

23 March 2018

Headteacher: Mr Paul Henery

The Link Prayer Space

Pupils from each class visited the Methodist Church on Thursday and Friday to take part in the Link Space reflection activities which had been set up by Sara Edwards and her team of volunteers from the Methodist church.

As you can see, they had lots of interesting things to make, do or talk about while they reflected on aspects of the Easter story.



"We learned about compassion, thankfulness, forgiveness friendship and family. It looked beautiful and calming" – George (Year 2)

"We did activities like smelling the blessing oil. It made me happy and calm and it made me think about Jesus and God" – Kieran (Year 2)

"I liked the play dough activity and going into the tomb" – Caitlin (Year 3)

"I liked putting the oil on each other's hands" – Will (Year 3)



"I enjoyed putting the stone under the cross in the sorry corner and telling Linda what we were sorry for and thinking about what we should have done" – Maisie (Year 3)

We are so grateful to Sara and everyone else who took so much care to create the Prayer Space and lead all the wonderful activities on offer.

Chinese visitors from Shanghai

We were delighted to show around three Chinese headteachers from Shanghai schools as part of their educational partnership visit to Norfolk, arranged by the Local Authority.



Although they were only with us for one hour, we had a great opportunity to share different aspects of our teaching and

learning with them, as they looked around each classroom.

The visitors were also able to talk to the children in most classes and answer their questions (with some valuable help from the translator who accompanied them on their trip).

Many thanks to Scarlett, Thomas S and Thomas P who all gave a brilliant guided tour of the school and really impressed all the teachers!



ATTENDANCE

Our target school attendance figure is

97%

Our current figure is...

96.47%

Staff news

Mr Joyce, who joined our staff in September, has decided that he will be leaving his teaching post, to pursue other career opportunities, at the end of this academic year. He will, of course, continue to teach Year 5 until the end of the summer term. Mr Joyce talked to the children themselves today, reassuring them that he would be continuing to teach his class until the end of the year.

Steph Girling, one of our longest standing midday supervisors, will be leaving her post at the end of this half term, having worked at the school for over 14 years. We wish her all the best in her new post at Acle Academy.

We have a vacancy for a full time midday supervisor. The advert is on the school website and is also published on the Norfolk Schools vacancies site.

Year 1 and 2 Trip to Norwich Castle



We arrived at Norwich castle. It was a huge, strong and impressive castle. We noticed that it was on the top of a hill straight away. We went inside and listened to the story tellers who had a problem. They needed our help to solve it. Sir Lee wanted to marry the king's daughter but only if he could think of a brilliant story to impress the king. We did lots of activities to think of ideas. We had to describe the setting, the terrible beast and what Sir Lee did. Luckily, all of our ideas worked and the king let him marry the princess.

After lunch, we explored the castle and the Anglo Saxon display. We dressed up and found out how to build a Norman Arch. We noticed lots of battlements and arrow loops but the castle didn't have any towers or a drawbridge. I liked going to Norwich Castle because it was a real castle and I had so much fun. What a brilliant day it was!

by Children in Year 2



Headlice

There have been a few instances of headlice in school, particularly in Key Stage 1. Please take the opportunity over the each week to check your child's hair and treat as necessary. Please also see <http://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com/> for full information on how to identify, manage and treat head lice effectively.

Cluster events next week

A group of Year 2 pupils will be representing the school at the KS2 cluster football skills event on Monday afternoon; individual letters have been given out today to the children involved.

All of Year 2, and 6 pupils from Year 1, will be attending the Film Festival showcase event at Cinema City on Wednesday morning. They will be sharing their animation film based on the Bayeux Tapestry which they had created earlier this term. Again, a separate letter has been given to the children involved.

Norwich Cathedral

On Tuesday RW went to the visit Norwich Cathedral. Different areas of the cathedral had been set up with props and visual aids to help tell the Easter story and we met some characters in costume too.

The children waved scarves and palm leaves as Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a donkey, we washed Theodore's feet and shared bread and "wine" at the last supper. We saw Jesus arrested and helped him to carry his cross. We found the empty tomb at the end of the story, and lit a candle to represent hope and new life.

Back in the classroom, the children made magnetic crosses to take home. We were really proud of all the children; they listened, joined in and behaved beautifully!



Acle Tennis Club Taster sessions

Acle Tennis Club are running 6 week taster sessions, on a Saturday 9-10am and Tuesday 4-5pm for children aged 4 – 11 who are new to tennis. There are 20 places available. Please contact Ann Nicholls on 07815 563123 or email ann.nicholls46@btinternet.com for further details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

Mon 26 Cluster KS1 Football Challenge

Wed 28 Cluster Film Festival showcase at Cinema City

Break up for the Easter Holiday, return to school Monday 16 April

Please use the calendar on our school website

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for dates of events for 2018 and beyond

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