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## KS1 Christmas Production



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Key Stage 1 had great fun sharing their annual Christmas Nativity with their families and friends.

This year the performance was called 'Christmas with the Aliens' and the children did a great job of sharing the Christmas story with the visitors from outer space. Over the day there were three performances, including one after school.



As a staff we are incredibly proud of all the hard work the children have put in over the past few weeks; learning songs, actions, numerous lines in some cases and taking on board different stage directions. As always, the children did not let us down and put on three fabulous performances.

They sung their hearts out (even when faced with some unexpected technical difficulties), worked together and really stood out in their fabulous costumes. Amazing work Key Stage 1!



Kate Hynard



## Year 5/6 Football



On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of November 2018, eight children from Years 5 and 6 represented Glascote Academy at the Tamworth Schools football tournament at Rawlett High School.

The boys and girls played against four other schools from across Tamworth where they won one game, drew two and only lost one. Each game was highly competitive with very high standards of football on display from all teams. The children showed great sportsmanship, team work and resilience throughout the course of the day and should be very proud of their performance.

In-between games, the team spent time discussing their tactics, watching the other teams and running a few training drills on the side lines. It was a very busy day but as always the children acted as brilliant ambassadors for our school through working hard and congratulating the other players and their coaches.

Kate Hynard





### Park Farm Lodge

On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November, Reception Buckingham Palace enjoyed a visit to Park Farm Lodge Care Home, they chatted to residents and enjoyed colouring Christmas pictures.

The children were very confident to ask questions and shared care and consideration around the elderly residents. The visit was finished off with the children singing some of their favourite songs.

Eva Bowers



### Pharmacist Visit

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the Children sat and listened to a Pharmacist who visited Reception and Year One. She talked to them about medication and how they can smell and look different.

They got to look at and smell sample bottles. The children all learnt how to keep themselves safe when around medication. The children interacted well with the Pharmacist and were able to ask and answer sensible questions.

Eva Bowers





### Safari Park Trip

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Reception Buckingham Palace went to see Santa, at West Midlands Safari Park. The children were very excited when they got to school at 8am. Once the coach had set off the children immediately showed that they were able to follow rules and routines outside of their usual environment and were confident to try new things.

Once they arrived the fun really began, with a drive around the park looking for animals. The children were particularly excited to see giraffes, tigers and elephants. Next we stopped for lunch, again showing independence opening their food and tidying away. We then made our way to Winter Wonderland, stopping for photos along the way.

The elves greeted us all and led us through a magical kingdom and on a sleigh ride to see Santa. The children were beyond excited when they finally met him. He chatted to all the children before having a photo with them. He then sent them to his workshop to choose a present. Then it was on to Mrs Clauses Kitchen for a drink and a biscuit.

Finally everyone sat down to a festive sea lion show, where we laughed and sang along. On the way home the children were very tired and some fell asleep. It was a great end to our topic on Celebrations and the children really showed they were role models of Glascote Academy.

Eva Bowers



### E – Safety Visit

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, Key Stage 2 were lucky enough to have an opportunity to take part in an E-safety workshop.

The workshop was extremely valuable, current and age appropriate. The workshop consisted of videos, a question and answer session and real-life context scenarios. The workshop was well received by the children and encouraged the children to really think about how they use the internet and social media.

The workshop generated lots of thoughts and questions. The children and adults found it a worthwhile learning experience.

Esther Neary





## KS1 Greater Depth Science Workshop



On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, selection of children from KS1 classes across the trust were invited to take part in a greater depth science workshop. The workshop was based around the topic of Magnetism (a KS2 topic).

Led by myself, the workshop allowed children to explore the topic of magnetism through making a magnet powered car. Children use their scientific thinking and ideas to solve problems and improve their designs (e.g. 'I need more magnets, these are not powerful enough').

Children and staff alike found the workshop to be an extremely valuable and successful experience, giving KS1 children a unique, rare opportunity to engage in a greater depth workshop, and challenge themselves on a topic which they may know little about.



A worth-while experience which continues to push children in science beyond what is stated within the curriculum.

