

Roman Day at Conkers

On the 26th September , Year 4 went on a trip to 'Conkers' to spend the day in the life of a Roman.



We met Boudicca,
the Celtic queen.



We met a
Centurion who
taught us how to
obey orders and
march like a
soldier.



We made Roman
mosaics using
small tiles of
paper.



We met another
centurion who
showed us all the
tools in his bag.



We met a Celt, who
taught us how they
lived and their beliefs.



Remembrance Day
Whole School Homework Project
11.11.19

This year, the children recorded their reflections on the First World War on, or in, a matchbox. We were amazed by what the children came up with. They produced a stunning, thought provoking and inspiring display. Here are some of them.





Monday 25th November, 2019

Today, we had a workshop with Jess from The Dogs Trust.

We learnt all about:

- What dogs need to be happy and healthy (food, exercise, play and love)
- How to know if a dog wants to be stroked or not
- Which foods are poisonous to dogs
- How to effectively train dogs



Linking closely to our curriculum, they covered various aspects of PSHE and Citizenship such as:

- 'That there are different kinds of responsibilities and duties at home, at school and in the community'
- 'That their actions affect themselves and others, to care about other people's feelings and to try to see things from their point of view.'
- 'Playing an active and meaningful part in the life of the community and being concerned about the wider environment.'

Jess was delighted by the generosity of our Boldmere pupils and staff that she wrote a letter thanking us for our donations of food and toys for her to take back to the trust.



Monday 25th November, 2019

In computing, in Year4, we have been learning all about e-safety and social media. Today, we skyped Kieran Larwood, the author of Podkin One-Ear, and asked him lots of questions about being an author.

After, we learnt about Twitter and how to tweet. We even tweeted about our skyping!



Year 4 Christmas Production

'I'm Gonna Shine!'



Each Christmas Year 4 is given their time to shine! They take centre stage to tell us the Christmas Story.

This Year's production was a fantastic success! The children worked really hard, collaboratively on and off stage, to bring us a brilliantly musical, funny and heart-warming adaptation of the amazing Nativity story.

Well done all Year 4 children and staff! And of course to their parents and carers for all your support and providing some amazing costumes!



WANTED: MYSTERY GUEST READERS!



After Christmas Year 4 are starting up their Mystery Guest Readers. This worked really well last year to promote reading in year 4 so they can't wait to do it again!

If you are a parent, grandparent, carer, aunty or uncle and available on a **Friday at 2:45pm, for 15minutes**, to come and read to the class then **Year 4 need you!**

The book may be a favourite from when you were a child or any other book you think we may enjoy!

Please **sign up at the Christmas Production**. Miss Jackson will email you to confirm your date.

It is **really important** to keep **it a mystery** for the class each week so please do not share your date with your child!

Many thanks,

Year 4 Team

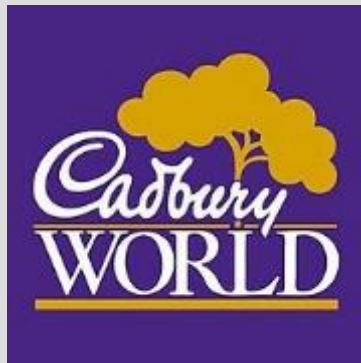
Year 5

17th December 2019

To complete their history topic of the Ancient Mayans, Year 5 visited Cadbury world to see how The Mayan's discovery and use of cocoa beans and how their use has been adapted over time.

We had an educational talk where some of us participated in dressing up as Mayan royalty and a Mayan mother and daughter. We held and smelled a cocoa pod as well as cocoa nibs, we toured the factory, wrote our names in melted chocolate, visited the 4D cinema experience and got to spend a little money in the shop.

We had a fantastic day!



Friday 11th January 2019

Today, the whole school dressed up as rockstars to celebrate the launch of our new times table app - Times Tables Rock Stars! This is really going to help us improve the fluency and recall of our tables.

During the day, we had lots of fun playing on the app, having an air guitar competition and fighting off the paparazzi!



Whitemoore Lakes Residential Trip

Whitemoore Lakes

Each year, Year 4 children are given the fantastic opportunity to go away on a residential trip for 2 nights and 3 days with some of our teachers.

