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2019

Choir News

On Friday 14th December, some of the older members of the choir travelled to the magnificent Lichfield Cathedral to take part in the Christmas Festival. This is an incredible annual event which allows the children to participate in a massed choir event accompanied by a full orchestra singing a fantastic range of festive songs.

The Five Ways choir performed a solo item this year, which may almost beat going to McDonald's for their dinner into second place as the most exciting part of the trip!

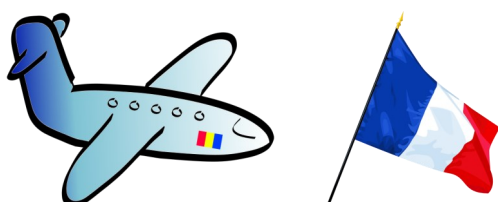
A big thank you to all friends and family who were able to join and support us on this very special occasion.



Nursery News

The Nursery children have had a very busy first term at school. We have enjoyed learning about Autumn and how the leaves change at this time of year. We have also celebrated Diwali by making our own hand-print elephants.

As part of our International Day celebrations we looked at France and enjoyed 'wine' and an aeroplane ride!



We came to school in our pyjamas and had a pretend sleepover with our night time toys. We listened to lots of bedtime stories and had some yummy hot chocolate.

To finish the term we have been on a trip to see Santa at Marquis Drive. We built dens for woodland creatures, had marshmallows around the campfire and said a very big thank you to Santa when he gave us a present to take home.



Reception News

We have had a super first term in Reception and all the children have settled well. The children in Reception have been very busy this term! We have been on walks around the school to find signs of Autumn and made a collection of treasures. We all enjoyed making a leaf man for our homework and writing about him in school.



On International Day we learned about Italy. We made yummy pizzas, flags and we even tried Italian food for our snack, some of us enjoyed olives!



Our grown-ups adored our Nativity performance and we had lots of claps for our fantastic singing! Our teachers said we looked amazing in our costumes.

Well done children in Reception!



Year 1 News

Year 1 have enjoyed a trip to St John's Church on Tuesday 4th December. We explored important features of the church and learned about ceremonies that take place. Reverend Watkin explained to us how baptism and wedding services take place in church and allowed us to take part in a mock wedding. He found out which Year 1 children were baptised at St John's Church using the special records in church. We had a fantastic time! Reverend Watkin enjoyed having us at St John's Church he said "I had the pleasure of talking to lots of Year 1 children from Five Ways at the church. A large group of very well behaved, well mannered children... Please come back soon!" We hope to see Reverend Watkin again soon.



Year 2 News

Year 2 have been writing Autumn poetry. We have been learning to use noun phrases, including adjectives. We also used our study of poetry to inform other language choices such as repetition and onomatopoeia.

Y2 Miss Wright's class

Autumn is ...

pointy conker
the leaves moving
cold air
bumpy pine cone
cuddly hat
people stepping on leaves
chilly wind

Georgia Campbell

Autumn is ...

spiky, green conker
colourful leaves crunch!
brown sycamore keys whoosh!
falling conkers bang! bang!
teddy bear hat
fluffy coat

Lyla Benjamin

Autumn is ...

round, smooth conker
big crunchy leaves
hard brown pine cones
sycamore keys like helicopters
snuggly cosy jumper
chilly cold wind

Jack Harris

Year 2 News**Y2 Mrs Robinson's Class**

Orange, yellow leaves falling off the tree.
Spiky, muddy conker shell rolling on the ground.
White sycamore key hanging on the tree.
Soft, green leaf floating in the air.
Beautiful, shiny conkers falling from the tree.
I love to collect conkers in the autumn time.

George Beale

A brown spiky pine cone beneath a tree.
Red and yellow leaves floating in the air.
Green, spiky conker shell hiding in the grass.
Brown wet conker hanging on the tree.

Allicia Hodgkiss

A green and brown conker shell protects the conker.

A green leaf is flying in the air.

I can hear the leaves crunching on the floor.
In Autumn I like to run in the leaves.

Olivia Martin

Y2 Miss Fereday's class

Leaves fall down, down, down in the cold,

They change colour,

The wind blows,

Through the day pine needles fall,

Through the wind,

When leave change colour they change red,
orange, yellow and brown.

Squirrels store food,

In winter hedgehogs snuggle up.

By Chase Jones

Green leaves falling to the ground,
Gold leaves as beautiful as roses,
Orange fire is like an orange carpet,
If you go out when it's Autumn
It is super cold.

Conkers are smooth and their skin is prickly,
The leaves fall of in Autumn.

By Tia Theodorou

Year 3 News

The children have settled well into Key Stage 2 and Year 3 have had a busy and productive term. At the beginning of October, parents and children took part in two lively and well-attended maths workshops with fierce competition between the parents and the children!

November has been a particularly busy month. All three classes created wreaths of poppies for Remembrance Day which were displayed in the Year 3 corridor, as well as painting their poppies to contribute to the school display in Katie's Garden.



Year 3 News

During anti-bullying week, the children also took part in National Odd Sock Day and wore odd socks to show difference does not affect who we are.



We showed our support for Children in Need with the children all producing a piece of craft work to represent Pudsey. They created a wide variety of items, including drawings, sculptures, toys, poetry and even Pudsey cakes! They also showed their support for Pudsey on the day, wearing a wide variety of spotty clothes and Children in Need items. They were delighted to hand over their contributions when Pudsey visited.



Year 3 News



Our final event was a day exploring a variety of aspects of China: tasting Chinese food in our "pop-up" Chinese Restaurant, learning to write our names in Chinese on bookmarks and lanterns, and creating dancing dragon puppets.



