

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 1 - STROLL INTO THE ENCHANTED FOREST!

This term the children have thoroughly enjoyed the activities related to, 'Enchanted Forests', which ended with a marvellous Year 1 assembly. First, the children armed with their wellington boots and water proofs, ventured to Ernest Cook Woods. There the children were greeted by, Emma, who read them a story called, Stanley's Stick, by John Hegley.

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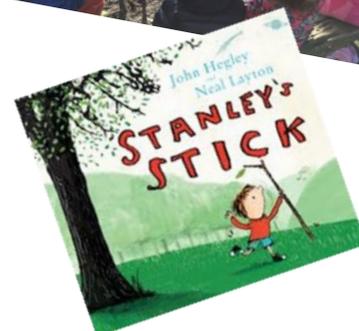
This encouraged the children to be creative and use their imaginations. They learnt how to build houses for dinosaurs, make stick people, create repeating patterns /shapes with sticks and leaves and build dens! It was a fabulous trip for all the children and adults!

Next, in science the children investigated the different species of trees we have in the UK. Becoming 'science detectives' they used clues to match leaves and trees together. Then children created 'guessing rhymes', where their partner had to guess the woodland animal or plant. Some were very tricky to guess!

Later the children created a fantasy story using their first-hand experiences of the forest. They worked together to create an amazing woodland

scene, with flowing rivers, toadstool houses, scary, furry spiders and magical objects! The children learnt how to write a fantasy story and magpie great ideas. Finally the children shared their stories with a friend.

A great topic and term, the children are now looking forward to the next great adventure as, 'Superheroes', so watch this space!



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Year 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from Zoo Lab. The first animal we met was a giant African Land snail called Deirdre! We learnt that they can grow to be as long as a ruler and sometimes eat walls of buildings or bones if they find any. They like to live in cool, damp places and come out to look for food at night. Did you know their slime is good for your skin? Next we met Tracey the tarantula. Some of us were not really very keen on her! We learnt that they can

shake all their hair off their back legs to scare other animals away. Did you know lady tarantulas are bigger than men tarantulas and they eat their mates? They spin webs on the floor instead of from trees or walls. They even sit on these webs a bit like a cushion.

The leopard gecko stores food in his tale a bit like a camel. It uses its tail to attract enemies and then loses its tail and runs away to grow a new one. It takes two months to grow a new tail and the old tail can wiggle for half an hour!

Then Sophie the snake showed us how she moved along the ground in a winding pattern using her

FEAST FOR FOOTBALL

Since February there have been a total of 8 Football fixtures/ events. A total of **62 (boys and girls)** pupils from KS2 have participated! The Year 5/6 Development Team even got to have a photo with Esteban Cambiasso! Special mentions go to **Paul (5M)** and **Ellis (5W)** for scoring their first goals for Kibworth! Other notable performances have been from **Evie (5W)**, **Matthew (5W)**, **Archie (5W)**, **Oliver (3G)** and **Archie (4C)**. Well done to all of those who have represented the school. A big thanks to parents/carers who have helped out with transport and on the sidelines.



YEAR 2 - ZOO LAB

strong muscles. She was a corn snake so squeezes her prey until they are dead. Then she swallows them whole. We learnt that poisonous is different to venomous. If something is poisonous you have to digest it for it to hurt you and if it is venomous it has to inject you to hurt you.

Finally we met a rat. She was quite big with a long tail. She had a cold and sneezed while we were looking at her! Rats are nocturnal (they come out at night). They have very sharp teeth on their top jaw and really good hearing to listen for their prey in the dark.

We made more animals out of plasticine and made a diorama habitat for them using a shoe box and leaves and twigs.

During science we have been learning about the parts of plants and what helps them to grow so we all planted a sunflower seed to take home and take care of.



DSAT RUGBY!

On 20th of March we hosted the DSAT rugby tournament. Four schools attend and we all had a great time. Not sure if we should mention results as we came 3rd June to some of our best players being on a trip. Despite the results all children said they are looking forward to the next tournament.



YEAR 3 - PREDATORS, PREY AND PIRATES!