Shaun Madeley



## Landau Science Visit



After successfully collaborating with Landau, during science week last year, I asked if I could visit the high school to observe how children from Glascote Academy go onto succeed within Year 7.

This was a hugely beneficial experience, giving me a unique insight into how science is taught in a high school setting and the challenges/barriers children face.

It highlighted the huge difference in scientific vocabulary from Year 6 to Year 7 and the visit has helped set a focus on improving transition within science so that our children can continue to thrive and love science.

Shaun Madeley





## MAT Science Day



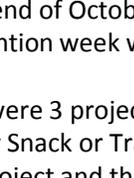
Continuing the work from last year, the MAT science coordinators decided to host a themed science day around the topic 'Under the Sea'.

This was an opportunity for children across the entire MAT to engage in a similar but broad topic. Activities adapted and differentiated for individual year groups were practical and created an atmosphere of scientific reasoning and questioning. Children learned about real world issues like plastic pollution and global warming as well as having fun through cross-curricular activities.

Another worth-while experience which highlights the importance placed upon science within the MAT.

The science day identifies ways in which science can link to the real world, through many different topics and curriculum areas and across all age ranges, including reception.

Shaun Madeley



## Farmvention Week

At the end of October all classes in the school took part in a farmvention week which was organised by the NFU.

There were 3 project titles to choose from; Happy Hens, Healthy Snack or Tractor of the future. Each class decided on their project and then took part in a range of different activities including researching, designing, making and promoting their product.

The children worked in small groups within their classes to create their final product. There was a winning group from each class. The winning group from each class were entered into the official 'Farmvention' competition. This project linked Design Technology and Farming.

Claire Cooper





## Year 1 Botanical Garden Trip



On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Year 1 Hill Top went to Birmingham Botanical Gardens for their school trip as this linked to their theme 'Global Gardens.'

Whilst at the Botanical gardens the children took part in two workshops. The first workshop was Food chains, the children learnt all about what a food chain is and how energy is passed on through the food chain.

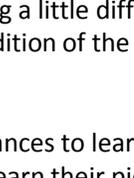
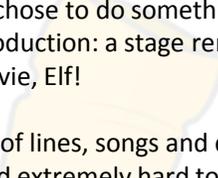
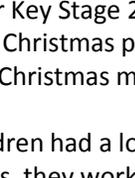


The children got to take part in practical activities to explore food chains. The second workshop was 'Rainforest with live animal handling.' The children learnt all about the animals and plants that live and grow in the rainforest and the climate. The children made a human rainforest with all the different elements.

The children then got to touch and hold rainforest animals. The children also spent time looking at different plants across the world and the conditions they need to grow. Whilst at the Botanical Gardens the children asked a range of different questions to deepen their knowledge and understanding.



Claire Cooper



## KS2 Xmas Production – 'Elf'

This year Key Stage 2 chose to do something a little different for their Christmas production: a stage rendition of the popular Christmas movie, Elf!

The children had a lot of lines, songs and dances to learn but, as always, they worked extremely hard to learn their pieces and rose to the challenge! It was a hilarious production featuring fake burps, audience participation, a sassy girl band and a sweet love story weaved throughout.

Staff and parents were very proud of the children for their dedication and perseverance. Bring on the 2019 production!

Charlotte White





## Tablet Academy Project Week



In our second week back after the summer break, Year 6 had a recycling themed WOW week led by Tablet Academy.

The children had to design and create their own campaign to encourage people to recycle electrical goods which could then be used in schools.

In groups, the children researched the benefits of recycling and used this to create their own campaign, complete with an advert, logo, slogan and SWAY project outlining their plan.

The Year 6 children loved the week and finished by presenting their projects to Miss Cooper and 'Lord' Powell!

Charlotte White



## Forest School



Each class has had a week outside on the Forest. We have had a mixture of sunshine and lately rain. Maths has been a focus on the forest this term, where children have measured the vegetable patch by the big playground and they have divided it up into eight sections.

They found that the rectangle didn't have equal sides which meant it was an irregular quadrilateral. We have also looked at symmetry when making a Viking shield.

