

WEST HESLERTON C. E.PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2016 WELCOME TO WEST HESLERTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

We hope you enjoy your time at our school



Isabelle

Skyla

Sarah-Leigh

Scarlet

Charlotte

Evie

Monty

Finnegan



Harriet

Theo



BEST EFFORTS

The following children have been praised for Best Efforts this term:

Thomas T	Reggie	Will
Finne	Maia D	Ellie
Isabel	Alfie	Noah
Jake	Max	Holly
Matthew	Tallulah	Niamh
Tilly	Henry	Lexi
Ayla	Harriet	Isabelle
Aimee	Louie	Alice
Jessica	Isaac	Alenka
Oliver	Rory	Theo
Scarlet	Monty	Evie
Charlotte	Molly	Summer
Ty	Maia J	Josh
Charlie	Maisie	Luke
Rowan	Taylor	Sarah-Leigh
Poppy	Maddie	Reuben
Dexter	William	Rosie
Thomas R	George	Sammy
Sam	Harry	India
Jamie	Ben	Kiara
Tia-May	Skyla	

WELL DONE EVERYONE!!



“DELGOVICIA” – The Romans



The topic launched with a whole school investigation of Roman facts and ways of life.

Artist Sue Kershaw came in to school to create a group mosaic design using our creative symbols of nature ideas from last term. She worked with all the children in small groups teaching skills from 2,000 years ago. The children learnt how Roman craftsmen created mosaics, by following plans, gluing tiles on, and grouting our work. Will North laid the first tile and Matthew Moss laid the final one. Everyone was able to follow the plan and add their own tiles to create this amazing mosaic piece.



Keepers learnt about Roman numerals and how they were used. They made a Roman toga shop, with coins made out of clay to be used in there. On one side of the coin was the Roman numeral and on the other side the numerical amount.

They took a trip back to the Colosseum to see what it was like to be a gladiator, looking at different types of gladiators and how their armour and weapons gave them different names.

They made pizzas and used our outdoor oven to cook them, with Roman toppings of feta cheese, honey and sesame seeds. They were strangely sweet!



Badgers have learnt about how the Romans lived, and have written their own Roman inspired nonsense poems! Lots of gladiators putting armour on in the wrong places!



Castleford Museum

The whole school travelled to Castleford Museum for an exciting Roman Day.



Ryedale Book Festival

All Farthing Wood children took part in Ryedale Book Festival "P" Factor at the Milton Rooms, with Ellie Greenwell, Alfie Powlesland and Maia Dukes representing school in the P Factor final. The event was live streamed into school as part of a special parents' assembly.

The children took part in a workshop led by Joseph Coelho and wrote their own poem together. They talked about the word onomatopoeia and read a poem called Moresa. Tabitha Grove, an actress led a second workshop where the children stood up to go on a safari journey, they were mice then lions. She read them Jabberwocky.

Andy Seed then led a workshop based on the poem Cheeky Pete. He read a poem called "There is something in the Library" and a question poem.

Leavening won the competition with West Heslerton in 5th place. Well done to all, we loved watching the performance back at school!

Forest Schools

We have once again been visited by other school who like to take part in our Forest School activities. The children have visited Devil's Hill, Badger Wood and Keeper Wood. They have also been able to make use of the new clay oven in the wildlife area, some lovely cooking smells!

Apple Day



Forest Fractions



Leaf Firework Pictures



Roma Walk with Prof. Powlesland



The Dips



School Clubs

There have been free of charge clubs held after school this term:

Bible Story

Explorers Club

Relax Kids, Underwater adventures

Zumba Club – the children worked on two routines; “Jingle Bell Rock” and a high intensity Zumba electro-funk routine entitled Siente from South America. This has built stamina and needs lots of energy!



Staff also run lunchtimes clubs which are open to all children:

Monday	Get Active
Tuesday	Lego/board games
Wednesday	Craft
Thursday	Music/drama/dance
Friday	Sewing with Mrs. Andrews
	Homework Club



There has been a Musical Instrument Club for clarinets, led by Ralph Alder . Nine children have taken part.

These are all popular clubs which the children enjoy.

School bags for Africa

Thank you all those who donated bags and stationery to school for children in Africa. Mrs Benthall has sent photographs of very grateful children receiving their bags at Muke Pre-school in Zambia. All the items donated have been happily received.



Starlight clothing collection

Friends of School held a clothing collection which raised £120.80 for school and £30.20 for Starlight.

Yorkshire Cancer Research fundraiser

Ellie and Maisie are held a 'Name the Teddy' stall in aid of Yorkshire Cancer Research. The teddy bear was called Buddy and was won by Charlie Swiers.

£ 35 was raised for Yorkshire Cancer Research

Parent Evening

A parent evening was held for children in Reception, year 3 and those children new to school during 2016.

Open Afternoon

School held an Open Afternoon for parents and visitors. We were pleased to see new families visiting us at school.

