

27th March – 4th April 2023

Weekly Highlights

Over the last couple of weeks there have been many highlights to share with you.

As school has continued to enhance the curriculum with trips and experiences, last week began with a Viking invasion In Year 4! As part of their history curriculum, Year 4 spent the day with a Viking who shared lots of information about the Viking culture and traditions. From the roars that reached my office that day, it was clear that the children were enjoying the learning that was taking place.

There have been a number of days this ½ term that aim to develop an inclusive and positive community. Beginning at the end of February and running throughout the month of March we have had the Acts of Kindness which was introduced by Elan McQuaid from St. Anne's Academy. These were designed to help children to be the difference that they want to see by completing small challenges. These culminated in Foodbank Friday with the school's shopping trolley on the yard at the beginning and end of the school day. The items collected have today been taken to The Lighthouse Project by a couple of our Junior Faith Leaders. The Lighthouse Project were overwhelmed by our kindness and shared with the children how much these donations will support families in Middleton. A huge thank you for your generosity and giving.

The Eco-council and some of our Reception children took time last week to participate in some tree planting in our grounds, which will not only support the environment but will also improve some of the areas of our grounds that have become overgrown and neglected.

On Wednesday we had our first disco for the year. Hosted by DJ Donlan and supported by members of our governing board, the children danced the afternoon and evening away with snacks and glowsticks aplenty. A good time was had by all!

On Thursday we were reminded about the real reason for the season as Year 4 led us through some moving Easter church assemblies. The focus on Easter has continued in school today with the winners of the Easter cross competition, the raffle for the Easter hamper and the name the Snuggle rabbit being announced. Maverick is an unusual name for a rabbit that can be snuggled, but I'm sure that will not prevent our winner from enjoying cuddling up at home.

Finally, 'Autism Awareness' week was celebrated by a Colour Walk on Friday, where children wore bright colours to acknowledge that everybody is different but everyone belongs.

In line with our emphasis on the importance of good behaviour for learning, the children filled the Gem Jar on Monday, and were rewarded with the whole school treat of an Easter egg. Judging by the happy looks on the faces of the children as they left this was a good reward. Some had barely left the school playground, before the egg was opened and eaten!

Looking towards the next ½ term, the Gospel Value when we return will be 'Humility' and the Junior Faith Leaders will lead an assembly on Pentecost.

As we come to the end of another busy term I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to wish you a happy, relaxed and safe Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term on Monday 17th April.

"God loved the people of this world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who has faith in him will have eternal life and never really die. God did not send his Son into the world to condemn its people. He sent him to save them!"

John 3: 16-17

With my very best wishes,
Mrs Cooke