Smores have been had around the campfire along with melted ice-cream (Marshmallows and chocolate are melted in a cone) yummy!! We have also had pizza and hotdogs in the clay oven.

Joanne Black





### Wild Wellbeing (John Muir)

The Wild Wellbeing Workshop is for children who need that extra little bit of nurture. We started off by writing a contract everybody contributed to and signed. This is read at every session.

Then Snowy the Bear is passed around and everyone gets to say how they are feeling or how their week has gone. The activities are child led so are planned on their wishes, they have made a bracelet by collecting natural items that they wish to stick to it.

We have also done some research on John Muir. The children loved this and have all written something on him or made a poster for a display.

Snacks are given during the session and each week a child will get to have a go at lighting the campfire. At the end of the session the children write, draw pictures or place things they have done into their Journey Book.

Joanne Black



### Year 5 WW2 Morning

On 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018, the whole of Year 5 were lucky enough to experience a WW2 morning, where Mr Armitage and his friend Mark came to do a hands-on talk.

The morning consisted of the Year 5 pupils being split into two groups and receiving talks from both. Mark brought in many WW2 artefacts that the children were able to handle, and gave a detailed talk about what life was like during the war.

He also gave the children an insightful look into the German history, and how his family members were involved in the war. The children loved dressing up, taking part in a mock air raid and carrying out an army style patrol.

Mr Armitage helped the children look into rationing and brought in a DVD for the children to watch. They learnt about the Coventry bombings and all about the Blitz. The morning was a huge success, that will hopefully be repeated for next year's Year 5s.

Nicole Hackett





## Assemblies

Regular assemblies have taken place this term and they have been thoroughly enjoyed by all. Monday's assemblies have been a great blend of visitors, Head teacher-led and House Captains.

Reverend Tim and Reverend Pat have delivered assemblies this term, reminding children of the role that Christianity can play in their lives and the positive impact that this can have.

House Captains have delivered assemblies round the themes of 'Achieving your best' and 'Listening' and have led their houses well in discussion around these areas.

Andy Smith from Tamworth Council has been a regular visitor this term and has presented assemblies to all key stages around the topics of 'staying safe', and 'anti-bullying' with appropriate resources and discussions.

These visits will continue throughout the rest of the year.

Georgina Radcliffe

## Natural History Museum Trip

On October 17<sup>th</sup> 2018, Year 6 had the most wonderful day out in London exploring everything the museum had to offer. They were already pretty knowledgeable about the science topics of evolution, adaptation and inheritance but this day out enhanced that much further.

All of the children were lucky enough to take part in an evolution workshop led by experienced experts and scientists. They asked thoughtful and insightful questions and wowed the staff with their mature attitude and thirst for further knowledge.

Pupils and staff had a great time investigating the museum's different artefacts, displays and exhibitions, especially enjoying the dinosaur section and the natural disaster area. Their behaviour was, as always, impeccable, and we are already looking forward to future trips.

Georgina Radcliffe





### Year 5's WW2 Experience Day at Weston Park

On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, Year 5 visited Weston Park to take part in a WW2 experience Day.

All the children dressed up as evacuees, complete with identity tags! The teachers also dug out their dressing up clothes! We travelled the short journey by coach and upon arrival were greeted by the Weston Park staff.

The children were taken into a large hall, where they could leave their bags and coats, and were all given gas mask boxes (something they were told to keep with them at all times!). The cohort were then split into two groups. One half carried out a craft activity, making war medals out of clay.

They were able to dress up in 1940s clothes, including army outfits! The children were able to handle different artefacts, including gas masks, went inside a Morrison shelter and experienced a 1940s sitting room.

The second group were able to go inside a real Anderson shelter and carried out a rationing and identity activity. The children watched a short film in an auditorium, about the Blitz, and sang WW2 songs.

One of the members of staff was a real evacuee so the children loved asking her questions and finding out information from a first-hand source!

Nicole Hackett



### Year 2 Botanical Garden Trip

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, Year 2 visited The Botanical Gardens in Birmingham as part of their 'Brilliant Brazil' topic theme.

