

23rd June 2017

# Marshlands News

## Danceathon

Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsorship money for our Danceathon. Please can any outstanding money be returned to school by Monday morning at the latest. Children will be visiting the care home next week to present them with the money raised, to help them with their gardening project. Thankyou

## Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who supported our Sports Days this week. I am sure you all had an enjoyable afternoon.

## Parent2Parent

The Parent2Parent raffle at the Sports Days' raised £135.90. Thank you to everyone who supported the events.

## End of Year BBQ Thursday 13th July

We hope you are able to join us for our end of year BBQ, taking place on 13th July. If you would like to attend please return your slip and money to school, indicating how many BURGER and HOTDOG tickets you would like. Please can all slips be returned to school by next Friday 30th June so that food can be purchased. Thankyou

## End of Year Questionnaire

End of Year Questionnaires were sent home last week. Please can you complete and return to school by Friday 30th June. Thankyou



## TERM DATES

### **Term Ends**

Friday 21st July  
2017

### **Training Day**

Monday 4th  
September 2017

### **School re-opens to children**

Tuesday 5th  
September 2017



# What have we been doing in class this week?

## TADPOLES

A very busy week in Tadpoles. Everyone has completed pencil control tasks and symbol recognition activities this week. We used potato printing with pictures of a bucket, spade and star fish to make a repeating pattern. In maths we explored 3D shapes and colour songs. In science we focused on animal habitat and sorted farm animals, sea creatures and mini beasts. We had a fun water play session outside in the shade on Tuesday, there was lots of splashing, pouring, swishing and stamping! Thank you to everyone who supported our Sports Afternoon on Wednesday. It was a fun afternoon exploring the PE equipment in the hall. Tadpoles Pupil of the Week is Shubhum for answering his name at register time. Have a lovely weekend.

## DRAGONFLIES

We have found this week a bit challenging in Dragonflies due to the heat but we have still managed to do some learning. In maths we have been learning about positional language by singing songs, playing hide and seek with a teddy, and doing an obstacle course. In English we are still reading Goldilocks and some of us have been using the book to look at and discuss the pictures. We handled some flowers and watered some tomato plants in science, but none of us were keen on putting our hands in compost. We had an excellent Sports Afternoon on Wednesday, despite the heat, and we really enjoyed having our parents take part in the activities with us. Our pupil of the week is Miley.

## DUCKS/HERONS

On Tuesday we had a lovely trip to Brampton Museum; we looked around the museum and took part in a workshop when we looked at toys from the past and had a play. Everyone was very well behaved and enjoyed themselves. In Creative Curriculum we looked at photographs of our trip, wrote about it and made a cup and ball toy each. In Science we introduced habitats, we talked about where different animals live and why, we are going to make habitat boxes over the next few weeks. In art we did block printing and balloon printing. In RE we are learning about special places with a focus on churches, this week we talked about the outside of a church and labelled a church. In maths we have been measuring: comparing lengths/heights/weights, measuring with cubes etc. In

Hérons our Pupil of the Week is Bradley and in Ducks it is Mason.

## LAPWINGS

Another busy week for Lapwings. We have been counting and ordering numbers in maths and we have been singing different action songs to help us. In P.E. we have been practising our running and we thought that Sports Day was great fun. In phonics we have been learning about the letter U. In RE we have been looking at the features found outside a church in preparation for our class visit to St. Matthew's church in Derrington at the end of June. In Creative Curriculum we have been exploring the Stone Age and how the Cave men painted pictures inside their caves. We used chalk to make our own cave paintings and Miss Williamson was so impressed she has put them on our Wow wall. Music this week linked with our maths work and we have been clapping and counting along to the beat of the songs. We learnt a song about Simon the Snake and we learnt that adders bite and anacondas squeeze. Our pupil of the week is Joe for super signing during music.

## LADYBIRDS

We have had a busy week in Ladybirds this week. In English we have been writing recounts and on Friday began to write a recount for our Anglo Saxon boy 'Wulf' describing how he helps his Dad with the jobs on the farm. We have worked hard in Maths looking at addition and subtraction. Some groups have been finding number bonds to 10 in a variety of ways. Others groups have been using place value to add and subtract. In Creative Curriculum we have been looking at Anglo Saxon arts and culture and made Anglo Saxon harps out of cardboard and elastic bands. They were very successful! We all enjoyed Sports Day on Tuesday and it was lovely to see some parents cheering us on. We finished the week making salt dough Anglo Saxon necklaces which we will decorate next week. Pupil of the week is Devante for working really hard on his reading this week. Have a lovely weekend.

## SWANS

This week in Swans we have been so hot! We are glad it is cooler this end of the week. In Maths we have been doing lots of different things to show how much we have learned over the year. In English we have been joining sentences using conjunctions. Sports day was brilliant and the children did really well. Jack was our pupil of the week.

## BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies have had a good week. This week we have been learning about doubling and halving and some of us have been learning to multiply and divide. On Monday afternoon we played some team games and enjoyed working together. In RE we have been learning about why people pray and what a prayer is. We made fruit salad on Wednesday which was a lovely refreshing treat. We wrote a senses poem about an animal of our choice and performed it in front of the class. Some of us swam in the deep end during swimming this week. We had a great time at sports day and we all got a medal!

## OTTERS

Otters have had a very sporty week. We enjoyed cricket on Wednesday with our coach, Steve, and our batting and fielding skills are coming along well. Sports day was a huge success and all of Otters had a great time, showed good sportsmanship by cheering on and congratulating each other and tried their best. Today we took part in a sports festival at Keele University and were glad it wasn't as warm as earlier in the week. As well as all of that exercise we have been busy in maths looking at symmetry and have started to plan our own poem in English. Thank you to parents who have emailed or sent in old pictures of your pupil for the Yearbook, there is still time to get these to me if you haven't yet. Our pupil of the week is Alex. Have a lovely weekend.

## KINGFISHERS

Another busy week... Sport's Day was fabulous with some excellent examples of what it is to be a "Good Sport". In RE we learned about the Shema in the Jewish Faith, we have worked really hard in our First Aid Sessions and all showed how sensible and responsible we can be. Our Sunflower Plants are now beginning to flourish and our Kite Flying after we had followed instructions to make our kites was a great success. Our Pupil of the Week is Daish - For Being a Good Sport. Have a lovely weekend.