

# **Eastfield's Newsletter**

**December 2020**

**'Where all individuals are nurtured to flourish'**



## **Outstanding!**

What an amazing term; all of the children have come back into school and adjusted to the many changes to classrooms and routines so well, we are so proud of each and everyone one of them! This term saw the children exploring a range of artists – the work they produced was beautiful and is proudly displayed in our art gallery!

## **Hot Lunches**

These have made a return! Mrs Brown and Mrs Hagyard have loved getting back into the kitchen to start cooking hot meals again – they look and smell delicious!!



## **Bonfire Night**

Early Years and KS1 celebrated Bonfire Night – fireworks, marshmallows and hot dogs! Yum, Yum!



## Early Years

The children have been 'historians' this half term exploring the RMS Titanic, in and amongst lots of other learning.!

They all had a great time boarding the ship and exploring what it was like for a child on board the Titanic and thinking about which 'class' they would have wanted to have been in.

They have read, '*If you were a kid aboard the Titanic*' by Josh Gregory to support their learning.



## Year 1

This half term, Year 1 have been exploring the lives of Guy Fawkes and Bonfire night, and Samuel Pepys & the Great Fire of London; both men were involved in events that we remember to this day!

Year 1 have also continued to work hard on developing their independence, catch up on their phonics, work hard on their writing and number skills! They have worked non stop and we are very proud of them – they are showing lots of determination.

Year 1 have read, '*Vlad & the Great Fire of London*' by Kate Cunningham to support their learning.

## Year 2

This half term, Year 2 have been on a journey of exploration, going back in time to look at Grace Darling, who rescued stranded sailors with her father in 1838 and discovered Grace O'Malley, a famous female pirate in the 1500's. They have been busy, busy learning about famous people, their lives and their legacies.

They have read, '*The Secret of Black Rock*' by Joe Todd-Stanton to support their learning.







### Remembrance Day

We paid our respects with 2 minutes' silence to remember everyone who lost their lives in all wars. Everyone in school took part - #proudtobeeastfield

We raised a total of **£185.98**, thank you so much!



### Children in Need

We celebrated Children in Need by wearing 'rainbow' colours in school and we collected money for Soraya, who has had such a hard battle. Her family are trying to raise funds for her to receive specialist treatment. She is one amazing little girl and we raised:

**£526** - you are all amazing!

Her family would like to thank you for your generous donations.



### Christingle

The children enjoyed making their Christingles and took part in a 'virtual' Christingle service with Miss Rawlings.

We can't wait to be able to have assemblies together in the hall!

### Christmas Lunch

What can I say??? Christmas lunch was amazing! It is a day that both staff and children look forward to!

The roast dinner looked and tasted delicious, as usual!! We decorated the dining rooms and made them feel festive – it's a time to celebrate Christmas early.

Mrs Brown and Mrs Hagyard did a fabulous job cooking lunch – you are amazing ladies!





### Year 3

Year 3 have been working hard exploring the Stone Age. They spent a morning in our Forest School's area making fire, soup, spears, jewellery, grinding seeds & oats and finally, toasting marshmallows! They will use all the knowledge they have learned about the Stone Age to help them with their learning next term when they explore the Bronze & Iron Ages!

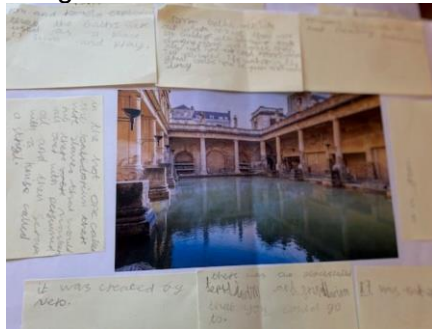
Year 3 have read, 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura to support their learning.