We enjoyed exploring the various glass houses including a tropical and subtropical garden; these included plants such as Venus fly traps, kapok trees and wild banana trees.

We took part in a work shop exploring Brazilian culture and looking at artefacts and wildlife that is native to Brazil. We also go to hold and stoke some very exciting animals!

These included a colour changing chameleon, a creepy crawly millipede and a very long snake! We also took part in an outdoor activity where we created crowns made of leaves. It was a day thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Adele Martin





## Gifted and Talented Sessions

The gifted and talented children have been given the opportunity to work with other children from the local area on a wide range of subjects and foci. The workshops have been engaging and exciting, creating awe and wonder through a range of media stimulating ideas that pushed boundaries and challenged thinking.

The range of topics covered have included everything from mathematical thinking and reasoning in Maths to studying Shakespeare in English. All who were involved in the workshops were positive about the experiences and gave a range of positive responses.

### Children said:

- 'I found out things that I never knew before'
- 'I met some new people and made a friend'
- 'It was really great being able to pick up real artefacts on the Curators Dilemma morning'
- 'I liked getting more ideas to help me write better stories'

### Attending staff said:

- 'The children enjoyed the workshop and learnt a lot too!'
- 'The children learnt to think about their maths and enjoyed working out their best strategies'
- 'It was useful being able to talk to other staff about different school settings and the strategies that are used elsewhere'

Shelley Field



## Remembrance Service

On Friday 9th November, the whole school joined Mrs Hamblin for a special remembrance service to remember and honour all those who supported our country in the war.

Mrs Hamblin shared pictures of different war memorials around the country and discussed how it was important to remember the people that fought in the war but also the animals that helped.

One student shared a heart-warming letter from her great-great grandfather who fought in the war and we were lucky enough to also look at some of his medals. After the one-minute silence all classes were led outside to plant their handmade poppies in the memorial garden.

Adele Martin





## Harvest Festival

In October, the whole school came together to celebrate and give thanks for the food we receive in our annual harvest festival.

Each year group prepared a performance relating to harvest. Parents were treated to a mix of traditional and modern songs, some fantastic dance moves and even sign language, proving that harvest can be celebrated and enjoyed by all.

At the end of the festival, a representative from each year group presented our visitor, Deacon Bob, with a food hamper. These were later distributed amongst members of the local community.

This year's harvest festival was greatly enjoyed by children, parents and staff alike, and we look forward to celebrating harvest again next year.

Rebecca Rowland



## Diwali Workshop

In November, we welcomed some very special visitors into school who came to teach us all about Diwali, the Hindu celebration of light.

Each year group enjoyed a workshop in which they learnt about the origins of the Diwali story, and enjoyed dancing, face painting and dressing up as various Hindu gods and goddesses.

Children also learnt about Hindu artefacts as well as the ceremonies and rituals that are traditionally part of the Diwali celebration.

To mark Diwali in school, Year 2 produced some wonderful clay diya lamps and Year 5 made dioramas which were designed to represent a Hindu shrine.

Rebecca Rowland





### Christmas Dinner

Once again, this was the most special meal of the year! All the children enjoyed pulling crackers and singing their favourite Christmas songs. The dinner had all the trimmings and was absolutely delicious, a big thank you to all the kitchen staff.

As always, the teaching staff waited on the children and took requests for pudding. Whilst they were enjoying their dinner, the children were serenaded by both staff and children alike. This really is a very special date in our calendar and we all had a wonderful time celebrating with our school family!

Shelley Field



### Glascote's Got Talent

Glascote's Got Talent final was held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. There was an act from each class which had been voted for by the pupils after the auditions on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

We had a range of acts which included; dancing, singing, gymnastics and magic. It was a fun filled afternoon and all the children enjoyed watching the different acts. We had 3 judges, Mrs Bough, Mrs Buchanan and Mr Burdett.

All of the judges gave each performer feedback at the end of their act. Once all the acts had performed the children went back into their classes and voted the act they thought was best. These votes were added to the judges and scores.

The winner of Glascote's got Talent 2019 was Maja and Lily from 6 Wembley. All of the acts received a prize for taking part.

Claire Cooper

