

Newsletter



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International Day

Yesterday, pupils took part in 'International Day' which was the first enrichment day of this academic year. Each year group focussed upon a specific country to learn about. Pupils discovered facts about their chosen country including typical foods, traditions and the culture. The following countries were chosen: Nursery: France, Reception: Italy, Year 1: India, Year 2: Japan, Year 3: China, Year 4: Italy, Year 5: Mexico and Year 6: Brazil. All pupils had a lovely time and learned a lot of important information, helping to promote diversity and celebrate differences.

Nursery pupils learned about France and made a passport, boarded a plane and ate in a French Café. They sampled pain au chocolat, crepes and French baguettes. Well done everyone!



Reception pupils learned all about Italy. They created their own pizzas to take home, tasted Italian breads during snack time, constructed their own Italian flags and even had a go at speaking some Italian words. Great fun was had by all!



Above is Sharnee Thomas, from Mrs Gould's class in Reception, making Pizza.

Year 1 pupils enjoyed learning about India. They learned about a traditional Indian wedding and had a go at some Indian dancing. Pupils also designed their own henna tattoo, learned about the Elephant festival of Jaipur, tasted Indian food and learned about some Indian landmarks such as the Taj Mahal. This is just a taste of some of the activities that pupils in Year 1 enjoyed. Below, you can see some Year 1 pupils learning an Indian dance and Year 1 staff dressed in traditional Indian clothing. Special thanks must go to Mrs Lidder, who is a Year 1 parent, for supplying the clothing, food and important facts about the country.



Forthcoming Dates:



Week beginning 26th November 2018 – Menu week 1.

29th November – Foundation Stage Mathematics Workshop 2.15pm / 6.00pm

30th November – PTFA Christmas Bingo - Doors Open at 6.00pm and starts at 6.30pm KS1 Hall (*Ticket holders only.*)

4th December – Year 1 Pupils Visit to St John's Church

5th December - Reception Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall

6th December - Reception Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall

8th December – Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre 2.00pm – 5.00pm KS1 Hall (*All welcome!*)

10th December - Year 2 Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall (*A - J surnames only.*)

11th December - Year 2 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall (*K - Z surnames only.*)

11th December - Year 1 Christmas Service 2.15pm KS1 Hall

11th December – PTFA Meeting 7.15pm KS1 Staffroom

12th December - Year 1 Christmas Service 10.00am KS1 Hall

12th December - Year 6 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS2 Hall (*Please note that this is a rearranged date due to a clash with Year 6 choir members performing at Lichfield cathedral.*)

For further dates, please see page 2.

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Year 2 pupils studied Japan and had a lovely day; some children made carp kites, hachimaki headbands or origami samurai helmets. Some pupils played Japanese games, like rock, paper, scissors, or they listened to a Japanese story. Other children had a go at Sudoku puzzles. Well done everyone! Here is Lyla Christopher and Zach Hodgetts who are from Miss Wright's class in Year 2. They are photographed wearing their origami samurai helmets and they look splendid!



Year 3 pupils studied China and spent the day tasting Chinese food, learning how to write their name and other words in Chinese lettering, made Chinese lanterns and created a miniature dancing dragon puppet. You can see Ellie Sutcliffe making her Chinese dragon photographed here. Well done everyone!



Year 4 pupils studied Italy and produced collages made of pasta, became architects and were challenged to build the highest possible structures out of spaghetti, and created carnival masks for the Carnival of Venice. On the left is Leila-May Boyd and Maya Locke, who are from Year 4, constructing the Colosseum from pasta.

Year 5 pupils studied Mexico and painted stones in the style of 'Day of the Dead' skull art, learned Spanish phrases and greetings, built replicas of Mayan temples and learned about the history of chocolate. Pupils even tasted a range of chocolate including chilli flavoured chocolate like the Mayans used to enjoy!



Photographed above are Benjamin Christopher, Alex Fewtrell, Isabella Lane and Caitlin Green, from Year 5, with their 'Day of the Dead' skull art stones.

