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Cinderella Pantomime

On Thursday 4th January we were extremely lucky to have a touring pantomime visit Glascote Academy. The pantomime was set up in the school hall.

From the moment the children walked into the hall for the performance they were engrossed due to the beautiful scenery, dazzling lights and music playing. The Pantomime performance was of Cinderella.

The children enjoyed the audience participation and the chart songs which were linked into the story line. The children really enjoyed it when the actors and actresses came into the audience to get a selection of Teachers to perform a dance on stage.

The pantomime was enjoyed by all. The children were then able to use this experience in the writing lessons.

Claire Cooper



Easter Service

On Tuesday 27th March all children took part in an Easter Assembly. This assembly celebrated the meaning of Easter.

The parents were invited to watch the assembly, where each year group performed a song, dance or poem, to celebrate different elements of Easter. The assembly was beautiful and the children were exemplary with their behaviour and their singing was excellent.

The assembly was a whole school assembly and KS1 parents were invited to watch the morning performance and KS2 parents were invited to watch the afternoon performance.

Claire Cooper





Bikeability

On Monday 26th of February and Tuesday 27th February, many of the children in Year 5 had the wonderful opportunity to participate in the annual Bikeability course.

Despite the harsh wintry weather conditions, all the children enjoyed the course and completed the course. The children had to accomplish a range of activities and manoeuvres which included: riding competently on main roads and crossing T- junctions: performing U-turns and mastering different hand signals.

At the end of the two-day course all the children were presented with certificates and pin badges. As a result of the Bikeability course many of the children now feel more confident to ride on the roads.

Esther Neary



Easter service

To finish our spring term the whole school walked to the Sacred Heart Church to celebrate Easter. We joined Father Michael in reading The Easter Story and learnt how Jesus was crucified on the cross but then rose from the dead three days later.

It was great fun to sing our favourite songs from our Easter assembly and we all enjoyed showing off our beautiful voices.

Finally, Father Michael blessed us all with holy water as we said an Easter prayer to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for everyone.

Kate Hynard





KS1 Music Concert

On January 22nd the children in Key Stage one took part in a fantastic music performance.

The children in Reception sang the song 'Our school is outstanding' beautifully and played their jumbie jams very enthusiastically. The Year one children sang 'Sho sho loza' an African folk song they love to sing during their Monday music lessons.

The children also played jumbie jams and drums wonderfully. The Year 2 children sang some rock and roll songs and entertained us with their fantastic rhythm and timing. The parents had a wonderful time and were very proud of all of the children. It was a great morning.

Adele Martin



Year 3's Chedworth Roman Villa Trip

When we returned to school after February half term, we got into school early, ready and eager for our trip down to Cheltenham.

Our coach journey was long but everyone was very well behaved and excited for the day ahead. When we arrived we were greeted by the lovely National Trust education team who planned and ran our day.

We made Roman medicine, dressed up as Roman slaves, had a guided tour around the Villa, and became archaeologists exploring Roman artefacts.

It really was an amazing day and we really extended and developed our knowledge of the Romans.

Elizabeth McElroy





International Women's day

The day started with an assembly with Miss McElroy. We looked at how international women's day started and why even though things have changed a lot over the years it is still important and worthwhile to have it now.

In our classes and year groups, we all spent the day researching famous and influential women from various periods in history.

Reception found out about Emmeline Pankhurst and even made their own pickets and held a protest march in the forest area. Year 3 researched women who were activists and how they had pioneered change for their own and others lives.

Each class recorded a video clip to showcase their learning and the finished video was shown in Friday's assembly.

Elizabeth McElroy



Tree Planting

On 5th February 2018 14 year 6 children, Mrs. Black and Bill went along to MOTO Service Station on the M42 to plant trees with the Woodland Trust and some members of staff from MOTO Service Station.

It was a cold but dry day. The children were split into pairs along with an adult; between them they planted 105 trees, Rowan, Siler Birch, Hazel, Dogwood, Hawthorn and Wild Cherry.

It was a lovely day and the children were a credit to the school. They answered questions and had lots of fun with the adults. Thank you to MOTO services and the Woodland Trust for a lovely morning outside!

Joanne Black





Forest School

We have had a very interesting term with snow, heavy rain and glorious sunshine. The snow and rain have made the site extremely muddy which all children have thoroughly enjoyed.

We have done some bird watching and recorded which birds we have seen in the forest area. The information has been given to the RSPB. This was done once a week over many weeks, with different classes. We have identified Robins, Blackbirds, Crows, Pigeon, Gulls and we think Great Tits.

Year 4 made 2 mini ponds out of old washing up bowls. Fingers crossed we get some frog spawn in them.