Harvest Festival

The school's annual harvest Festival was held at All Saints Church West Heslerton on Friday, October 21st. This event was well supported by family and friends. The children enjoyed taking part. The service was introduced by Matthew. The Children Sang: "Harvest Samba" whilst gifts were presented by the children. Year 2 wrote and presented a "Harvest Poem". Children in Farthing Wood read readings for harvest. The children sang "Harvest Song".

Year1 and Reception children sang "Autumn Days".

The Congregation joined in singing "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Keeper Wood read a Harvest Prayer.

The final song was "Conkers" sung by the children.

The service ended with a Harvest Prayer read by Isabel and Holly.



Pumpkin Trail

Friends of School organised a Pumpkin Trail at the start of half term. This was greatly enjoyed by those who went along and £173.44 was raised for funds.

Stay and Play

Badger Wood Hosted a Stay and Play afternoon Day for parents of children in Badger Wood.

Photos

The photographer came to school to take family photos.



Poppy Walk

The children took part in a sponsored walk to East Heslerton church as part of Remembrance Day. A 2 minute silence was observed at 11am. After lunch the whole school walked to East Heslerton for a further short service. The event was sponsored by families and £546 was raised for funds.



Wagoners Talk

The children in Key Stage 2 were visited by a member of staff from Sledmere House who talked about the 'Wolds Wagoners' who left farms for war during WWI. The Wagoners were an army transport unit, whose recruitment began before the war. These men were intended to provide a core of trained wagon drivers to supply front line positions, and they joined the forces at the Western front during the First World War. The children were able to look at articles from WWI and learnt about this period in our history.



Over 55s meet the children

The older children in school are working towards the Archbishop of York Young Leader Award. They have been meeting with the over 55s in the villages to talk about improving the local area, environmental, social, charitable issues etc.

We received the following letter from Philip Richardson:

Dear Mrs Wells

The Soup and Pudding Club would like to say how nice it was to see the younger children at lunchtime today and hear of their recent studies of Roman times.

They would like to thank them for bringing the catalogues for us to look at and their kind Harvest Gift bags.

We have distributed some of the gift bags to people in the village and some people have asked that we share the gifts with those less fortunate than we are. As a result two of our group took the extra gifts to the Hope Central in Malton where they were very gratefully received.

The school 2016 Harvest Festival has benefitted many different people. Thank you all very much.

Philip

Whole School Exciting Writing

Wednesday afternoon was exciting writing for the whole school.

Badger Wood had a writing roundabout of activities to develop handwriting, spelling and description writing.

Keeper Wood worked with Henry Smith from Pobble to create a piece of work, now published on www.pobble.com.

Farthing Wood created stories set in Ancient Rome and created persuasive travel brochures to encourage people to visit Ancient Roman sites.



Operation Christmas Child

Alfie, Maia D and Ellie helped to promote Operation Christmas Child and 15 boxes were collected.

SPORT

Cross Country

On Wednesday, 28th September 2016, Keeper Wood and Farthing Wood took part in the cross country event at West Heslerton Primary School. The run is about 4.5 miles. Out of our school the fastest boys were:

1st Charlie Swiers 2nd Will North 3rd Jake Allardice

the fastest girls were:

1st Isabel North 2nd Maisie Greenwell 3rd Holly Dent

Everyone did the fun run –

Boys from our school: 1st Luke Allardice, 2nd Charlie Swiers, 3rd Will North

Girls from our school: 1st Maia Jarmany and Rowan Roger
3rd Holly Dent

Well done to everyone who took part, Heslerton were just 2 points behind the winners, Welburn.

By Sam Wardell



Scarborough Fun Run

There was once again an amazing turnout for this annual event. West Heslerton CE Primary School were once again successful in having the most participants in the small school category. We are awaiting the engraving of the trophy and will let you know when we have a presentation date in the New Year. Congratulations to everyone who took part and many thanks again to those who cheered us on.

Tag rugby

Children in years 5 and 6 took part in tag rugby at the Malton Community Sports Centre.

Sportshall Athletics

Children in Farthing Wood and Keeper Wood competed at the Sports Hall Athletics at Malton Sports Centre against several other local schools. The children took part in many events including: speed bounce; target throw; long jump etc, Everyone persevered and showed brilliant team skills.



Swimming

Children in years Reception to 5 have visited Pickering Pool for swimming lessons. All the children have made progress this term and the younger ones have gained in water confidence. It was beyond our control that two sessions were cancelled, which affected the assessments this year. Well Done to all the children who swam their very best and tried so hard, keep it up!! The children will be presented with their certificates at a parent assembly early next term.

CHRISTMAS 2016

Hope Central

As in previous years the Christmas celebrations started with a visit for all children to Hope Central to follow the Christmas Story. This was kindly funded by Friends of School.

On Monday, on a very magical day, we went to Hope Central. When we got there, there were two activities: one was making an information folder about the first ever Christmas; the other one was time travelling back in time to the very first Christmas.