It has been a busy half term with lots of fun activities for the Year Three children. They have really enjoyed studying their new topic, 'Predator!' Here is what the children have learnt:

'We learnt all about food chains and what different types of predators and prey are in a food chain. The food chain starts with a producer and then has consumers and eventually an apex predator who is at the top of the food chain.' - Aimee Boden

'We have been learning about the diets of different animals. Some animals are carnivores, which means they eat meat and others are herbivores and they only eat plants. However, there is also animals that are Omnivores and they eat both!' - Joe Laywood

'We looked at how animals adapt to survive by becoming good predators or prey. Predators have sharp claws and ferocious teeth and they are often have strong back legs to pounce upon their prey, for example a wolf or a lion. Prey adapts to be able to escape from their predator or camouflage to stay hidden.' - Jacob Stone

During our topic, the children had the chance to explore some English animals habitats for themselves! They had a memorable, muddy day in the Ernest Cook forest, learning more about their topic, climbing trees and building shelters. Just look at our super photo!



As if that wasn't enough, Year Three children also had the opportunity to sing as a choir. They supported their Year Four peers for their production of 'Treasure Island', a swash buckling adventure across the high seas! Arrrrrrh! Thank you to all who helped and came to support our Year 3's.

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FOUNDATION STAGE - DINOSAUR DIG!

This term the children began learning about the theme 'Dinosaurs and Dragons.' The children became explorers and palaeontologists each day finding out facts about different dinosaurs. We looked at how fossils were formed and how palaeontologists carefully excavated their finds. One very exciting day was when we went to visit the museum in Leicester. While we were there we were able to look at models of huge dinosaurs. We were even asked to hold fossilised dinosaur poo! During the same day we went on a dinosaur hunt around the school using all of the facts we had learned. Imagine our surprise when we came to the last clue which led us to the shed and opening it up we were confronted by a T-REX!!!! Our screams could be heard in Market Harborough!

When we looked at dragons we created our own Dragon Stew by using our writing skills to write instructions. The children were not sure whether they would like to eat it though as many contained slugs, worms and spiders legs as well as a dragon or two.

To end the term the children have thought about Easter and the importance of this time of year in a Church School. We have listened to the Easter story and thought about the thoughts and feelings Jesus and his disciples may have had. We have also looked at how the festival celebrates new life. This led us to a trip to the chickens and well as a visit from some lambs. The children were very excited to see the lambs up close and even got the chance to bottle feed them. It has been such a busy term. Many thanks for your continued support.

**YEAR 5 - TRIPS, TRIPS, TRIPS!**

As the end of term approaches, Year 5 have not slowed down! Last week, saw two separate visits to the Ernest Cook Woodland Trust in Little Dalby. Here the children were able to explore an unspoilt piece of British woodland through exciting team building activities. Without a doubt, the children all benefitted from this experience and a big thank you must go out to Emma Turner for making both days so enriching. Not content with just this visit, Year 5 set out on an adventure to Narnia! Our friends over at St Wilfrid are put on an amazing day of activities, which taught children about the importance of Easter for Christians. This is all culminated in a trip to Narnia where the children took on roles from C.S. Lewis' novel and became part of a re-enactment of the magical story. As the children entered through the old wooden wardrobe, they couldn't believe their eyes as it really began to snow; they were standing

under the lamppost in the centre of Narnia! With the help of the fabulous volunteers from the church, the children quickly immersed themselves in the story and used their own drama skills to help retell the story and finally defeat the White Witch! All in all, it's been a great term packed with lots of learning and more importantly... fun!



YEAR 3 AND 4 EARNED THE TREASURE!

Oooh Arrrr me hearties! Year 4 broke a [peg] leg on stage this week as they sailed the seven seas in search of riches. Following Flint's map, and being sure to avoid the black spot (not the black spot!), the young buccaneers successfully recovered the treasure and sailed safely home.

The process all began with open auditions, as the pupils selected the role they wished to play, and performed in front of the year group in their bid to be selected. It was very tough to decide on the final cast list, and we spent hours debating who would suit each role (so much so that some roles were shared!). Whatever role they were given, every child gave 110% and made their time on the stage count by acting even when they weren't talking!

Year 3 also took their choir responsibilities very seriously, delivering brilliant performance after brilliant performance, which really reflected their enjoyment of the songs. It's rumoured that Kibworth Co-Op had a rush on bread and cheese...!