In the snow we looked for different tracks, treading carefully around the site, we managed to identify Crows, Squirrel, Fox, Sparrow, Cat and Hedgehog.

Smores, pancakes, and popcorn have been enjoyed on the campfire. The popcorn was interesting as when we thought the Kernels had finished popping, we took the lid off and the continued to pop all over the place!

Joanne Black

Young Voices

In January, the Young Voices choir went to the Genting Arena in Birmingham for the largest choir concert in the country! Over 6,000 children attended the event.

We had been practising and learning songs since September so it was fascinating to sing these songs in harmony with the other schools! We spent all day rehearsing with the other children and the incredible band.

On the evening lots of parents came to see the big event. The atmosphere was electric and every child sang their hearts out! We had a very late night but it was definitely worth it!

Charlotte White





KS2 Music Concert

In January, Key Stage 2 gathered together under the direction of Mrs Bough to perform a concert for parents.

It was a wonderful event with the steel pans, keyboards and drums all being played. There was a real mixture of songs ranging from Queen to German Baroque music!

Year 6 gave us a sneaky peek at the songs that they have been rehearsing in preparation for their summer music exam. A great morning was had by all; a big thank you to Mrs Bough for her wonderful guidance and direction.

Charlotte White



Steel Pan Concert

In February, the gifted and talented Music group headed to St Matthew's Church in Walsall to take part in a steel pan festival, organised by our wonderful music teacher Mrs Baugh.

The children played a beautiful rendition of Edelweiss and joined in with many other songs played by all the children in attendance. The night concluded with all the children at the church singing 'Blinded by Your Grace' by Stormzy.

It was a real goosebumps moment as some children accompanied the song with steel pans and our children even did some sign language!

Charlotte White





Fundraising Days

This term the children of Glascote Academy have learned about the importance of one of our Trust prayer values, 'showing kindness to others'. They have done this by taking part in two fundraising days.

Birmingham Children's hospital is a local hospital that many of our children have visited. As a school we decided that we would like to raise money for this local charity, so we held a 'Dress as a Medical Professional Day'. The children and staff enjoyed coming to school in something different to their uniform.

We had a range of professionals including; doctors, dentists, nurses, surgeons and midwives. We hope that not only did the children have fun but maybe even develop some aspirations for future career paths.

Our next fundraising day was for another charity close to our hearts, Myeloma UK, this is a cancer charity based across the whole of the United Kingdom. They have a current campaign called 'Go Orange' so we decided to have a wear something orange to school day.

It was fabulous to see the hall filled with this bright colour as we thought of people who have or are suffering with Myeloma.

Eva Bowers

Charlotte's Web Performance

On Thursday 8th March the whole school went into the hall to watch a theatre production of Charlotte's Web. The children enjoyed the comical adaptation of this classic story, especially the audience participation parts.

Throughout the performance the children remained engaged and joined in, clapping and singing along. Although the ending of the story was upsetting the children continued to embrace the meaning of friendship that had been portrayed throughout.

The following day we had a Charlotte's Web Big Write, the children across the school wrote character descriptions, narratives, recounts and play scripts. It was a fantastic afternoon that provided a fun stimulus for writing.

Eva Bowers





Farm School

We have had a busy Winter term on the farm, and we are now preparing for the Spring term and the arrival of new animals. Our orphan lambs will be arriving shortly after Easter, we as usual are expecting 12 lambs. We will also be welcoming piglets back on our farm after not having any for one year.

The biggest thing this term to be welcomed to the farm is our very own farm/reading puppy called Cinders.

Cinders was born on 1st January 2018 she was from a litter of nine, unfortunately one of her litter mates passed away. She has 3 sisters and 4 brothers. Her parents are called Bruce and Luna. She is a border collie.

Cinders now belongs to Glascote Academy and spends her days at school. She has various roles and is a very busy puppy all day. Her day starts by saying good morning to the staff and getting lots of fuss and cuddles.

She will then come on to our school farm with Mrs Ray whilst we do our morning farm check, letting the animals out of their enclosures and checking they are all well.

Cinders will then go on to do different duties, which change daily. Some mornings we have an assembly where she will sit and listen to the children sing and show their work.

She will also go around different classrooms taking her bed and essentials with her, so she can play and listen to the children read, (when she has finished running around chasing their shoes that is)! When she is not in a classroom then she is with Mrs Ray.

At the end of every day she spends some time with different children that have some extra needs, especially helping some children that have a fear of dogs to overcome their issues at a pace that suits them.

Attached are some photos of her first few weeks at Glascote Academy & Community Farm.