In February 2020, 76 Year 4 children went to Whitemoore Lakes Activity centre in Lichfield.

They challenged themselves to try out some exciting new skills like abseiling, high ropes, rock climbing, archery, circus skills and problem solving.

They managed to save some energy to enjoy a pyjama disco too! A great time was had by all!



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Year 3 Forces workshop 'Think Tank'

To develop our forces knowledge and skills, Jenny from Think Tank came into school. We learnt to;

- Compare how things move on different surfaces
- Notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance
- Observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others
- Compare and group together a variety of everyday materials on the basis of whether they are attracted to a magnet, and identify some magnetic materials
- Describe magnets as having 2 poles
- Predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other, depending on which poles are facing.



Year 3's Singing Sensation

Year 3 worked as a team to produce a 'Singing Sensation Show' to showcase their beautiful singing and work based around developing people's wellbeing by giving a compliment. We invited all of our parents to come and watch our show and celebrate with us!



14th February 2020

Dance with Dani from KSA

To develop our dance skills in year 3, we invited Dani from Kick Start Academy into school. We worked really hard as a team, had great fun and produced a super dance routine!



Toscana String Concert

On Thursday 5th March, we were all lucky enough to watch the Toscana String ensemble perform stories set to music. As it was World Book Day, the group performed three animal concerts which included *The Tortoise and the Hare* and *Ferdinand the Bull*.



World Book Day -Thursday 5th March

To celebrate World Book Day, some children dressed up as a character from their favourite book. Using a potato and a range of resources, we designed and built a character from our favourite book or created our own.



We loved all your amazing potato creations children!



At Boldmere, we are lucky enough to have a large green field which is surrounded by lovely wooded areas. We also have some lovely gardens and green spaces within and around the school too for example the story tellers' garden. We use these spaces in all manner of ways throughout the year groups, to enrich the children's curriculum and give them the opportunities to enjoy learning in the great outdoors.



Year 4 Outdoor Education Week

The children enjoy all their classes outside during the week and all the core and foundation activities are linked to the outdoor environment. This encourages children to enjoy, use and appreciate their outside space and the the wildlife that inhabits it.



The children take part in a whole variety of activities such as descriptive writing using their senses, solving maths problems using nature, maths trail, creating art in nature, building dreamcatchers and tallest structures possible, storytelling and fire safety. It all culminates in a cosy camp fire and all the trimmings!



All these experiences helped the children improve their skills and knowledge, but also provided opportunities to be more observant, collaborative, independent and thoughtful about our immediate environment.



NHS appreciation garden

During the COVID crisis, some of the Key worker plus children and teachers at school created a heart shaped flower bed in our story tellers garden, which they seeded with a rainbow of different flowers. We felt it would be a positive way to remember what happened this year and show our appreciation. We also wanted to create a new habitat for our pollinators, bees and butterflies.

It was a lot of hard work in the hot sun, but we all worked as a team to create a bed ready to be sown. We are hoping with a lot of love and care and watering, it will grow into a beautiful rainbow to show our appreciation to all the amazing NHS heroes and what they did for us all.



We are hoping to start up a Boldmere gardening club in the new school year, so watch this space!

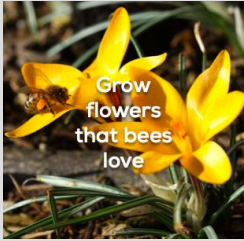
'Bee' kind to bees!

Recently, the Key worker plus children have been learning about wildlife and habitats and how we can encourage more wildlife into our gardens. We learned about bees and how they have lost most of their habitat. Some children made a bee hotel for solitary bees.

Why build a bee hotel?

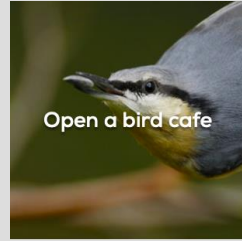
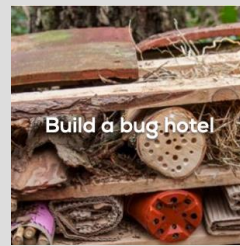
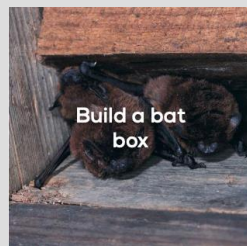
Our bees are facing an unprecedented crisis. They've lost much of their natural habitat in the past 60 years – including 97% of wildflower-rich meadows. And they're under assault from pesticides, intensive farming and climate change. But by creating bee-friendly spaces where we live, we can start to replace and restore some of this lost habitat and help Britain bloom for bees.





