

GARBOLDISHAM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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HARVEST by Year 3 Cherry Tree class

During art in Cherry Tree class, we have been discussing what is needed to make a good harvest.

Without rain, sun, healthy seeds, nutrients from the earth and worms, which help by turning the soil so that the water can pass through it, it would not be possible to produce a good crop at harvest time. This would mean less food during the winter months. We have been thinking about the journey of the wheat from the fields, after it is cut by the combine harvester and what happens when it is taken to the mill to be ground into flour and then made into bread and other good things to eat. We have also learned about our own orchard fruits of plums, pears and apples which have produced an excellent crop this year.

In art, the children used watered down paints to give an 'impressionist' style look to their harvest paintings. They included the golden glow of the corn in the fields, the powerful sun, a blue sky dotted with fluffy clouds, trees in full fruit and the occasional tractor or harvester in the field. Soon we will be looking at how a Vietnamese harvest is different and doing some art based on this, so that we can make comparisons between the two.

The whole school went to church for our harvest festival service. The Reception children showed pictures while we sang 'Someone brought a loaf of bread'. We also sang 'Colours of Day', 'Autumn Days' and 'The Big Red Combine Harvester'. Years 4 and 5 said prayers and Rev Derrick talked about countries which produce lots of one type of food. For example, France produces the most apples and China the most sugar.

We all took our harvest offerings up to the altar and these have been delivered to the Riversdale Centre in Thetford where they will be used to make meals for elderly and needy people. Thank you very much to everyone who donated produce to our collection and thank you to Lydia and Bradley for representing our school so well when the harvest produce was delivered to Riversdale.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

18th-26th October Half Term Holiday

5th November Collective worship in Church - Bibles to be given to Reception children

9th November Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts to be in school by today

10th November Quiz Night at Village Hall

14th November Individual school photos

17th November FROGS Christmas Fayre 2-5pm

26th November Flu Immunisation Day

7th December Christingle Service in Church 2pm

12th December Christmas Lunch

17th December Christmas Party

18th December 1pm Carol Service

3rd January 2019 Back to school

11th January Trip to the pantomime

'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: George Murray, Hattie, Oliver Marston, Thom, Harvey, Annie, Louis, Rhiannon, Lydia, Bradley, Oskah W, Mason, Eryn, Oliver Charge, Aidan, Calypso, Ben Hall, Gabriel, Haiden, Ben Twite and Denni. All of Year 1 for having the correct kit for PE and all of Reception for being so good in their first PE lesson.

CYCLING PROFICIENCY

Throughout the weeks, we have been doing cycling proficiency, first in the playground and then in Back Street. Everyone tried their best. The teacher, Mike, was very strict but he was a good teacher and he was nice. Everyone passed the bike check and the playground lesson was quite easy but it was harder when we were on the road in Back Street. Mike congratulated us all as we wheeled our bikes back. He taught us very well and we will most certainly use our knowledge on the road. Many thanks to Mike the cycling teacher.

By Aidan and Harry Seys

Cherry Tree Class Marble Mazes

We went in groups of 2/3 to make a marble maze (Olivia). Then in partners we did research and looked at different types of mazes (Hattie). We looked at two good things and things that we thought could be better (India). It's important to do research because something could go wrong or you might get good ideas like making a hole for the marble to go into (Miles). We used cardboard, straws, colourful paper, shiny paper, and marbles (Olivia). Or we used paper plates and lots of tape (Noah).

We drew the design on first so that we wouldn't have to take it all off if it went wrong (Oscar G). My group made a Pacman maze and we designed and coloured it in and used a pattern (Isla). Our Pacman maze was good, it took a lot of time because the walls kept falling over so I attached it to another part (Frankie). I added a slide. I needed some sticks to keep it upright and used two sides- a winning side and a losing side (Sophie). Then we tested them out with each other and other people in the class (Phoebe). We did 2 stars and a wish so you know what's good and how you can improve your maze (Poppy). We had lots of fun and enjoyed making our marble mazes (Paige).

Crime and Punishment

In Beech Tree Class (Year 6) our topic is 'Crime and Punishment'. We have done a few activities on it.

In our homework journal, for instance, we had to make a model of a punishment from the past and some that have come in are, for instance, the Gallows, a guillotine, the stocks and two whips. Another topic related homework piece is to sketch an e-fit picture saying what crime the person committed and what punishment they would get. We also researched some modern day punishments and crimes in our topic session and explained what we knew. This topic is linked to our book 'Holes'.