Leisha Ray





Secondary Taster Day

On Wednesday 18th October, Year 5 were lucky enough to be invited to a secondary school taster day at QEMs Landau Forte. On arrival, the headmaster of QEMs introduced the children to the members of staff, who would be teaching them throughout the day, and explained what the day would entail.

Each class had their own timetable and carried out lessons in Maths, Science, Geography, Music and Art. The lessons were made fun, practical and the teachers chose hardworking children to get a special mention at the end of the day – receiving a certificate and goody bag.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to experience what high school life would be like in the not too distant future.

Nicole Hackett



Cadbury's World Trip

On Wednesday 7th March, the whole of Year 5 were lucky enough to visit Cadbury's World in Birmingham. This trip was organised as it linked closely to our Maya theme, where the children had been exploring the Maya civilisation and how they used cocoa beans to make drinks. The trip enabled the children to learn all about the history of chocolate, where it originated from and how it is made today.

The day began with a look at the history of chocolate. The children were transported to the rainforests of Mexico and discovered how Cocoa beans were collected.

They then had the opportunity to see how chocolate has been developed throughout the years and how it got to be where it is today. They were also given a tour of the factory and witnessed a chocolate making demonstration – they even got to write their names in chocolate and try some melted chocolate with their own selected toppings!

After lunch the children played on the park and let off some steam. This was followed by a 4D cinema experience (which the children loved!) and a visit to the gift shop, where they were able to spend their money.

This was a fantastic trip that was both enjoyable and beneficial to the children.

Nicole Hackett



WW2 Historical Talk

As year 5 have been learning all about World War Two this term, Peter Armitage and his friend Mark to come and give the whole cohort a talk about life during the war.

Mark was originally from Germany and his family grew up during WW2, meaning that he was full of historical knowledge and was able to answer lots of the children's questions. He brought in many artefacts from the war, such as shrapnel, bullets, different gas masks and guns.

The children loved handling the artefacts and some even dressed up in army uniforms!

Mr Armitage talked to the children about life in Coventry during the war; it was interesting for the children to hear the contrasting views of the war and the effects it had on both the English and the Germans.

The children took part in a mock air raid and hid under the tables whilst the warden patrolled the classroom, shouting for them to find the nearest shelter. They also carried out army drills on the playground, which they found extremely amusing!

This was an extremely beneficial experience for the children and we hope to have both Peter and Mark in again to carry out more historical talks.

Nicole Hackett

Science Week

Science Week began on Monday 12th March 2018 and this year I decided that our theme should be based around the topic of dinosaurs. This was an extremely accessible topic for children of all ages and had many cross curricular links.

There were many different activities planned for teachers to make this science week a huge success. Throughout the week we also sold raffle tickets and dinosaur shaped biscuits, as well as hosting a dinosaur egg hunt on Friday.

On Monday 12th March 2018, I arranged for a dinosaur fossil workshop to take place for each of the classes within reception and KS1.

This was a huge success with all the children enjoying this wonderful experience. Children had a talk about fossils followed by an opportunity to look at fossils within more detail. Children from Ankermoor and Dosthill also attended this event.

At 2:30pm on Monday 12th March all children attended an assembly run by a company called Education Group Ltd. During this assembly children explored a variety of different fossils and were invited to ask questions about them.

They were also shown an amazing host of animatronic dinosaur puppets. Children were amazed and excited! A great way to start our science week.





On Tuesday 13th March children from year 3 and 4 classes were able to view what the world would have been like during the Mesozoic Era.



They entered an inflatable dome and watched a show about dinosaurs and how they became extinct. Children were also shown a fossil of a dinosaur jaw bone and could ask the educator questions too. Again children from Dosthill and Anker Moor attended.

On Wednesday 14th March children from year 5 and 6 visited Landau Amington to conduct a carousel of KS3 science based activities. These included flame testing, acid and alkalis as well as a heart dissection. Children were very engaged in the science that they had seen.



On Thursday 15th March we hosted a community workshop for science club children and their parents as well as children and parents from Anker Moor and Dosthill. The workshop was run by Maria Pavilidou from Birmingham University and children were asked to design and build their own rockets which were then launched towards a target within the hall.

Throughout the week classes were also timetabled to explore the life of an archaeologist or palaeontologist by searching for fossils on our dig site, created on the strawberry patch.



Children had a variety of tools which they could use to search and clean bones, eggs, rocks and branches which lay hidden beneath the soil. A great experience!

There were many other activities running throughout the week too including a poster competition about exploration and discovery and a whole MAT science challenge which was to build a marble run.

The whole of science week has been a huge success, raising the profile of science and the aspirations of children, many stating that they want to be scientists in the future.

Shaun Madeley