In the folder were eight different activities: one card about shepherds with two fun activities, one about angels, one about wise men and finally the one about baby Jesus. We got to colour in our folders, do the dot to dots, word searches and puzzles.

In the time travelling, we went in to the Time Racer 4.000, pressed a button and suddenly on the screen Professor Pendulum said, "You must complete my mission to travel to the very first Christmas ."

We travelled and saw: Mary, Joseph, wise man, a shepherd and Baby Jesus. We had a great time.

By India and Maia



Christmas Cards

All children had the opportunity to design their own Christmas card and parents were then able to order these. There were some lovely Christmassy designs and £126.92 was raised for funds.

Fair Trade

The children were able to buy small gifts from the Fair Trade stall in school which raised £293.46 for Fair Trade and £32.68 for the school Fair Trade resources, many thanks.

School Play

This year Dave Webb worked with the children on a production of "A Night at the Roman Museum", a mixture of drama, song and audience participation. The play was loosely based upon the film "A Night at the Museum" where the Romans came and took over.

This was a really fun week for all the school, culminating in 2 performances on Friday, December 9th.

£189 was raised for resources for Muke Pre-school in Zambia.

We were able to perform on our new stage for the first time, so many thanks to Friends of School for this wonderful resource.

Cast:

Narrator	Isabel	Gloom	Ellie	Roman Emperor	Jake
Curator	Alfie	Doom	Maia D	Main Robber	Sam
Deputy Curator	Tia-May	Venus	Josh	Robber	Jamie
Museum assistant	Will	Mars	Harry		Rowan
	Rosie	Jupiter	Maisie	Museum Worker	Max
	Skyla	Neptune	Thomas		Niamh
Main Security	Noah	Soothsayer	Sammy		Jessica
Security Assistant	Ben		William		Oliver
	Alice		Isaac		Tom
	Poppy	Modern Child	Tallulah		Alenka
Roman Soldier	Charlie		Maia J		Rory
	Matthew		Holly		Theo
	Louie		George		Scarlet
	Ayla		Sarah-Leigh		Monty
	Taylor		Molly		Evie
	Harriet	Roman Child	India		Charlotte
	Reggie		Finne		
	Dexter		Luke		
	Henry		Kiara		
	Lexi		Tilly		
	Reuben		Maddie		
	Summer		Ty		
	Aimee				
	Isabelle				





Muke Pre-school Christmas Party



Christmas Dinner

Children and staff once again enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner, thank you to Mrs Stones. We tucked in to:

Roast turkey and stuffing with sausages, roast potatoes, fresh carrots, peas and gravy followed by Christmas ice cream.

Crackers were provided for all by Friends of School.



Nativity

Parents, families and the wider community were invited to a Carol Service at West Heselton church.

The congregation were welcomed by Noah, Isaac and Reggie before the congregation sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem".



There were readings from Farthing Wood pupils. School sang "It was on a Starry Night" and "Calypso Carol". There was a percussion group for this carol – Noah, Sam, Josh, Harry and Holly. Children in years 5 and 6 played "Good King Wenceslas" on recorders.

Year 1 and 2 children read "Little Elf".

The school sang "We Three Kings" with groups of children singing:

Melchior – Will P, Alice, Skyla, Sarah-Leigh and Niamh

Casper – Rosie, Ben, Maddie and Thomas

Balthazar – Maisie, Tia-May, Kiara, Poppy, Will N and Rowan.



Keeper Wood performed "The Snowman in the Freezer".
"Moonlight" was played by Alfie on keyboard and "Rudolph"
was played by Will P on keyboard.

The children sang "Zither Carol" with singing groups –
India and Alfie; Maia D, Jake and Ellie; Tallulah, Izzy and Maia J.
Badger Wood children sang "Away in a Manger".



The congregation joined in singing "O Come all ye Faithful", during which a collection was taken by Sam, Josh, Rowan and Thomas.

Rev'd Joe led the prayers and the service ended with "Jingle Bells" played on clarinet by Dexter, Poppy, Luke, Rosier, Ben Finne and Jake and "We wish you a Merry Christmas" sung by the whole school.

Thank you to Mrs Benthall for arranging the service and practising with the children.

The children in Reception acted the nativity tableau:

Mary	Evie	Joseph	Oliver
Angels	Scarlet	Shepherd	Monty
	Charlotte	Wise Men	Thomas
Star	Alenka		Theo
			Rory



Panto Visit

The whole school visited Scarborough Spa to see this year's pantomime –Aladdin.

Aladdin is the story of the young peasant boy who tries to win the hand of the beautiful Princess, with a little help by the magical Genie of the Lamp.

What will Aladdin do with his wishes? Will he achieve fame, glory and get the girl? Or will tricky Abanazar find a way to dash his glorious plans?

All the school enjoyed the performance and many thanks to Friends of School for providing such a treat for all the children.



Christmas Party

The autumn term ended with a Christmas Party for all. The children had a party lunch followed by games and a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you to Friends of School for organising this.

WE WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