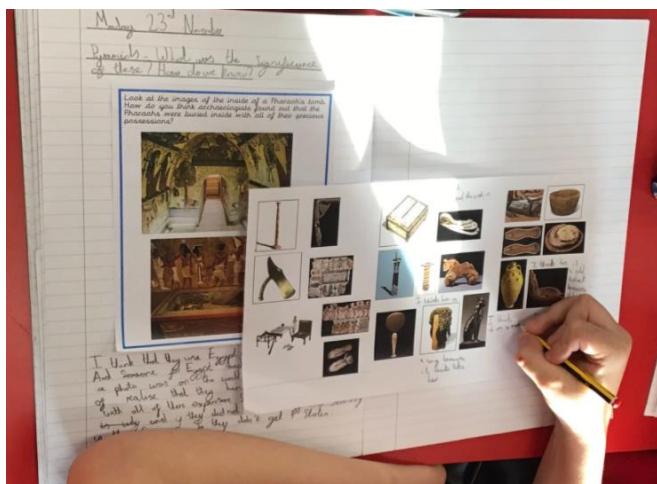
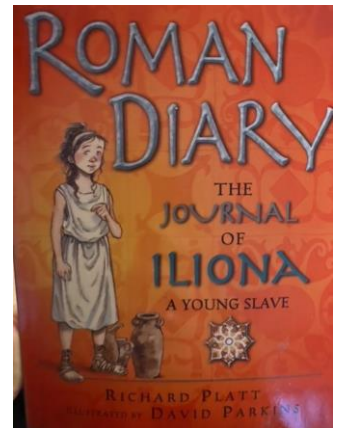
### Year 4

Year 4 have been exploring what life was like in Roman Britain. They have had the chance to meet and talk with a real-life Roman legionary, Marinus. They have explored life as a Celt and learnt about Boudicca, the Celtic queen of the Iceni tribe. They have explored how the Romans impacted on life in Britain and how life today is influenced by the Romans!

Year 4 have read, 'Diary of Iliona' by Richard Platt to support their learning.



*Children have brought in learning from home – the Colosseum is amazing!*



### Year 5

Year 5 have been investigating ancient Egypt; they have explored when the ancient Egyptians were active, whether they were savages? They have looked at the pyramids and their significance – they have investigated why Tutankhamun is so famous and who Ramesses II was. They have also explored the legacy of the Egyptians- is it just the pyramids?? They have worked incredibly hard!

Year 5 have read, 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll to support their learning.

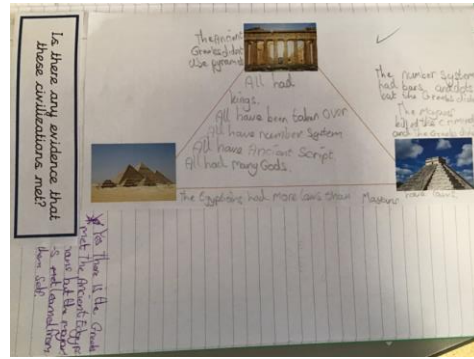


## Year 6

Year 6 have been studying the ancient Greek civilisation – Who were they? When were they chronologically active? What was life in the UK like during the same time? What is the legacy of the ancient Greeks? What do the children think is their greatest contribution to the western world? What brought the ancient Greek civilisation to an end? The children have been super busy and have produced some fantastic work demonstrating their historical skills!



Year 6 have read, 'The Orchard Book of Greek Myths' by Geraldine McCaughrean and Emma Chichester Clark to support their learning.



## MySpace

Our MySpace children continue to practise their mindfulness techniques – bubble breathing and rainbow breathing helping them to stay calm and remain focused; they are becoming experts! They have also learnt to support each other with their reading through 'paired reading'; they are enjoying being able to help each other. They have continued to study volcanoes and they have read about the devastation caused at Pompeii during the Roman era.

They have continued to access the Forest Schools area, completing a myriad of different learning!

Well done everyone – you have all worked incredibly hard this term!

## Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support with 'Christmas Jumper Day' on the 11<sup>th</sup> December. It was lovely to see all the children dressed up in an array of different jumpers, all looking so festive!

*Year 1 look soooo grown up!*



**Virtual Skills Challenge**

**BASKETBALL – Dribble Relay**

**How to Enter**

- Use either the recording sheet or enter via the 'Virtual challenges' section of the website with your unique log in.
- Contact Craig Dobbs if you need your school login credentials re-sent

**Community Club Link**

- Grimsby Sports Community Basketball Club
- Grimsby Sports Facebook
- Friday's – 6:30pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday's – 11:30 – 12:30.

