

Year 5&6 News

March 2017

Elsewhere in School...

- The Year 5/6 Athletics team finished in 3rd place in the Stevenage Indoor Athletics Festival.
- Year 1 organised a brilliant *Superhero Day*, creating superhero characters and costumes, and sharing their work with their families.
- Foundation were visited by a travelling farm, complete with sheep, pigs, hens, ducks a goat and even a donkey!
- Year 1 loved taking part in an Indoor Athletics Festival organised by Rising Stars.
- Our Year 5/6 Boys Football team reached the quarter-finals of the Stevenage Cup after a dramatic 3-2 win.
- Years 1 and 2 were visited by a professional artist, who led paper making workshops.
- We raised over £300 for Comic Relief through our non-uniform day earlier this month.

What we've been doing this term...

Felt making

We really enjoyed taking part in a felt making workshop earlier this term. Although it didn't immediately sound like the most exciting title for an activity, it actually turned out to be a really fun session, thanks in no small part to the enthusiastic support of our visiting artist. Each of us built a picture in different coloured wool, which was then soaked in water and soap, before being thoroughly rolled to compress the fibres (and make the whole thing stick together). In no time at all, the felt pictures had dried and we were extremely pleased with the results, some of which you can see below...



Music

During music this half term, we have composed our own pieces of music by creating story boards linked to the quest stories that we have written in English. Then, working in small groups, we chose instruments to best reflect the sounds we had designed, before performing our work in front of an audience.

Stars of the Week - Class 9 -



Brandon Goodge



Cristiano Joseph



Ronan Sealy



Bradley Evans



Devon Michel



Emmie Batten

English

We began our new fiction unit of 'Quests' with a treasure hunt around the school. We were given clues, and as groups solved riddles to ultimately find a selection of letters. Back at base, the letters were then ordered so that a message could be revealed. This led to a trail which uncovered one more treat...gold chocolate coins for everyone! From this we then went on to learn a quest story off by heart, writing a class shared version and then independently creating our own. Finally, we put a modern twist to the story and wrote texts based on the capital city settings we have learned about in our humanities work.

Ying and the Ancient Herb, by Rian Godfrey

"Listen up children! The time has come...people in our village are extremely sick," exclaimed the village's finest Sensei raising his fist in the warm breeze, in front of the assembled youngsters. Nobody spoke. "We have to urgently retrieve the legendary herb, in order to cure our village." Everyone was in agreement, but who would take on such a perilous task? Intriguingly, the life-saving herb had been lost in an ancient tomb for decades. In a flash, each teenager spoke about how they wouldn't last a minute. Out of the blue, a stuttering voice spoke,

"Excuse me..I-I'll go my Sensei."

All of a sudden, laughter roared like a blood thirsty lion.

"What Ying? He's far too silly and weak." The boys face burnt with anger, yet guilt ran through him too. He'd show them, and pouncing to his feet, he grabbed the compass from the Sensei and walked towards the foreboding jungle.

That was yesterday. Now petrified, due to the thunderous BOOMS and the coruscating lightning, he began to regret his desire to cure the villagers. But then Ying caught a glimpse of a tropical parrot. "Hello, little guy. Do you want to come with me?" he spoke softly as his new friend hopped happily onto Ying's arm. "We can relocate this historical herb together!" Over the following evenings and mornings they crossed through ramshackle hamlets, waded across crashing rivers and climbed mossy trees. They got to a clearing and slept calmly under the glistening stars. In an instant, Ying was awoken by Percy (the parrot's) squawk, and then in the distance he saw that a scaly snake was carrying the compass away...

Hurling his jagged dagger in anger, he was suddenly conscious of a voice whispering within the eerie shadows. Listening to the peculiar noise, he knew in an instant that it was the voice of a miniature troll. He came out. Furthermore he pointed to a hazardous mountain in the distance. The voyager knew in a flash, this was the gloomy hideout of a serpent; a nefarious, raucous and poison spitting snake. Valiantly, Ying proceeded silently towards the mouth of the tomb. When he was at the entrance, he heard the serpent bite into its unfortunate prey. Would he survive?

Using all of his expertise, he cunningly hid behind a hefty pillar, however that wasn't good enough - the abhorrent creature saw his foot! The quivering boy needed to think fast; therefore he grabbed his iron shield and blocked the poisonous teeth...

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The Easter Journey

On Thursday 23rd March, we were invited to visit St. Andrew's and St. George's church to build on our understanding of the Easter journey. We have been following the events that led up to Jesus' crucifixion during our assemblies, and this visit allowed us to gain a greater knowledge of how the disciples felt and what they did as individuals.

Taking part in different scenarios (such as the Last Supper, the washing of feet, Judas' betrayal and the resurrection) taught us to consider events from an alternative point of view, and we finally pieced together a jigsaw that showed different aspects of Jesus' journey including loyalty, humility, sacrifice, love and faith.



Stars of the Week - Class 10 -



Oliver O'Reilly



Ollie Bull



Jack Mikiel

Diary Dates

19th April

Start of Summer Term

1st May

May Bank Holiday - school closed

8th–12th May

Year 6 SATs Test Week

19th May

Stevenage Year 3/4 Football Tournament

29th May - 2nd June

Half-term

8th June

Year 4/5/6 Athletics Festival at Ridlins Stadium

15th June

Stevenage Lacrosse Festival

16th June

Year 5/6 Chessington trip

19th - 23rd June

Sports Week 2017 (including Foundation, KS1 and KS2 Sports Days)

29th June

Year 3/4 Legoland trip

11th & 12th July

KS2 end-of-year production (afternoon & evening on 11th, evening only on 12th)

21st July

End of term

PGL 2017

Some of us from Classes 9 and 10 were fortunate enough to go away for the weekend to the PGL activity centre at Marchants Hill in Surrey. Throughout our time there we participated in a whole host of new experiences including: raft building, zip wire, giant swing, trapeze (leaping off the top of a post and trying to catch a bar or kick a giant ball) and an incredibly muddy 'challenge course' (which saw us getting absolutely filthy!) Everyone had a fantastic time, with some of us conquering fears and challenging ourselves to climb, jump and fall further than we ever had before!

