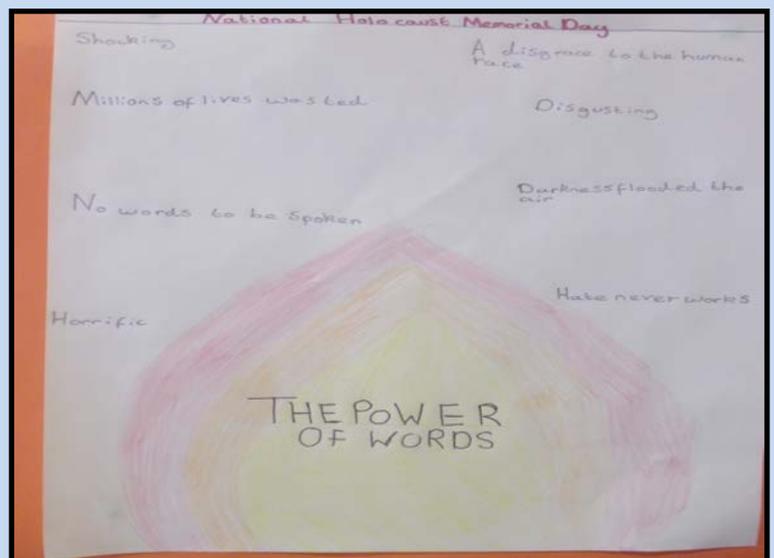


So he did, it went in a thorn bush and they were rescued by a she-wolf. The she-wolf fed and looked after them until they were old enough to look after themselves. By Ben and Kacey

THE HOLOCAUST

In Years 5 and 6 we have been learning about the holocaust just before WW2. We also went in to church and lit candles in memory of the Jews who died in the tragic event. We came up with some words and phrases, about how horrible it was, around a candle. Hitler also made all the Jews wear a yellow David star. We also discovered that they were also sent to concentration camps where they were told they were going to have a 'shower' and instead got gassed. It only took 3 minutes to kill 100 people which ended up being 6 million!

By Libby and Corin



Maths

This term in maths we have been doing decimals dividing by 10 and 100. 7.8 divided by 10 is 0.78 for example. Some people think that dividing is hard to do, but it isn't really too difficult at all. Division can be quite difficult when you first start learning how to do it, but it's easy when you get used to it.

By Gabriel and Logan

EQUIVALENT FRACTIONS, DECIMALS AND PERCENTAGES

On Wednesday we were learning about equivalent percentages fractions and decimals.

In one of our lessons we were given pieces of paper with a fraction/decimal/percentage on them. When we were given the piece of paper, our teacher (Mrs Nightingale) called someone's name out. We had to look at our own piece of paper and raise our hand if our fraction/decimal/percentage was equivalent to the person who had been chosen to stand up. Once we had put our hand up, we had to stand up and walk over to the person who was chosen to stand up. After everyone was in a group, we had a photo taken with our group.

By Chris and Rosalia

$$\frac{53}{100} = 0.53$$

WORLD WAR 2

This term our topic is Power. In Beech Tree Class we are learning about WW2. In Germany, the people were angry with their government. As a result of losing WW1, Germany was a very poor country and food prices were high. So they voted for a new leader, Adolf Hitler. As a start to his campaign he decided to build up Germany to make the people like him and start to follow him. Hitler decided it was time to expand as he wanted more land and people. He ordered his troops to attack Czechoslovakia. Through there the route was to Belgium. After occupying Belgium, Hitler invaded Poland. Britain and France were deeply disturbed by this and decided to prepare for war and, on September 3rd 1939 Neville Chamberlain declared war on Germany and so did France.



By Elliot and Bradley

PIANO

A wonderful piece of news: **WE HAVE A NEW PIANO!**

Our (very) old piano has been with us for many more years than I know, and is home to a few 'uninvited guests' (woodworm!). Our piano tuner, Paul Cray of 'Piano Portfolio' knew that I was on the look out for a new one and arranged for us to be the recipients of a 'pre-loved' instrument from UEA.

They are replacing their practice pianos and have **DONATED** one to us. I am bowled over at their kindness and am incredibly grateful to Paul and also

Malcolm Drew for such prompt delivery.

I will indulge in an unashamed bit of advertising and have included information for Piano Portfolio: <https://www.pianoportfolio.co.uk>

Suzanne Halliwell

HOLY TRINITY WITH FATHER DERRICK

On Wednesday 31 January, all of Year 5 and Year 6 went to the church where we met Father Derrick who told us all about the Holy Trinity and how it is similar to H₂O as it appears in three forms like water, ice and steam. They are all the same. Using the ice, water and steam was a great way of showing the Holy Trinity. This is what the Holy Trinity is: God is the 'Son' the 'Father' and the 'Holy Spirit/Ghost'.

Father Derrick is a secondary resource but one with tremendous knowledge and we are very grateful to him for giving us the information he did, thank you.

By Libby and Corin



ATTENDANCE UPDATE

Our target this year is 96.5% – which we hit exactly in the Autumn term. This was a fantastic effort on everyone's part and a **HUGE** improvement on the 91.2% in the previous year. Thank you so much.

This term you have done **EVEN BETTER! 97.05%**

The following year groups exceeded the magic 96.5% - in ascending order – year 4, year 6, year 1, year 2 and **YEAR 3** with a **FANTASTIC 100%** record. Well done everyone, and special congratulations to all in year 3.

May I remind everyone that if they have questions about this, and 'holidays' in particular, that I am very happy to discuss it with them? Thank you. *Suzanne Halliwell*