How could you encourage more wildlife to your garden?

- Plant more flowers and flowering trees and plants to encourage more pollinators. When selecting flowering plants, try to choose single petalled varieties.
- Feed the birds with sunflowers seeds, nuts and fat balls in winter.
- Create a pond area or water feature to encourage all kinds of wildlife, to drink from, bathe in and live in.
- Put up bat boxes and bird boxes in safe places for nesting.
- Create bug hotels.



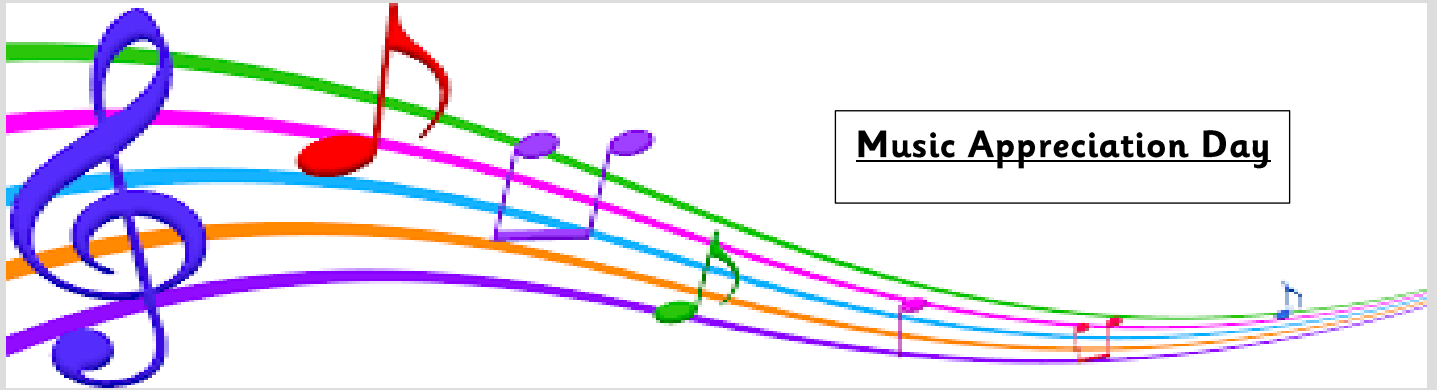
The RSPB website has some great ways to get involved and ways to bring more wildlife into your outside spaces.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/>

THE **S**TRINGCREDIBLES

Today we has some amazing visitors, a string quartet, who taught us in a very fun and exciting way all about being a musician. They showed us a variety of stringed instrument and the qualities you need to be part of an ensemble or orchestra. They had us all hooked, involved and totally engaged in their fantastic performances.





On Friday 13th March, we had an amazing Music Appreciation Day to celebrate music over the past 100 years. We started the day off with an incredible drumming performance by a professional drummer, followed by a Genre Hunt around school, enabling us to listen to and appreciate a wide range of musical genres.

We then had a fantastic range of musical workshops from teachers and some very willing parents, followed



by a lesson exploring the History of music. During the afternoon, we had 'Boldmere's Got Talent' within our



Year groups. Followed by the final as a whole school. We had a wide

variety of musicians willing to showcase their amazing talents. We had soloist and group singers,

violinists,

pianists,

guitarists and many more!



It was such a fantastic day and we hope it inspired a love for music.

Sustainability at Boldmere- The Plastic Problem



The key worker plus children have been learning why it is important for us to reduce, reuse and recycle. We have learned how our actions can have an impact on oceans and wildlife thousands of miles away.

We currently recycle all our waste paper and some of our plastic at Boldmere. We looked at some ways we could reuse a plastic milk carton in a different way and also looked at how we could reuse fabric in order to reduce the amount of plastic in our environment. The children made some fantastic snack boxes and pouches.



What can we do?

Reduce – Use less

Recycle
-Use the **raw materials** again



Reuse
-Use **again**, maybe in a different way