



FRITTENDEN NEWSLETTER



Welcome

It has been a very busy few weeks. We can hardly believe that there is only 1 week left of term 5, until half term and then the last push.

This term we have had a few big events: Wells Class visited Living Land; Shakespeare Class had Mrs. Bush visit to share her experiences of V.E. Day and we've had line dance and Hindu dance enrichment. The colour run was a particularly great day as was our celebration of the 80 year anniversary of V.E. Day.



The Hindu Festival of Holi

Holi is also known as the festival of colour. On Wednesday 30th April we celebrated Holi at school. We were visited by Kalpesh from KZ dance again (they have been out before to do Bollywood and Diwali dance). Each class took part in a dance workshop – this was fun and energetic! Holi, which is known as the 'festival of love, colour or spring, 'celebrates the arrival of spring (the end of winter) and the blossoming of love. Furthermore, different colours symbolise different virtues of the soul, such as power, purity and love. When Hindu's celebrate the beauty of colour that God has put into the world this festival also signifies good over evil. We had a lot of fun throwing coloured powder at each other with their friends! On the day that Holi is celebrated there are no rules and you can throw colours at anyone without being told off. Written by Penny T



Dates

23.05.

Open Classroom Y1 -4

Year 6 Trip to London

LAST DAY OF TERM

02 – 0.3.06.

INSET – School closed to children

04.05.

Crazy Hair (non school uniform)

£2 suggested donation

05.05

Potter & Dahl Leeds Castle

06.05

Year 6 Safety In Action trip

Athletic (Dulwich) select pupils



Dahl

As part of VE Day the children in Dahl Class were transported back to the 1940s. They sat in rows and learned maths by rote. Writing was achieved by dictation. In the afternoon they practised their sewing skills. Mrs. Swindells commented that it was the quietest they had ever been!

Early this week the children went invertebrate hunting – they found a worm but it got away (perhaps it was off duty Super Worm?). A family of slugs was uncovered, some ants were found and even a spider. Unfortunately the ants escaped the holes in the pots, as did the spider. The later event causing chaos in class.

In readiness for their trip to Leeds Castle, the children are learning about Kings, Queens and Castles. This week they have looked at some of the features of a castle, such as moats, drawbridges and battlements.





Potter Class

Potter Class have been busy bees. For VE Day they made ration books which were linked to the café. They made a potato cake which some of Potter Class liked more than others.

This week they have been investigating 3-D shapes and they have made money boxes using slabs of clay and constructing cubes. What a clever group of children they are!

Whilst learning about and investigating the past the children have made time travelling portals- they used marbling to create the back ground and will be using these to visit the past! How exciting.

Laptops have come out this week and the children have been challenging themselves to type sentences. Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Farr are adding some new resources for writing next week and wondered if any parents had any 'novelty' pens or writing gadgets to help encourage writing?

Finally, the children have been pushing themselves out of their comfort zone this week: this involves completing a challenge in an area that they wouldn't usually favour. There have been so many busy bees!



VE Day Diary

Lois has written a diary entry inspired by our visit from Beryl, who was 9 years old when VE day was declared 80 years ago.

8th May, 1945. VE Day.

Yesterday was a day that I know will be remembered for many thousands of years to come; it was a moment in time that will be cherished for all of eternity. After 6 years of madness, chaos and destruction we are finally able to say that we have won the war. Yesterday, Germany quit: they have finally conceded defeat and laid down their arms.

The celebrations were extremely loud and the crowds of people outside of Buckingham Palace were rather rowdy: in England, no one has a care in the world! There were big, loud colourful fireworks that scared me quite a lot. I think this is because they reminded me of the blitz, when bombs were dropped on towns near where I live. We had bonfires too. It has been a long time since we have seen our dark world lit up, due to the black out.

No one went to sleep last night; everyone stayed up all night dancing and singing in the streets.





VE Day!



On Thursday 8th May, we celebrated VE day at school. The majority of the school (including teachers), came in wearing clothes inspired by the 1940s. Scarlett T said, 'I loved that we got to dress up like someone from the 1940s.' We all looked amazing! In the lead up to the day we learned about what Victory in Europe meant – Shakespeare Class even had a visitor, Mrs. Beryl Bush – she was 9 when victory was declared. Penny T shared, 'I liked learning about what women did while the men went to war.' Potter Class made a cake using potato as a substitute ingredient. John declared, 'I like potato cake.' There was a funny smell in Potter when they made the cake... a bit like chips!

At lunch time we had a picnic outside. The bunting we made was hung up for all to admire! After lunch some of Shakespeare Class got up to line dance (we had line dancing early in the week). This led to most of the school getting up and joining in. By the end of lunch everyone was joining in with the Macarena! We had a great day.





Living Land



Wells Class were fortunate to go to Living Land at Detling Showground. It was a scorching hot day. When we arrived, we had to go into a massive building... there were lots of other schools there. We went into a big building with the other schools and there we were put into houses for walking around the attractions. We met a mascot which was a lion.

During the day we got to do so many amazing things: there was food tasting; we got to meet lots of different animals including hamsters, lambs and goats; we saw lots of machinery and we learned what it was used for. We saw vintage tractors and new ones too! The sheep show was really funny. They played music and the sheep came out and trotted over to their space on the pyramid, which was on the stage. All the sheep were trained and had their own spot: Glinda tapped her foot and Martha nodded her head to the music. All the sheep waited patiently while we watched a man shear a sheep.

We watched a birds of prey display. Teddy shared his thoughts, 'the best thing was watching the peregrine falcon: it was really funny because he just wouldn't listen.'

The class had such a great day and it was really informative learning about illegal trade in animals, survival skills and knot tying

Luna told us, 'I liked everything!'





Vision and Values



Respect

We are one flock and one Shepherd

John 10:16



Joy

We live life joyfully

John 10:10



Compassion

We know and love one another

John 10:14-15



We have been reviewing our vision and values recently and have made some small revisions to them. We think that these changes make who we are and what we do even stronger. Our vision is based on John 10: The Good Shepherd. We are a small school and that is our strength. We are one flock who know, love and nurture each other.

Our Vision:

At our small, rural school, each child is known, loved and nurtured in our inclusive **compassionate** family. We value each member of our school community equally. Our enriching curriculum develops the whole child to find **joy** in the world that we live in. We seek to Shepherd our school family and God's world by being responsible, **respectful** and outward looking.

Read more about our vision and values on our school website under 'Our Church School.'