Year 6 pupils studied Brazil and learned about the wide variety of animals living in the Amazon Rainforest. Pupils produced some stunning paintings of the wildlife. Pupils also had the opportunity to taste fruit imported from Brazil as well as trying a game of volleyball.



This is Callum Ball, from Year 6 Mrs Tandy's class, completing his tree frog painting. Well done everyone!

Forthcoming Dates continued:

- 13th December - Year 6 Christmas Service 10.00am KS2 Hall
- 13th December - Year 5 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS2 Hall (*Miss Kershaw's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.*)
- 14th December - Year 5 Christmas Service 10.00am KS2 Hall (*Mrs Linday's and Miss Lane's classes only.*)
- 14th December – Year 5/6 Choir Members Performing at Lichfield Cathedral – Evening Performance
- 17th December - Year 5 Christmas Service 10.00am KS2 Hall (*Miss Kershaw's and Mrs Moorhouse's classes only.*)
- 17th December - Year 5 Christmas Service 2.00pm KS2 Hall (*Mrs Linday's and Miss Lane's classes only.*)
- 18th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Theatre Trip – The Gatehouse, Stafford (*Dick Whittington*)
- 18th December – KS2 Christmas Dinner
- 18th December – Year 4 Christmas Service 1.45pm St John's Church
- 19th December – Foundation Stage and KS1 Christmas Dinner
- 19th December – Year 4 Christmas Service 10.30am St John's Church
- 19th December – Year 3 Christmas Service 1.45pm St John's Church
- 20th December – Foundation Stage Christmas Parties (*During the school day.*)
- 20th December – PTFA Christmas Parties – KS2 Hall:
 - Year 1: 4.00pm - 4.45pm
 - Year 2: 5.00pm - 5.45pm
 - Year 3 and Year 4: 6.15pm - 7.15pm
 - Year 5 and Year 6: 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Further dates will be added to the Newsletter as we progress through the year.

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Children in Need Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need collection last week and to Nursery who have Children in Need as their year group charity. Nursery raised £69.15 through their cake sale and as a whole school, we managed to raise £574.79. You can see Harrison Martin-Scott, Hari Lidder, Nancy-Marie Holden and Huw Wright from Nursery, pictured in their spotty outfits! Well done everyone!



In addition, I would like to congratulate Danielle Owen, who is a pupil in Year 5, Miss Kershaw's class. Without any prompting, Danielle decided to swim a mile to raise money for Children in Need. She swam the mile in 60 minutes and raised £228 in sponsor money which is amazing. Well done Danielle! You can see Danielle pictured here.



Bad Weather Procedures



As we move towards colder weather, please note the procedures for any school closure which might be necessary. In the unusual event that school is unable to open for pupils, parents will be informed via text at the earliest opportunity. In addition, any closure will be reported on the Staffordshire school closure website which can be accessed by using the following link:

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/schoolclosures>

Photograph Orders

As you may be aware, Tempest photographers have been in school today taking individual photographs of children. Please ensure any orders are placed by

Thursday 29th November.
Thank you.



Poppy Appeal 2018

I am pleased to announce that we raised £320 for The Royal British Legion in the recent poppy appeal that took place earlier this month. Thank you for your kind donations to such a worthy charity.



PTFA News!

Christmas Bingo - We are pleased to inform everyone that the tickets for our ever popular Christmas Bingo have sold out! Thank you to those who have bought tickets and apologies to those who have not been fortunate enough to have obtained one.



Christmas Craft and Gift Fayre – Saturday 8th December, 2.00pm - 5.00pm KS1 hall. Tables have sold out and we look forward to welcoming a range of stall holders selling their festive offerings. Stalls range from homemade jams and chutneys to handmade knitted items, soaps and jewellery. This is a great way to buy some lovely personal gifts for Christmas as well as purchasing a bargain or two at the same time. The fayre was busy last year and once again, there will be a craft table to keep the little ones busy! There will be refreshments on sale as well as a raffle, where prizes have been donated by the stall holders. Hope to see you there!



Five Ways Lottery

We are pleased to announce that Joanna Ahmed won last weekend's lottery. Well done Joanna! Tickets can be bought by following the link:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/five-ways-primary-school



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