



Y4 Christmas News

Autumn 2021

Overpowered by Romans

On 11th October, Year 4 killed one of their teachers, with the help of a Roman Centurion, Felix. The event took place in our very own arena, where gladiator fights were held throughout the afternoon.



Roman Day was great fun because we got to do a quiz, play Roman games and look at ancient artefacts and weapons. In the afternoon, we practised march formation outside, then we turned the main hall into a Gladiator Arena. This was where Mrs Reeves had to pretend to die in a battle against Mrs Gray.

We enjoyed Roman day because we liked learning Latin and pretending to be soldiers, whilst following orders from our centurion. Learning about emperors and what they were like was great fun!

"It was very entertaining watching everyone battle," declared Sena.

Outdoor Learning

In Outdoor Learning this term, we began by learning about animals and their digestive systems.

We looked at pictures of animal droppings, then had to work out which animal they belonged to. We also explored how food is digested inside a human body. This was fun because we got to play with water.

Later in the term we learnt about electrical circuits. When we did this, we connected cords together to make complete circuits.

By Eric (4P)

Road Safety Week

Road Safety Week began on Monday 22nd October. In our PSCH lessons, we discussed how to stay safe when out and about. We considered how to walk safely down the street and how to find a safe place to cross the road.

Later, we went on a Local Area Walk with our own classes. Whilst walking, we saw different types of road crossings. We learnt to wait and listen before using a pedestrian or zebra crossing. We also practised looking left and right. Then we learnt how to cross the road safely in a residential area, with our teachers supporting us. We had to stay alert to keep ourselves safe.

On Friday, we were allowed to dress up. Many children dressed up as road safety heroes!

The week was great fun and everyone learnt the four most important rules to keep safe. **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN and THINK!**

By Alpha (4J), Jack (4J) and Annie (4S)



Art and Inspiration

This term, an amazing artist, Rory McCann, has been working in our school. Rory painted a huge world map at the back of the hall. It shows the whole world and a selection of different animals and important landmarks. The oceans are painted with different shades so they look very realistic. It is an amazing piece of art.

Rory also held an art workshop with each class. Year 4 classes got to draw a cute, little hedgehog then paint it using water colour paints. Rory showed us what to do and taught us the relevant techniques. By the end, our pictures looked wonderful. We also got to ask Rory about his life and learn that it is better to enjoy what you do than aim for perfection.

By Grace (4P), Jessica (4P) and Zaym (4S)



One Kind Word

Anti-bullying Week started on 15th November. We began the week with Odd Sock Day to show that everyone is unique.

Throughout the week, we discussed what bullying is and what to do if you experience or see bullying taking place. Alpha, 4J, learnt that a common form of bullying is name calling.

We considered the importance of respecting differences and being a good friend. "During the week, we practised being as kind as possible," Charlie, 4J, explained.

We also wrote character descriptions for bullies and friends during our English lessons.

The week ended with us raising money for Children in Need.

By Dawid (4S), Nathan (4S) and Freddie (4J)

ATHLETICS

This term, we have enjoyed being taught by two specialist coaches during our athletic lessons.

It was so exciting to learn step-by-step strategies for throwing, jumping and running.

We really enjoyed throwing the javelins because we had to use a special technique, We also learnt how to run long and short distances.

By Dylan (4J) and Jan (4J)

Oh Yes We Did!

On 1st December, an extraordinary pantomime was shown at our school: it was Aladdin.

There were lots of different characters and amazing lights everywhere. They also had excellent sound effects and it was fun joining in. Mrs Pullen was really funny when she danced with Abanaza!

"I loved it because it was so creative," said Georgie, 4S. Our favourite part was when the genie came out of the lamp!

By Sena (4S), Jude (4S) and Noah (4S)



Bright Light Boxes

This term we have been making light boxes in DT. Before making them, we made prototypes out of straws and masking tape.

The sawing was really fun but we had to listen carefully so we knew what to do. We also had to work with a partner, to keep ourselves safe. After sawing, the teachers helped us glue our pieces together. We then added our images to turn the frame into a light box. Most of us had a Christmas design. "I put a snowman on mine," said Theodora.

We were really proud of ourselves. "Some bits were easy, but other bits were hard," explained Chiara. "I found it really enjoyable," said Annabelle.

By Theodora (4P) and Alice P



Sensational Singing

On 3rd December and 7th December the Stanley Park Choir performed at two important events.

First, they sang at Beeches Yulefest, helping to raise money for charity. Their performance was appreciated by a large audience. "We did fantastic actions and saw lots of people joining in," declared Ethan, 4S.

Then they sang at St Patrick's church. They performed 4 songs and acted out a story called 'Jesus' Christmas Party'. "Acting out the story and playing lots of characters was really fun! I was a shepherd," said Emily, 4S.

By Annabelle (4S)

We are so proud of everything Year 4 have learnt and achieved this term. The children have worked extremely hard and have shown real maturity as they have made new friends and have faced new challenges.

It's been a fantastic term. As well as the activities mentioned, we also enjoyed Sing For Peace Day, the Family Sports Evening, Harvest, our optional projects and numerous Christmas activities. Our day-to-day learning has been wonderful too.

Thank you for everything you have done this term to support your child.

We wish you all a healthy, happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in 2022!

The Year 4 Team