

King's School Newsletter Autumn 2015



SCHOOL TRIPS

Year 2 Trip to Buckfast Abbey

On Friday 9th October, Year 2 leaped on the coach to visit the beautiful Buckfast Abbey. On arrival at the Abbey, after much curiosity and excitement, the children finally received their 'Brother Bear'. The children used their bear to learn all about the life of a monk .



“The bear was soft, cute and fluffy, we had to change the name of our bear to show that he was starting a new life as a monk; I called my bear Zita.” Isabelle H-H

“When the bear was praying we had to put his hood up, to show that they didn’t want to be disturbed.” Harshil

Inside the Abbey, we saw a gorgeous, colourful stained glass window made by the monks!” Imogen

We even met a real monk! He was a nice man who told us lots of facts about the Abbey.” Olivia

Through our ‘Brother Bear’, we will remember Buckfast Abbey and everything we learnt, we all had a lovely day out!

We would like to thank Mrs Brown for coming along with us on the trip to offer a helping hand; we were very grateful!

Year 2 Visit Sutton Harbour Fish Market



On Monday 23rd November some members of Year 2 along with some of their parents visited the Sutton Harbour fish market. We met at 7.30am, donned wellingtons and high-vis

jackets and made our way into the busy fish market, piled high with that weekend's fishing catch.

It was a unique opportunity where we saw all the recently off loaded fish, the sorting process, the huge ice machine in motion, the gutting process and got hands on with the fish. We found out information such as how you tell whether the fish is fresh or not. We saw what they looked like straight from the sea, found out what kind of fish are brought into the market, how the fish are sold on to the merchants, how much they cost and so much more including getting up and personal with a dead shark! It was a very exciting trip, even with the early start.

5 & 6 Apple Store Visit

The Apple store kindly invited years 5 and 6 to participate in an interactive workshop to explore educational applications on the iPads.

The year 5 visit to the Apple store proved to be a highly successful and productive visit. They learned how to use iMovies on the iPads and get their creative juices flowing. From action heroes to computer hackers to spies, great fun was had by all. The year 5 children were then able to use their skills back in school to support the other junior children. Steven Spielberg has nothing on us!

Year 6, unlike year 5 however, created songs using Garage Band; we operated smart drums, smart bass, smart strings, smart keyboard and smart guitar. After creating our music, the Apple store then allowed us to take them home on a memory stick in the form of a wrist watch.

Infant trip to Pennywell Farm



On Monday 7th December the Infant department went to Pennywell Farm. The children visited the animals and played on the bouncy castle. After lunch the children took part in a special Nativity performance, with real animals in the barn. This was followed by juice and biscuits at the cafe, before talking to Father Christmas and collecting an early Christmas present!

THEMED DAYS

Year 4 Saxon Day



On Friday 9th October we had a Saxon workshop for year 4 all day.

First we talked about what the Anglo Saxons wore; Mrs Love wore a lovely, long, white tunic, and then over the top she wore a nice thin piece of material.

We had great fun making rush candles and clay pots which we were able to take home. For food they used to kill some of their animals before winter. Once they had killed the pig, they would hang the pig in their rooms, which would be full of smoke and this is was so that the flies didn't get to the meat and preserve the meat so they could tuck into it during the winter.

We talked about houses and what different people lived in.

Mrs Love decided that we should act out a play which showed us what Saxon punishments were like. We decided we didn't like Saxon style punishments and are very glad we live in the modern day rather than Saxon times and that we don't have trial by ordeal still today!

We learnt about runes, which is Saxon writing, by writing out the alphabet in runes and then tried to write our name and short sentences. We also used the first letter of our name to create an illuminated letter as if we were a monk from Saxon times.

We had a wonderful time.

By Bethany

iMovie Trailers

We have some budding movie makers at King's School. Over the course of several weeks, the year 3 children, along with their peer buddies from years 5 and 6, created their own movie trailers. The children took on the roles of directors, editors, cameramen, costume designers and of course, actors.



