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WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday the 7th of March, we celebrated World Book Day here at Ash Lea School. Lots of pupils and staff dressed up as characters from their favourite books, or brought in books, or objects from their favourite stories to share. There were reading sessions and book sharing sessions going on throughout the day. Some classes visited our newly set up library area to look at and share books. We were also lucky enough to have a £1 book token each to buy a book to share at home. A very enjoyable and colourful day was had by all!

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Class 1

This term during our 'Rubbish and Recycling' topic, class one have enjoyed getting out and about in the local community. They particularly enjoyed a visit to the local charity shop, as well as taking rubbish to the recycling bins and going on a litter pick. As well as our recycling trips the class have loved starting their farm trips again to see the animals at Cotgrave Candelby Lane School.



Class 2

Class 2 have been looking at recycling and rubbish as part of their topic. As part of our learning we have been making trips to the recycling bins and to the charity shop in the local area, to help us to find out about how we can recycle. We have had great fun being creative by junk modelling, making lots of wonderful sculptures! We also read the story of 'The Iron Man' and look at a variety of different textures and objects that the Iron Man was made out of or could have eaten!



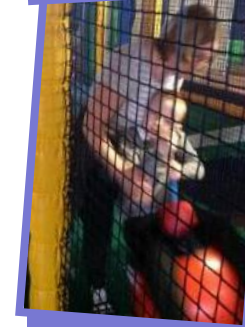
Class 3

Class 3 have been working on a topic about Rubbish. They have particularly looked at how recycling re using and reducing can help the environment. One of the activities was to look at how rubbish affects the school environment. They found lots of rubbish in the hedgerows and thought about how this could harm wildlife, so carried out a litter pick to help the animals. Class 3 also took part in 'No Plastic Day', where they had to problem solve to find out what to do to reduce single use plastic. In order to learn about re using rubbish, class 3 used old food cartons and boxes to build their own versions of iron man and create a set for retelling the Iron Man story.



Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed finding out about Europe this term. We have looked at France, Spain, Greece, Germany, Italy and Ireland. They enjoyed trying lots of different types of food from pickles and olives to tapas and sausages. We have danced to flamenco and played our instruments along to oom-pah and opera. We have tried different styles of art with 'Impressionism' being a big hit. Our class really enjoyed going to the pantomime in January and experiencing our own onsite theatre experience in February.



Eds Play Barn

Some students in the primary department have to gone on a weekly trip to Ed and Molly's Play Barn, a soft play centre in East Bridgford. The pupils have loved it and it has been great to see how their confidence, physical and play skills have improved. It is a chance for the pupils to interact with other children, not only within the primary department but also in the community too. Nicola, the school's OT, has also been able to join us for the session and has found it interesting and useful to observe and work with individuals within the soft play environment.





Class 5

This term as part of the World of Work topic Class 5 have been making and selling cookies. The pupils researched cookie recipes and did some market research before deciding what they would be making for the enterprise. Over the term the pupils have taken orders and cooked before selling the cookies one morning a week. On Valentine's Day and Mother's Day they made specially packaged products which went down a storm. Every week the cookies have sold out leaving the class with a good profit to put towards a treat in the summer.



Class 7

This term we travelled across Europe. We started our journey in London at Buckingham Palace. We carried on to Scotland in search of a sporran, exploring porridge, bagpipes and taking a dip in the loch. After celebrating Burn's Night and Hogmanay we boarded a plane to France. We played the accordion, visited a French café, sampling its cuisine. We picked up a beret while we were there too. In Ireland we had a visit from Ruadh who played the tin whistle for us. We celebrated St Patricks Day with plenty of music and dancing and made some soda bread. We finished our tour in Italy on the canals of Venice where we took a gondola ride and an Italian cookery masterclass.



Landscapes Theatre Production

The Mimika theatre production came into school for 3 days to perform 'Landscapes'. The pupils went on an extraordinary adventure to 4 different places on Earth; desert, jungle, underwater and finishing off in the arctic. The pupils were saw different animals in their habitats and how and what they need to do to survive. The performances were done a big yurt in the hall, there was minimal language and it was all performed through visual scenes and brilliant puppetry. Staff and pupils alike all left the performances buzzing about how great it was!



Class 6

This term Class 6 have enjoyed the theme of The World of Work. They have experienced a range of everyday jobs and even participated in a virtual tour around the Walkers Crisp factory! In cookery, we have been working towards creating our own ideal menu and 3 course meal. We have used a range of previously learned skills to create our dishes. Class 6 enjoyed doing football skills with Notts County, and have been able to have a mini game, with class 5. Other exciting activities have been the pantomime at the Playhouse, the Splash workshop and having Joe in class from Jessie's fund to do some conversations with instruments.



Post 16

Post 16 have been busy getting the whole school performance ready. They have been rehearsing really hard and can't wait to perform it. They have set up Tuck shop and a group runs it every Friday. They have also been successful selling soup to staff and have had great feedback about their cooking. It has also been starting to get busy in the garden with the good weather approaching. It has also been exam time for some of our students with both the English and maths courses having multiple papers to complete, which has involved some



Diary Dates & Info



The Rock Band

The Rock band from New College Nottingham came to Ash Lea twice during their annual tour this year. The bands performed songs such as 'Mr Brightside' and 'High Hopes' by Panic at the Disco. The pupils really got their rock on and pulled off brilliant dance moves. The Rock Band, as ever, really enjoyed the great response from the Ash Lea audience!

Diary Dates

23rd April - First day of Summer term
2nd May - Easter Production – whole school
3rd May - Easter Production – whole school
6th May - Bank Holiday School Closed
23rd May - Last day of half term
24th May - Inset day
3rd June - First day of second half term
3rd June - Fashion Show 7:30pm
25th June to 28th June - Wingate Residential
5th July - Leavers Prom
16th July to 19th July – Lea Green Residential
23rd July - Leavers Presentation and Family BBQ
24th - Last day of term
29th July to 2nd August- Fun Week

Donations

Mary, Margret + David - £100
Barry Carver - £50
Foals - £298
Teaching Personnel - £101.70
Geo Hallam and Son - £340

Fundraising

Gem Cash 4 Kids - £43
Red Nose Day - £292.20

RED NOSE DAY



Makaton-a-thon

For Red Nose Day Ash Lea got involved in raising money by dressing up and taking part in a sponsored Makaton-a-thon. All classes went into the hall for the afternoon to join in with signing, singing and dancing. The children enjoyed choosing different songs, playing with each other, using the instruments to make music and dancing with their friends. We raised an impressive £292.20 so a big thank you to all who sponsored us!

Ash Lea School are looking to create an improved outside space for pupils. Our new appeal is called

Play, Laugh and Learn

Redevelopment of our outdoor space

Funds raised will go toward...

A wheelchair accessible path from the gate to the pond area
a scramble net and slide into the hill - a 'muscle play' area -
an adventure trail - build up our allotment area - develop
our pond/sensory garden - increase the variety on our small
animal farm - outdoor classroom

If you would like to donate, please visit our fundraising page

www.wonderful.org/charity/ashleaschool

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