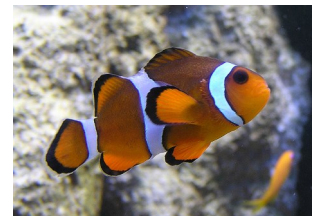
Year 4 News

On Tuesday 13th November, Year Four pupils were visited by the animal man to support their work in English and science lessons. The children have been reading 'Harry the Poisonous Centipede' by Lynne Reid Banks. The children learned about how creatures are classified into groups using specific criteria.



We were visited by the Animal Man who brought in several animals for us to meet. These included a barn owl, a tarantula spider, a chinchilla and a boa constrictor.

We learned that animals are classified by scientists. This means we separate them into 'families', according to special features that make them different to other creatures. These families are mammals, insects, reptiles, amphibians, arachnids, fish and birds.

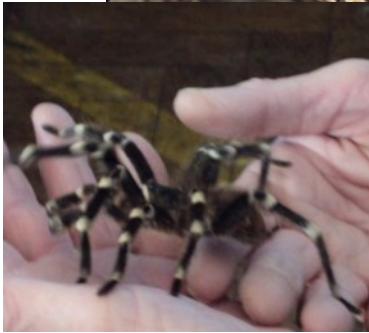


The mammals are recognisable because they produce milk to feed their babies. Arachnids are all have eight legs and two body parts, the



thorax and the abdomen. Birds have feathers, which help them fly and keep them warm; while reptiles

are defined by being 'cold blooded', meaning they cannot control their body temperature.

Year 4 News

Amphibians can breathe through their skin and so can live in both air and water, whilst fish have gills to breathe only under water. Insects have six legs and three parts to their body (compare this to arachnids above), the head, the thorax and the abdomen.



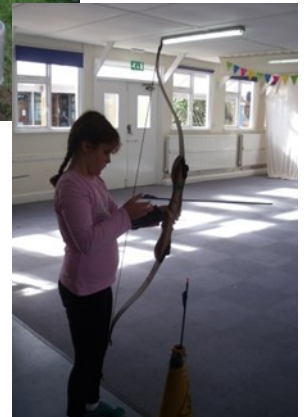
We can learn a lot about an animal by looking at its body. For instance, if it has thick fur it probably lives somewhere cold. If it has very large eyes, these may help it to see in dark places. An animals colouring is always for camouflage or warning, meaning that they can hide from danger, avoid being seen by predators or their own prey, or that they warn other animals not to eat them as they are poisonous.

Year 5 News

Year 5 have had a lively and productive Autumn Term. Events include:

Laches Wood

All of Year 5 enjoyed visits to Laches Wood for a taster day of the activities they have to offer in order to whet their appetite for their residential trip in Year 6. All children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the site during orienteering, firing arrows in archery, toasting marshmallows and experiencing the adrenaline rush of the power fan. Great fun was had by all.



Year 5 News

International Day

As an introduction to our History topic on the Mayans, we spent the day looking at traditions from Mexico. This included painting stones in the style of day of the dead skull art, learning Spanish phrases and greetings, building replicas of Mayan temples and learning about the history of chocolate - we tasted a range of chocolate including chilli flavoured chocolate like the Mayans used to flavour it!



Doves of Peace

Year 5 have decorated doves of peace to be displayed in the nave in Lichfield Cathedral. A total of 20,000 doves will be displayed for around 6 weeks, from the end of November until early January. We discussed why the dove is seen as a symbol of peace. We then discussed what the word 'peace' means to us and decorated doves with images, words and messages of peace.



Remembrance Day / School, Church and Community displays

We reflected on events of WWI, discussing that 2018 marks the centenary since the end of The Great War. We discussed the importance of the poppy, what it symbolises and why people wear the poppy.

To commemorate Remembrance Day Year 5 created poppy art on CDs to contribute to a larger community poppy display that was placed outside of The Bourne Methodist church in the village for the Remembrance service. Each poppy disc was dedicated to soldiers who fought in WWI and whose names feature on the Wimblebury and Heath Hayes War Memorials. Some of the



poppies formed a display inside St John's Church, along with thoughtful and emotive war poetry written by children in Miss Kershaw's class. Four children from Miss Kershaw's class were selected to perform their poems during the communities Remembrance Service on 11th November at the Heath Hayes Constitutional Club.



Year 6 News

Rory Black and Archie Saunders have written a sports report about the Five Ways football team

Five Ways Football Success!

The Year 5 and 6 boys football team competed in a competition held at Rugeley Leisure Centre on Thursday 8th November. Going into the competition, they felt confident, singing and chanting on the minibus. There were 8 boys in the football team. The captain (Archie Saunders) commented, "Everybody did exceptionally well and scored some incredible goals."

On the day, they were told that they had made it through to the finals since they went unbeaten through out the whole tournament. One group of four and one group of five. Five Ways were in the group of five with some good teams to play against. The Five Ways boys were full of energy whenever they won their game. The results were, 3-3, 8-1, 12-0 and 2-0 and 2-0 all going in Five Ways favour. After the tournament, the boys had high spirits and were thrilled with their performance as they jumped onto the minibus full of energy. When back at Five Ways school, they arrived with good news for the rest of Year 5 and 6.



The following number of pupils in each year group have achieved 100% attendance for the Autumn Term:

	Reception	22	
Year 1	24	Year 2	27
Year 3	31	Year 4	24
Year 5	48	Year 6	22

What a fantatastic achievement. Well done everyone!

Mrs Mander would like to say

Thank you to all pupils, parents, staff and governors who have supported the school this term. It has been a long, busy term but as you can see from the magazine. Lots of exciting things have happened!

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy, peaceful New Year.