Once they were completed, we held a King's School Oscar ceremony, where all the children voted for their favourite trailer. The winners were Darkened Eyes Studios

with their production of 'Dare to Enter'. It was a fierce competition, which everyone enjoyed; the staff were very proud of what had been produced.

Year 3 Roman workshop

The workshop was about how the Celts sometimes had no choice and had to join the Roman army. We started the day as ancient Britons and were visited by a Roman Centurion who told us all about life in the Roman army. It was a fun day and we learnt lots of things. Here are some of the things that we discovered:



“Did you know that the Romans spoke Latin? Also a piece of pepper was worth a lot more money than gold!”- Nuran.

“They had to sail to India to get pepper which was why it was so expensive.” - Chloe and Lucas.

“The army listened to each other and they were under control. This was why they were so successful” - Luca.

At the end of the day, we were given the choice to join the Roman Army. The majority of us decided that we would like to join.

When asked if they would like to be a Roman, this is what some of the children said:

Florence – “No because I don't like fighting”.

Sam – “I like the Roman weapons”.

Henry - “Yes because they are strong”.

Luca – “Yes because you get slaves and lots of other things and we would know how to build”.

The day ended with a Roman Army training session and we learnt how to use the shields that we had made to make the different formations. It was then time for the final battle! This was lots of fun as our Year 3 army took on the rest of the school who threw balls at us to see if they could break our shield formation.

By Lilly and Imogen

Y6 WWII Day



Year 6 had a realistic and fascinating WWII themed session with Mrs Love, or was she Mrs Palmer, the billeting officer?

We experienced a typical school day as WWII school children.

Soon after, we were evacuated to Tavistock where we were

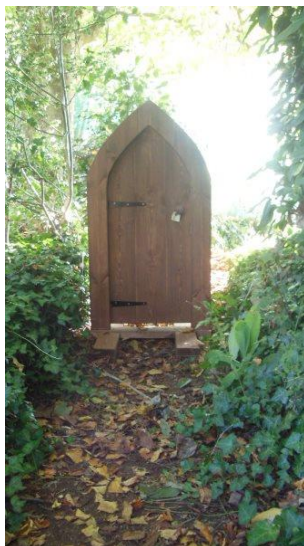
given our evacuation families.

Later we looked at a few WWII artefacts, for example, a warden's helmet, the amount of food in a week's ration and whale meat stew!

Overall, year 6 had a fantastic day!

Christopher and Sophie-May Year 6

Orienteering Day



This term pupils were introduced to Orienteering. The fantastic weather enabled them to have full use of the garden. In small groups children used maps to find hidden letters. Once letters were found the next stage was to work out the sentence. The children were full of energy and enthusiasm and really enjoyed this activity.



Walk to school

Children and Parents took part in Walk to School Week. The weather did not stop us. As usual it was very well attended. Children received certificates for joining in.

SPORT AT KING'S SCHOOL

Indoor Athletics Report

Five teams turned up to compete at the indoor athletics tournament at Eggbuckland Community College on Tuesday 10th November 2015.

P.E. student leaders from Eggbuckland college and UCP Marjon helped run the event, along with the Plymouth Schools Sports Partnership.

The King's team consisted of: Anunt, Louis, William, Lauren, Kate, Emily and Sophie-May from year 6 and Alex, Matthew, Finlay, Poppy and Martha from year 5. Right from the very first whistle all five teams gave it 100% as they competed to become champions and go through to the Plymouth finals.

With some amazingly close races throughout on the track and some great performances in the field the lead changed hands on a number of occasions.

The field events were chest push of a heavy ball, standing long jump, triple jump and speed bounce. The speed bounce involves contestants jumping either side of a low barrier to see how many jumps they can make in thirty seconds.



The final event was the obstacle relay which is always a tricky one to call as each team are not only racing against the clock but with penalty points given for mistakes on the high stepper and turns it comes down to both speed and discipline.

Poppy: "I thought it was a great experience and how it was set out was amazing. It was great fun racing other people with my friends."

Louis: "I thought it was one of the best times I've ever had! Extremely fun, racing, jumping and so much more!"

