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Dear Parents and Carers,

We've come to the end of a very interesting, enjoyable, long and of course—challenging, term at school. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their support with all matters Covid and for helping us to keep everyone as safe as possible at school.

The children have been as wonderful as ever this term and it has been a real pleasure to work across all of our classes seeing the children engaging so well and enjoying their learning. There have been some fantastic achievements in school which you will see in our newsletter.

I've been really pleased to see that our online learning—where necessary— has been supported really well by parents and I would like to thank the teachers for their hard work in both teaching in class and supporting online learning. I know that this has been a real challenge for teachers and children but one that has been met very well.

I hope that all of our children, staff and families have a wonderful Christmas break.

I look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 6th January.

Mr Leigh Fox
Head Teacher

ADMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR EYFS 2022 NEW STARTERS IS 15TH JANUARY 2022



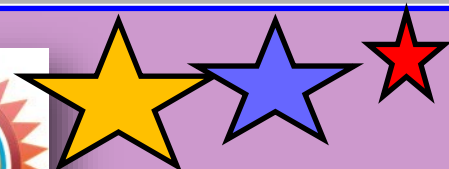
Jacob is 10 years old, he lives in East Goscote and attends Broomfield Primary

School, a fellow school in our Trust. About three months ago Jacob was diagnosed with Severe Aplastic Anaemia, a rare form of blood cancer and the only cure is a bone marrow transplant. The closest match you could ever get is a sibling but unfortunately his brother wasn't a match. The world-wide Stem Cell register currently has no matches for Jacob either. This has meant that on Sunday 21st November Jacob was taken into hospital to start the only other available treatment called ATG, this is a longer process over a period of 6 months with a 70% chance of working but still needing a transplant within the future. Jacob has been so brave and continues to wear a smile and remain positive.

Jacob's family are asking for help to find a stem cell donor. More males seem to be a match but a lower percentage of males are coming forward to donate. To sign up and register with @dkms_uk you will need to be aged between 17-55, and once signed up they send you a swab kit in the post. It takes no more than 10 minutes and is free to return. This could lead to a match for Jacob, and if not Jacob, it could help to save someone else.

#bloodcancerawareness #aplasticanaemia
#@dkms_uk

A huge well done to Mrs Dewick and Mrs Walker who took part in the Gaddesby Gallop! Here they are in action!



There are lots of music and dance exams being taken at the moment. Good Luck to everyone taking their exams and grades, don't forget to let us know how you get on!

Year 2



Year 2 have had a great fun and active half term! They have enjoyed investigating the changing seasons in science including being weather reporters and looking round the school grounds. They have been developing addition, subtraction and money skills in maths. In computing they have used Word and Power Point to present information from the RE and science curriculum. In PE they been developing throwing, catching and bat skills with some super team work and a great Snowball Run!

During the Christmas topic they have writing Winter Wonderland stories based on The Snowman book as well as loving singing Christmas songs. The cheeky Christmas elves have been busy in year 2 each day! Thank you for all your support at home with times tables, reading and spellings homework. We are looking forward to a great 2022 starting off with a new topic of Sensational Safari!

Year 3

This half term year 3 have been learning about the vikings! In our DT lessons we got to create our very own Viking longships! We first planned them using our sketching skills then we had to create them by cutting, marking and joining accurately. We had a fantastic time doing them and we love our finished products. After we had created them, we used our computing skills to use software on the iPad to share them to the class board so we could all share our creations! Don't they look fantastic?



This half term year 3 have been learning about light in science. Here we are looking at shadows and what makes the best shadow, an opaque object, a translucent object or a transparent object? We had great fun exploring!



YEAR 6

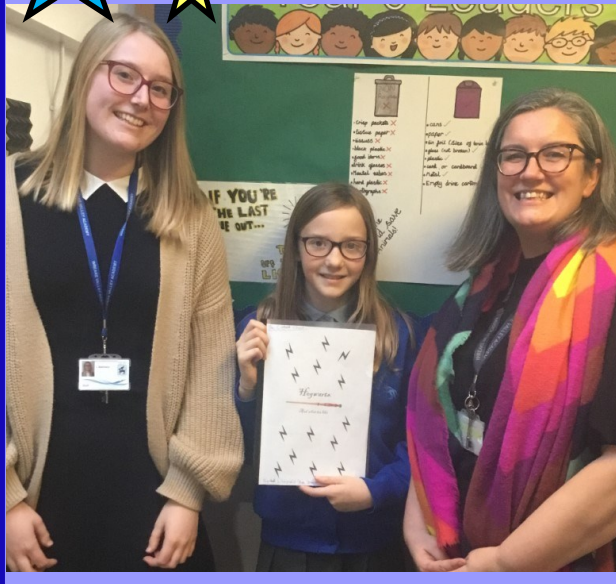
This half term, Year 6 have really enjoyed some drama lessons from the amazing teachers at Wreake Valley!



EYFS

EYFS have had a rather busy term learning about their current topic 'Celebrations.' In total we have learned about ELEVEN different celebrations, that have ranged from Halloween to Anti-Bullying Week to Diwali to Hanukkah to Christmas. We have learned about the history of these celebrations, key celebration vocabulary and what makes these celebrations unique.

We have also spent a great deal of time talking about our Gaddesby values.



With every learning activity we have been completing, we are beginning to understand which Gaddesby value it links with. One of Miss Stansfield's favourite moments was during the week whereby we learned about Celebrations Week. The Busy Bees were put into mixed groups to complete a STEM activity that involved making a wedding dress using different the available resources. Oh did we have great fun— imagine a classroom with toilet paper EVERYWHERE! The Busy Bees learned about the importance of teamwork and communicated well with each other, to complete this engineering challenge.



