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'Caring, Believing, Achieving'

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In the last week of term, we held an Easter service at church. Thank you to the Year 3's and 4's who did an excellent job leading the service with their readings and prayers. Thank you also to Chris Saunders for his talk, leaving us with a message to think about. We look forward to Bishop Rachel's visit on the 26th April, which should be a very special occasion for our school, in recognition of our good results over the past 2 years.

A reminder that parents' evening will take place after the Easter holidays, so if you have not yet signed up, please do so.

We hope that you are all having a restful Easter break.

Easter Activities

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a fun-filled morning of Easter activities for the children. There was an Easter hunt, treats to eat, as well as an obstacle course and Easter crafts. Congratulations to Harvey, who won the Easter prize after guessing the number of Easter eggs in the jar.



Forest School

Reception class have had the opportunity to have some amazing outdoor experiences at Forest School this term. Led by Toby from the ECT, they have built dens, done some outdoor cooking and experimented with mud, all in some challenging weather! We are very grateful to the ECT for providing these enriching sessions on site at school, showing us the potential for further use of the outdoor area.



Netball

In the last week of term, Year 5 and 6 went to Kingshill School to play in a netball tournament. They did well, reaching the final round. They were also commended on their sportsmanship, when offering to lend players to another team that did not have enough players.

The children in Netball club, also had the opportunity to attend 2 development sessions at Kingshill school along with other local small schools. Thank you to Helen Owen, for accompanying the children.

Cross Country

Well done to all the children who participated in cross country at Kingshill this term. Even with the challenging weather conditions, it is always good to have so many children representing the school.

Visitor in Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher have been learning about soils, rocks and fossils in science. The class were fortunate to have David come and visit and share all the fossils he has found during his career both locally and further afield. The children enjoyed exploring the fossils, listening to stories and asking questions about the discoveries. They were particularly interested to find out about the animals which were roaming around in the locally back in time!



DT in Kingfisher Class

In DT, we have been designing and tasting different pizza toppings and bases. For our bases we tried: bagels, pittas, wraps and breakfast muffins. We tasted delicious toppings such as: pepperoni, peppers, ham, olives, cheese, tomatoes, sweetcorn and pineapple. As a class we all tried a bit of everything even if we knew we would not like it – impressive our teacher said! We made our pizzas this week based on our designs. We then got to enjoy our tasty pizzas and we thought they were awesome, impeccable and delicious!



World Book Day 2024 review by Luna Jenvey

On World Book Day we all dressed up as our favourite character from a book. I didn't get recognised as the character I was meant to be (I was Mal from Katherine Rundell's new book Impossible Creatures) because not a lot of people had read the book I was from, but it was nice to tell people who I was and for them to recognise me from then on. I chose Mal because she is my favourite character.

It was an excellent experience filled with joy and excitement. I think everyone had fun especially when we had a runway show of all the costumes and in the end lots of people ended up chanting for the teachers to walk down the aisle. From my perspective my favourite costumes were Mr Russell's Gandalf and Noah T's Diary of the Wimpy Kid (he had made a helmet to go with his costume. It was also adorable to watch the Reception class in their incredible costumes.

At the end of the day everyone got a one-pound book token and were told about the upcoming book fair where Katherine Rundell (my favourite author) will be signing books along with many other authors. I am planning to spend my token on another Katherine Rundell book.

During the day we had a class swap around where we had children from different classes read to each other. It was interesting to hear the complex words some of the younger children were reading in the books that they had.



Dates for the Diary:

9 th April	SATS and Residential Meeting
15 th April	Parent's Evening
17 th April	Parent's Evening
23 rd April	Staff Training – no ASC
25 th April	Skylark – Map Work at Lea Wood
26 th April	Bishop's Visit
10 th May	School Beat Officer Year 5 and 6
W/C 13 th May	SATS week
20 th May	Class Photographs
23 rd May	Year 5/6 Residential
	Kingfisher – Plants at Lea Wood
4 th June	Year 4 – Living Things at Lea Wood
6 th June	Skylark – Plants at Lea Wood
4 th July	Red Kite – Living Things at Lea Wood
11 th July	Year 4 – River, Fairford