Quick Starts Hockey Tournament



On Friday 16th of October our hockey whizzes Lauren, Kate, Tilly, William, Martha, George, Alex, Markos, Poppy and Matthew, travelled to Brickfields to take part in the 'Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament'. Fifteen different schools

from all over Plymouth came to take part in the gruelling tournament. Unfortunately the scores in each of our matches did not reflect the level of skill, athleticism and talent that our team possess. It was very encouraging to see how the team progressed through each game, supporting one another and never giving up until the final whistle. Every team member worked their socks off and they were extremely unlucky not to win a match. The team were excellent representatives of the school despite not coming away with any medals; we all had a lovely afternoon on the sports field!

Tour De Moor

Well done to children and parents who took part in Tour De Moor for St Luke's Hospice, this is proving to be a very popular event. What an amazing achievement, well deserved medals.



Oliver Year 3 Diving Success



Oliver dives for Plymouth. He took part in his first novice competition in Southampton. He dived in the age category 8-9 years, despite being 7. Therefore Oliver was the youngest boy competing. Out of the 12 in his group, he came second, being beaten by a boy from another diving club. He was very pleased to have been awarded his medal by Gary Hunt, the 2015 world champion cliff diver and to have his picture taken next to Olympic medalist Pete Waterfield.

Congratulations and well done Oliver.

SCHOOL EVENTS

Infant Harvest Festival

Our Harvest performance this year was 'Waste Not, Want Not'. Reception had fun performing 'Down to the Allotment' and thinking about all the vegetables that we can grow ourselves. Year one enjoyed performing the 'Singing Vegetables' song, with some of the dressing up too. Year Two addressed the more serious issues of

the food that gets wasted in our country and ways in which we can help to change this. The children had great fun singing their hearts out and sharing these songs with some of the residents at Hartley Care Home. Thank you for your food donations which went to Plymouth Food Bank.

"Vegetables are very good for you, if you eat them you will grow." - Oliver

"I learnt that we waste almost as much food as loads of elephants." - William

FUND RAISING

Sponsored Penalty Shoot Out

Thank you to everyone who sponsored their child for the Penalty Shoot Out. You have helped to raise over £350.00 which has gone to Plymouth Argyle to help children in the community. The winner of the Argyle signed shirt was Imogen who raised the most.

Children in Need raised £927.00

What a fantastic day it was. It started off with the family breakfast, which is always a lovely way to start the day. Pupils and staff wore silly hats and made cupcakes for sale. Raffle tickets were been sold with a bring and buy sale at the end of the day. Thank you to everyone for your continued support which has helped to raise an amazing £927. Thank you to everyone who donated, helped and support this amazing day. The School Council organised a fantastic day.



Christmas Fayre



Well done everyone for making it one of our best yet. The Friends of King's are so grateful for the massive amount of help they received leading up to and during the Fayre itself. Thank you also to the companies who supplied raffle prizes. It was a fantastic event.

We even had a VIP, the Lord Mayor. Father Christmas also took time from his busy schedule to meet all the children. **We raised £2,125!!**



Christmas Boxes for Food Bank

A big thank you to everyone who sent food boxes for the Food Bank. There were over 127 boxes donated which means that many children from the inner city will benefit from receiving one of these boxes, for some children it will be the only Christmas present that they will receive. Thank you again for your generosity.



Christmas Lunch



The school was filled with the aromatic smell of Turkey and stuffing, it was truly mouth watering. Christmas hats were worn by children and staff to make the lunch feel even more festive. The atmosphere was full of fun and everyone enjoyed the excellent Christmas lunch supplied by the kitchen team.



VISITORS TO KING'S SCHOOL

Sticks and Stones Anti-bullying Assembly



The children watched an assembly about anti-bullying. It made them think about how people should be treated and how upsetting it can be. The visitors presented a short drama that showed us how people who were

being bullied might feel. We saw how one of the characters got so upset that she wasn't too enthusiastic about going to school. The Anti-Bullying Show was really moving and encouraged us to be kind to everyone.

Year 5 firemen visit

Red watch, from Greenbank firestation, came to talk to year 5 about fire safety and hazards. They were shown how quickly fire can spread through a room and how important it is to have a fire alarm and an escape plan. In a fire engine, they only carry about the same amount of 4 baths of water and would only use about a tenth of this to put out a room fire.