**How to compete**

- This is an individual year group TSM competition for Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6.
- Teams should consist of 5 pupils.
- Create a start & finish line.
- Place cones or markers (the space between the start/finish).
- Record the total time all 5 team members take to complete the course with the ball under control.

**Rewards/Recognition**

**Participation**

- All pupils taking part will receive a certificate.

**Performance**

- The top 3 team scores for each individual year group will be recognised.

**Personal Best**

- The top 3 most improved teams (inter school via multiple attempts) will be recognised.

**Equipment Needed:**

1. Basketball or ball with bounce.
2. Cones or markers.
3. A flat surface.

**TOP TIP:** Keep your hand on the top of the ball, push the ball down – don't slap it. Look ahead and not down at the floor!  
Deadline for entries is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**Virtual Skills Challenge**

**PANATHLON CHALLENGE – Flip It!**

**How to Enter**

- Use either the recording sheet or enter via the 'Virtual challenges' section of the website with your unique log in.
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**How to compete**

- This is an individual year group competition for Yr1, Yr2, Yr3, Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6.
- Teams consist of 5 pupils.
- Throw a Ball into the hoop.
- Every successful throw flips the hoop over to the next line and receive 1pt.
- You have 60 seconds per pupil to score the most you can in 5 minutes.

**Rewards / Recognition**

- Gold** – Achieve a team score of 32
- Silver** – Achieve a team score of 25
- Bronze** – Achieve a team score of 10.

**Equipment Needed:**

1. Boccia ball or small ball/bean bag/ rolled up sock(s).
2. 2 x medium hoops (one to be cleaned or 1 per child)

**Entry Deadline – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020.**

## Football Skills Challenge

We took part in the 'Football Skills Challenge' in Autumn 1. The challenge, in pairs, was to count how many times you can pass a ball between each other in 60 seconds through a 'gate'.

The following pairs won:

**Year 2 – Hollie & Jack - 30 Gold Medal receivers**

**Year 3 – James & Frankie – 33 Gold Medal receivers**

**Year 4 – Hendleigh & Caelan - 33**

**Year 5 – Reuben & Louis – 60 Gold Medal receivers**

**Year 6 – Rocco & Bobby - 35**

**Well done everyone!**

**Y2, Y3 & Y5 came first in their year groups competing against other schools in NEL!**

## Basketball - Dribble Relay Challenge

We have taken part in the 'Basketball – Dribble Relay' Challenge this half term. We have been practising our ball control. Teams of 5 pupils have competed against each other to keep the ball under control and finish the course in the fastest time.

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have entered the competition - we are trying our best to stay fit and healthy!

## Panathlon – Flip It! Challenge

We have also taken part in the 'Panathlon – Flip It!' Challenge this half term. We have been practising our throwing. Teams of 5 pupils have competed against each other to throw a ball into a hoop.

Years 1, 2, 3 and 6 have entered the competition! Will we have submitted the winning number of throws???



## Christmas Parties

The children had a fab time! The parties were a little bit different to last year to ensure that we all continued to remain safe and stay in our 'bubbles', but it didn't stop both the children and staff having fun!



### **Building Learning Power - Reciprocity**

This half term we have awarded a certificate to one child in each year group who has shown increased team work (reciprocity) in PE.

The following children have been awarded the '**Certificate for Teamwork**':

Year 1 – Caitlin

Year 2 – Millie

Year 3 – Marley & Lola

Year 4 – Alfie & Kelsi

Year 5 – Sienna

Year 6 – Oskar

MySpace – Lucas



**This term has been amazing and we are super proud of all our children! They have produced some outstanding work and have enjoyed the fun of Christmas with us. Although routines in school and classrooms continue to be different, the children have taken everything in their stride and just got on with it!!**

**All staff would like to say a big 'thank you' to parents for helping and supporting us this term – we could not do our job without you!**



**Please take care and stay safe during this difficult time. If you have any concerns, please get in contact with us via the Office.**