TIMETABLES FOR PE KITS

Year FS - Indoor PE Friday

Year 1 - Indoor PE Wednesday (1WB/1T AM - 1BT PM) - Outdoor PE (1T Tuesday PM - 1BT Thursday AM - 1WB Thursday PM)

Year 2 - Indoor PE (2S Tuesday PM - 2R/2W Thursday AM) - Outdoor PE Wednesday PM

Year 3 - Swimming Tuesday PM - Outdoor PE Friday PM

Year 4 - Indoor PE Tuesday (4B/4N AM - 4C PM) - Outdoor PE Monday PM

Year 5 - Indoor PE Thursday PM - Outdoor PE Monday PM OR Tuesday AM

Year 6 - Indoor PE Monday PM - Outdoor PE Friday PM

TERM DATES

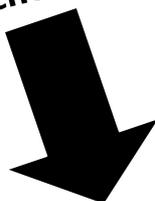
Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

May Day Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May

May Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Friday 10th July - School Closes for Summer

**Don't forget we are
collecting Sainsbury's
Active Kids Vouchers!**



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YEAR 6 - TORTILLAS, GUACEMOLE AND SALSA!

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the vibrant and colourful country of Mexico this term and one of the highlights was creating some of the delicious food that this fascinating country has to offer! As part of our geography learning, we discovered how climate plays a huge role in the types of food that can be grown in a country and ultimately the impact this has on traditional recipes. Tomatoes, chillies, beans, citrus fruits, onions, and avocados are some of the key foods grown and as a result were at the heart of the recipes that we recreated.

Through our cooking, we were able to safely master some key food preparation techniques such as the 'bridge' and the claw to ensure that only food and no fingers ended up in the dishes! We learnt the importance of reading the instructions at least twice before starting and that if in doubt add more flour (a technique that saved our tortillas from the bin!).

Despite the mess and the mountain of pots and pans, Year 6 crated a colourful Mexican feast of tortillas, cinnamon cookies, guacamole and salsa!



ALLOTMENT UPDATE!

Things are getting very excited in the allotment!

We have planted Chard, Parsley, Dill, Early Potatoes, Rocket and Kale! Our first sale of our produce is taking place today (Friday 27th March 2015) at 3:15pm. Look out for our weekly updates in the weekly bulletin. Come and buy some fresh fruit and veg!

RED NOSE DAY AND FRIENDS OF BELARUS

We look like to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who sponsored the children for the Friends of Belarus Walk. The school raised a unbelievable amount of £1220!

And on Red Nose Day once again we raised a huge amount of £638!

Thank you so much to all parents/carers and pupils and of course other family members and friends that donated money! It really is appreciated.

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Monday 13th April	School Opens NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
Tuesday 14th April	Open The Book Assembly Tag Rugby - Market Harborough
Wednesday 15th April	Quickstick Hockey at Leicester Grammar
Thursday 16th April	Year 4 Visiting Ernest Cook Rags2Riches4School Collection
Monday 20th April	AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS BEGIN
Friday 24th April	Class Photographs DSAT Science
Thursday 30th April	Year 4 Visiting Ernest Cook
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 5th May	Open The Book Assembly Foundation Stage Induction Evening
Thursday 7th May	Year 4 Visiting Ernest Cook
Friday 8th May	Year 5 Open Day
Monday 11th May	SATS WEEK - Year 6
Tuesday 12th May	SATS WEEK- Year 6 Prayer Spaces
Wednesday 13th May	SATS WEEK - Year 6 Year 2 - Ernest Cook - Information to Follow Prayer Spaces
Thursday 14th May	SATS WEEK - Year 6 Year 2 - Ernest Cook - Information to Follow Prayer Spaces
Friday 15th May	SATS WEEK - Year 6 Foundation Stage Family Assembly - Information to Follow
Monday 18th May	DSAT Year 3/4 Tag Rugby
Tuesday 19th May	Collective Worship at St Wilfrids Led by School
Wednesday 20th May	DSAT Year 5/6 Baseball
Thursday 21st May	KS2 Pentecost Service @ St Wilfrids Church DSAT KS2 Dodgeball
Friday 22nd May	Year 2 - Ernest Cook - Information to Follow DSAT KS2 Hockey