Not only did we learn about safety, we learned about how dangerous it is to make a hoax phone call and how every call has to be investigated.

The main messages we learned were to check our fire alarms regularly and if we have a fire at home or school to 'get out, stay out and call the fire brigade'.

By year 5



Year 2 Firemen Visit

Red Watch also visited year 2 and talked about fire safety in the home, no playing with matches, how to call for help, what to do if on fire and a fire escape route for home.

FS Meet Father Christmas



Foundation Stage was treated to a surprise visit by Father Christmas, each child received a special gift. The children were really excited and sang a Christmas carol, showing off their skills of sign language.

OTHER NEWS

Music Makers

The Music makers sang in Drake Circus for Radio Plymouth to raise money for St Luke's Hospice. They sang beautifully. The support from parents and staff was great and Mrs Davies was incredibly proud to be leading them.

Lord Mayor's Carol Service

On a wet December's day, the juniors joined other schools at St Andrew's Church to take part in the Lord Mayor's carol service. 'O Holy Child' was the song we sang; we were very proud of our performance. The two soloists, Sophie-May from year 6 and Charlotte from year 5, presented a gorgeous first verse and final line.

Thank you to all the parents who could join us for the Lord Mayor's carol service; we hope they enjoyed listening to the carols.

By years 5 and 6

Carols for the Care Home

The infant department visited Hartley Care Home to sing carols.

"I liked singing at the care home because the old people liked the songs they smiled and clapped." Jacob, year 1

Reception's Magical Miniature Garden

During the half term holiday the Reception classes were set a family homework project to design and make an item for the Magical Miniature Garden. We were delighted with the response to this and would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for their amazing support. The children were so excited to show all their interesting creations, from fairy post offices to fully operational windmills! The items have been displayed on the Reception balcony so please pop up and take a look.



Foundation Stage



The children in the Foundation Stage have been making the most of the Autumn weather by bouncing the leaves on the parachute and helping Mr Jones to sweep them up to put on the compost in the garden.



A small working party have been helping to make the Foundation Stage playground a more exciting place to be at lunchtimes. Children from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are taking turns to use the new outdoor kitchen as well as the outdoor xylophone.

A huge thanks to the entire Brown family from Year 2, the Sheppard family in Reception and to the Strickland family in Reception.

I have a few more projects that I would like some help with. If you have the expertise then I have the pictures of what I would like to create.

Mrs Phillips

School Nativities

FS Nativity



Foundation Stage Nativity was extra-dramatic this year as a burst water main meant that not only was the play delayed but then the school was closed.

The Nativity went off without a hitch and the Angel Gabriel along with her dazzling, dancing stars were fabulous.

The three kings were not to be outdone and also performed to Tchaikovsky's 'March from the Nutcracker.' A cracking performance indeed from the Foundation Stage!

Infant Nativity



Junior Christmas Performance



Final Day



Message from Mrs Lee

Dear Parents,

As you can see it has been another really busy term at King's School, never a dull moment!

We are fully committed to developing the whole child so provision includes: a diverse range of extra-curricular activities (29 in all), ranging from Martial arts through to cookery with animation along the way. Extra support and teaching is given for those wishing to undertake the 11+ examination and just one example of their academic achievements this term is a number of year 6 children receiving a reading age of 17+.

The school council did a wonderful job of organising Children in Need this year. Their enthusiasm was infectious raising a staggering total of £927.

In school we are now working towards our Gold Healthy Child Quality Mark and this is centred around economic well-being. We are grateful to the parents who have already come in to help the children understand how to run a business. The children are now busy applying for jobs to produce a school newspaper/magazine.

Thank you to Friends of King's School who contribute to enriching school life by providing support from running fayres to making tea and coffee.

Family breakfast remains a popular event so look out for one near Mother's Day next term. The spring term is also when we have our class assemblies. We look forward to you joining us for these. This year they will be on, 'Values of Life'.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hope that 2016 brings you joy and look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 5th January 2016.