So all in all we've had a rather busy term. Here are some lovely pictures that have captured the fun we have had!



Cross Country



Well done to our Cross Country Teams - in the Small Schools Category our Year 3 Boys were 1st and our Year 3 girls were 3rd!

Pony Club



2nd in the RaceTech Pony Racing Points Series

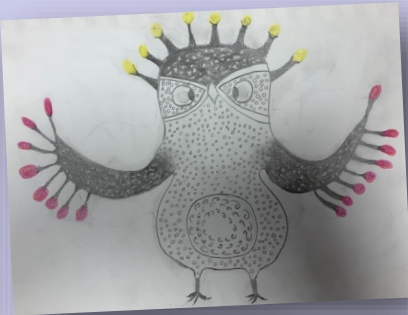
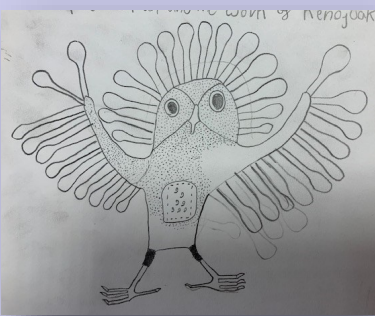
On Saturday I went to Royal Ascot for my presentation. When we went to the park we parked at the Owner/Trainer/Jockey. It was a whopping entrance. We had a walk around and claimed my rewards, and the person that gave me the rewards was called Sam, a famous jockey. Then we went to get some food and sweets. Next we went to bbid on some horses but we lost more money than we won. I won £18 and mum and Thady won nothing. Then we met the reindeer and did some games and went home, It was a 3 hour journey.

New Football Kit



Year 5

This term year 5 have been learning all about the magical Frozen Kingdom of the North and South poles. We have explored the lives of Inuit people who live in these harsh conditions and how they survive. As artists, we drew pictures in the style of Kenojuak Ashevak, an inspiring Inuit artist who painted pictures of animals to have personalities. We also discovered



and compared the geographical similarities and differences of the tundra biomes of the Arctic and Antarctic, looking at the climate, the animals that live there and how they are adapted.

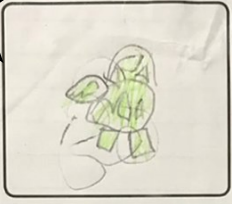


Our Christmas topic was 'A Victorian Christmas' and we started this with a fantastic trip to Beau Manor, where we got to experience what it was like for a Victorian child at Christmas. We sat in a parlour and heard traditional stories, acted as servants and learnt to lay the table for Christmas dinner, we became students in a Victorian classroom (which was very strict!) and learnt all about school life where classes could have up to 100 children and the teacher didn't even know their name! Then we finished our day with carols on the sweeping staircase and a visit to Santa in his grotto.

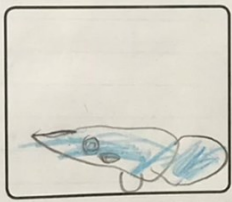


Year 1

Wednesday 7th December 2022
 WALT: explain how animals survive the winter



Tortoise hibernates means going into a deep sleep.



Whale migrates means going to a warmer place.



Rabbit adapts means getting food in Autumn.

Year 1 have had such a fun-filled half term learning all about Britain. In History and English, we have been learning all about The Great Fire of London. We are so good at recalling lots of historical facts! In science we have focused our learning on seasons – we love singing the catchy song 'seasons of the year' to help our understanding! In PE we are becoming bat and ball experts. We have been practicing balancing a ball on a bat, bouncing the ball and we even work in partners throwing the ball to our partner and hitting it back to them. We learnt a really useful skill of always looking at our target. Well done for working super hard this half term year 1!



Year 4



In year 4 we have been learning about the Vikings! We have discovered lots about Scandinavia, which has helped us to recognise why the Vikings migrated. We have had great fun using measuring and joining skills in design and technology to make Viking longships. Our creativity also came out in PE whilst we were creating Viking dances!

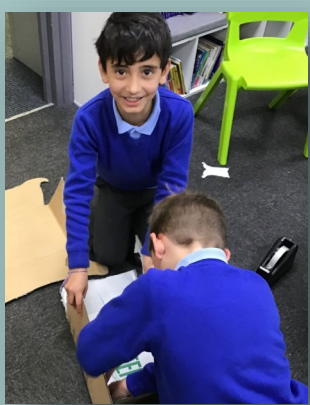


Our English writing has linked to our topic too! We have written Viking adventure stories, created persuasive adverts about going on holiday to Norway and instructions on how to create a Viking longship.

We have worked scientifically to experience. This has involved using light and darkness is the absence of light and to we need light in order to see. We have discovered how shadows are formed by making shadow puppets and carried out investigations to see how we can change the length of the shadows.



We have explored light in science boxes to recognise that help us understand that also investigated how



Recently, we have been working on multiplication in maths and used Numicon peg boards, Venn diagrams and Carroll diagrams to investigate patterns and connections within our times tables.



Christmas Fun



FOGS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you so much for all of your support over this term. It has been great to get FOGS back up and running again. This term we have raised an incredible £1531.10. £1011 from the Christmas raffle, £124 from Lego Bricks and £386.10 from Christmas cards.

We are looking forward to having fun and raising lots more money in 2022. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas, From the FOGS team.





Merry Christmas

From all of us at Gaddesby Primary School