

Marshlands News

Danceathon

Thank you to everyone who has sent in sponsorship money for our Danceathon we raised the fantastic amount of £594.50. The children visited the care home today to present them with the money. The care home passed on their thanks and are going to use the money to help them with their gardening project. Thankyou

End of Year BBQ

Thursday 13th July

Thank you to everyone who has returned their slip for BBQ tickets. We look forward to seeing you on 13th July.



End of Year Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who has returned their end of year questionnaire. The responses have been very positive. 33 questionnaires were returned in total. Of the questionnaires returned 32 responses indicated that their child felt safe, was happy at school, was taught well, made good progress and that the school responds well to concerns raised. 32 responses also indicated that the school is well led and managed. 12 responses indicated that children receive appropriate homework with 16 reporting that this is not applicable. 23 responses indicated that the school deals well with bullying with 9 reporting this is not applica-

ble. All questionnaires returned concluded that the children are well looked after at school and that they would recommend our school to other parents. Thank you very much for your responses.



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

In maths this week we explored which 3D shapes we could balance and make towers with and made 3D shapes using play dough. We used shape sponges with yellow paint to paint circles, squares and triangles. The letter 'u' was the focus for Jolly Phonics this week and everyone enjoyed painting a picture of an umbrella using bubble wrap. A busy multi-skills and PE session on Thursday, lots of balancing, throwing and catching, climbing and jumping. We looked at the 'Owl Babies' story in science and matched the animals to their young using pictures. Lots of lovely intensive interaction sessions this week, good talking and social interaction. Tadpoles Pupil of the Week is Daniel for lovely signing at register time.

DRAGONFLIES

In Dragonflies this week we have been looking at time as part of our maths lessons. The children have been exploring clocks and we have been singing songs about the days of the week. In English we are continuing to read 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and we have been using different materials to decorate pictures of bears. We have also been doing some 1:1 reading where the children have explored pictures and words in books. On Wednesday the children met Fred the tortoise, they all touched him a little to see what he felt like; one pupil in particular found him fascinating and followed him around the room. Our pupil of the week is James.

DUCKS/HERONS

This week in RE we have been looking at what we find inside a church in preparation for a visit we will be going on to a local church on Monday afternoon next week. In Art we have been looking at stained glass windows and made our own to display on the class windows. In PSHE we have been talking about different families, the children drew pictures of their families. In Creative Curriculum we looked at how schools have changed over the decades. In maths we have continued to work on measuring - Ducks using balance scales, finding heavy and light and Herons using non-standard units to measure. In Literacy in Herons we have read 'Rosie's Walk' and been writing instructions for a friend to follow, In Ducks we have made pictures to go with our book 'Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain'. Our Pupil of the Week in Ducks is Olivia and in Herons it is Thomas

LAPWINGS

Lapwings have been busy again this week. We have continued with our counting and ordering numbers in maths. In P.E. we have been doing relay races which we really enjoyed as we all like running. In phonics we have been learning about the letter R and we have been threading red r's in our fine motor skills work. In RE we were very lucky to have Mrs Hie take us on a tour of her local church, St Matthew's, at Derrington - we went on the mini-bus and all behaved beautifully. We had a checklist to tick off for the different things we saw. We looked inside the font, some of us climbed up into the pulpit and we had a look in the vestry. It was very interesting and it helped us to understand why churches are special places for Christians. In Creative Curriculum we have been exploring the Stone Age and we have been finding out all about the Woolly Mammoth - when it lived, what it ate and the reasons why it became extinct. On Wednesday we had a special visitor come into Lapwings - it was 'Fred' the tortoise. He was very sociable and everyone said hello to him and we enjoyed watching him eat his favourite snack, grapes - a big thank you to Mrs Dymond for bringing him in to school. Our pupil of the week is Billy-Dean for being brave and over-coming his personal fear and for saying hello to Fred the tortoise.

LADYBIRDS

A lovely week in Ladybirds this week. In English we have finished off our non-fiction topic writing a recount about an Anglo Saxon boy named Wulf. We all were able to order and sequence the events and started to use conjunctions and adjectives in our writing. In maths we have been looking at number. Some groups have been practising ordering numbers to 10 and 20. Others have been reading arrays and learning to halve and double numbers. In creative curriculum we have continued to learn about the Anglo Saxons. Looking at which religion they followed and how that impacted their lives. We have decorated and finished our Anglo Saxon necklaces- they look brilliant. We finished the week by taking part in activities in our houses. Pupil of the week this week is Thomas for working hard and asking some interesting questions in lessons. Have a lovely weekend.

SWANS

On Monday it was Mr Beckett's birthday and we celebrated by eating some cake! In Maths we have been ordering the days of the week and months of the year. Please help your child to continue this at home. In RE we identified obstacles in our lives and discussed how we might

overcome these. In multi-skills the children were learning how to run in relays, we have some quick children in this class! In History we learnt about the beliefs of Viking warriors. We have been looking at e-safety in PSHE/Computing. Jacob was our pupil of the week.

BUTTERFLIES

Butterflies have had a good week. This week we in Maths have been measuring and learning months of the year. We made Ancient Greek pancakes on Wednesday, they were very different to ours. We had a lovely time at Pizza Express where all of the children created their own pizzas. We then enjoyed a rainy afternoon at Birches Valley. We have been working hard at swimming working towards our certificates. Some of us went down to Brookside to present our sponsorship from the Danceathon. Our pupil of the week is Kieran, for setting good examples. Have a good weekend.

OTTERS

We've had a lovely week in Otters. In English we have continued working on our own poetry work, writing drafts and making sure they are the best we can make them. In maths we have moved onto angles, which involves being able to identify acute, obtuse and right angles. On Tuesday we paid a visit to Yarlet School, where we were able to make use of their amazing science lab to conduct some experiments and use Bunsen burners. Mrs Barron and Mr Raybould at Yarlet looked after us really well, and the children loved running around and making dens at playtime with the other children. Our pupil of the week is Cole. Have a lovely weekend.

KINGFISHERS

This week in Kingfishers we have been very busy; In creative curriculum we have been learning all about Anglo-Saxons. We have built our own Anglo-Saxon houses out of straw and mod rock, they look fantastic!

In English we have been forming sentences - making sure we are using capital letters and full stops correctly.

In science we have been learning all about micro-organisms and able to identify helpful and harmful micro-organisms.

Our pupil of the week is Alfie-Ray for fantastic phonics!