Crime and punishment goes all the way back to the Greeks and the Egyptians. Most people who got punished would not come back again if they had committed crimes like murder. You wouldn't get hung for stealing somebody's chickens though would you? We are looking forward to continuing to do some more work on this topic later this term. We are all enjoying this topic very much and are pretty sure we will still enjoy it in the future. By Corin and Bradley



STARS OF THE WEEK



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

Week 1 – Isla, Erin B, Noel, Scarlett, Aidan

Week 2 – Ben H, Hattie, Oscar G, Mason, Phoebe, Maddison, Caitlin

Week 3 – Eva, Lola, Ruby, Rhiannon, Megan, Logan, Dresden

Week 4 – Oliver C, Alfie, Sophie, Oskah, James, Calypso, Ben T, Brayden

Week 5 – Clara, Oliver C, Poppy, Alfie Barton, Isaac, Jessica O, Bradley

Week 6 – Erin L, Connor, Miles, Noah, Ruby, George, Jaidan

Fencing with Premier Sport

On Tuesday and Thursday some people come in from Premier Sport to teach us some activities like fencing because Isaac in Year 4 won a competition and the prize was to choose an activity for his school. He picked fencing, so twice a week at lunchtime they come in and teach us either fencing, archery or football. In fencing you have to have a head mask, body armour and a foil, which is a long foam pole. This is totally safe. By Ashtyn

PE

In PE we are doing gymnastics with Lydia. We have been doing jumping, movement and balancing. Lydia put us into pairs and we had to make up a dance routine with three moves. Your partner had three moves too so you had to have six moves all together and six balancing moves.

All together we had 8 to 12 moves. Without our partners Lydia told us to walk around the room and when she said flamingo she wanted us to balance on one foot or one leg on the floor with our hands.

Tree down

On Wednesday 19th September our school tree fell down in the quiet area. We played on the field for two hours because the tree fell and it broke all the wires and some of us got to go home early (lucky) because the tree was causing a problem. We still need to fix the wall in the quiet area.

By Jacob and Brayden

School Council

Our new school council has been elected. The new members are: Erin L, Corey, India, Louis, Annie, Fraser, Alice, Freya B. Congratulations. We wish you well with your important task ahead.

HOLES

In literacy our topic is the book 'Holes'. We started off with guessing what the book is called by looking at a few props from the book until we figured it out. First we read a little of the book, then we wrote an 'I wonder, I think and I see' about the book 'Holes'.

A few days later we got a description of a yellow spotted lizard, then we drew a picture of what we think the lizard looks like. A week later we planned a true letter to Mrs Yelnats to persuade her to get him out of camp.

By Dresden and Jaiden



MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan coffee afternoon in any way - we couldn't have done it without you! £338 raised - amazing! The winners of the games were:

Oak Tree Class - 'Find the Treasure' game - Winner: Reece Banks.

Cherry Tree Class game 'Number of Sweets in a Jar' - Winner: Erin Bailey.

Rowan Tree Class game 'Find the Mouse' - Winner: Mrs White.

Winner of the raffle for Marnie's beautiful cake: Mrs Nightingale. Well done to everyone.

Money, money, money

In PSHE our topic is 'Are Humans Greedy'. To fit in with that we looked at money, tax and NI (national insurance). We found out that our parents have to pay a lot of money to tax collectors, which goes to prisons, royal family weddings and lots, lots more. NI goes to health care, nursing homes and many more things. We also found out that the football player Messi earns £175,000 a week where as people who save lives earn lots less. By Jonny and Freya

CLUB NEWS

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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

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 AND MUSIC CLUBS

Netball Tuesday 3pm-4pm Years 4,5,6

Football Wednesday 3pm-4pm Years 4,5,6

Rugby Friday 3pm-4pm Years 3,4,5,6

'Stay Active' takes places at Garboldisham on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes.

RIVERSDALE CENTRE

On the 24th September, Lydia and Bradley went to Riversdale centre with Carol to deliver harvest vegetables and fruit to the homeless and elderly. Lydia said that she enjoyed delivering it because she liked to think that the homeless would have a nice dinner for once as well as a nice warm drink. She hopes that her food that she gave will be eaten by someone who needs it. By Alice and Lydia

STAY ACTIVE

Stay Active is a company that does different sports like football, fencing and archery. Year 4 upwards do their sessions from 12:00 - 12:30pm and Year 3 downwards do theirs from 12.30 until 1pm two days a week.

Fencing In fencing you have to wear a special safety suit and equipment. A helmet with neck protection, a chest plate and a foil. You are jerking back and forth and trying to hit each other with the foil.

Football In football the older children play matches and the younger children do football skills. Girls and boys are as good each other at football. Aaron teaches us new skills every time.

Archery Aaron also teaches archery. It is a very skilled sport. He teaches it very well.

By Harry H and Harvey. Thank you to Arron.



Blackberry Picking

Blackberry picking was a lot of fun because we had a contest to see who got the most blackberries. Sadly there was no prize for the winner but we made apple and blackberry crumble. After picking the blackberries, we did some maths to find out how much the blackberries weighed and then how much one blackberry would weigh. To get to the field to pick them, we had to go through Back Street and then up a very wet field.

A group of us made the blackberry crumble while another group did cycling.

Firstly, we had to mix margarine, flour and sugar together which made the crumble. We then piled apples upon blackberries vice versa. Then we took the crumble into the kitchen and turned the oven on. The other group came in and made their crumble and did the same thing as the first group. They took their crumble to the kitchen as well and put it in the oven. The crumble we made was very yummy.

By Maddison and Caitlin

Operation Christmas Child

Please support our Christmas Shoebox Gift appeal – details on the school website. Shoeboxes need to be in school no later than Friday 9th November 2018. Thank you for your support.