



Year 6—lighting the way for Lumiere

31st October was the final workshop for Year 6 and their involvement in the Lumiere Project. The children completed a range of microscopic and telescopic science and art activities linked to the universe. Each child created a perspex disc to be part of the collaborative sculpture that will be displayed during Lumiere. The sculpture will be in The Prince Bishop Shopping Centre in Durham. The children are really proud of the work they produced and it would be lovely if you are going to Lumiere to pop along and see their creation. (Lumiere 17th-19th November)

Exploring history in our community

Year 5 continued their work on The Fighting Bradfords with a Memorial workshop delivered by the DLI Museum in school. In the afternoon we held a 'Meet the Experts' session that was led by Groundworks and local historians who are keen to help families find more information about their family members who fought in WWI. The event was well attended.

Eureka!!!



On 1st November Artefacts Theatre Company were in school to perform 'Eureka' a play based on the story of Archimedes. The play explored scientific and mathematical facts in a fun and engaging way for the children.

Year 5 visited Bishop Barrington School to take part in Science workshops. This will continue across the year for Science and a range of other subject areas. This work is part of our links with our local secondary schools and means that our children get the opportunity to use the secondary school's specialist facilities and also familiarise themselves with the schools before transition at the end of Year 6.

ODD SOCKS & SPOTS

13th -17th November is also Anti-Bullying Week and Friday 17th November is Children in Need day. We are going to combine the two events and celebrate them both on Friday 17th November. The theme for Anti-Bullying Week is 'All Different, All Equal' and children are asked to wear odd socks. The Children in Need theme is to wear something spotty. We would therefore like the children to wear odd socks and something spotty to school on Friday 17th November. We are asking for a donation of £1 per family. We will also be holding a cake stall so donations of cakes, biscuits, either homemade or bought, would be greatly appreciated. All monies raised will be split between The Anti-Bullying Alliance and Children in Need charities.

Perfect Performances!



3rd November was Year 5 Class assembly. The children shared the work that they have been involved in relating to The Fighting Bradfords and WWI. The whole presentation was very informative and moving, finishing with a very poignant song which was sang beautifully by the children. It was very clear how much the children have learnt from this project and their obvious pride in retelling the story of local heroes.

Afternoon of 8th November M & M Productions were in school to perform the pantomime, The Hunchback of Notre Dame. I appreciate that it is early for a pantomime but this was when the theatre company were in the area and we can always guarantee an excellent show from M & M Productions. Again they did not let us down! The play was enjoyed by all our children and had as much appeal for our younger children as it did for older ones.

Celebrating our differences

Rainbow Flag Coffee Morning was held today Friday 10th November. The event was well-attended. Jo Dixon from DISC was here to chat with parents and share how The Rainbow Flag award is beneficial to school policy and practice in ensuring that everyone's needs are equally met and that children are aware of and are respectful of all differences. It is very fitting as next week is Anti-bullying week in school and is celebrating everyone's uniqueness with its *All Different, All Equal* theme.



Escomb goes International

Bienvenido Julio!

I am sure that your children will have told you that we have had a visitor in school this week. Julio Vegas is a Headteacher from Toledo in Spain and will be with us until Friday 17th November. Julio is working alongside me and the senior leadership team to compare school leadership roles in England and Spain. He is also visiting classrooms and working with the children to support their learning of Spanish particularly in Key stage 2 and also to explore the teaching methods that we use here. It is always fabulous to have a visitor from another country in our school; it means that our children get a real insight into another country and culture. The children have loved having Julio in school this week and all are very keen to practise their Spanish speaking with him!

We are celebrating International Schools Week (13th-17th November) by holding our own 'International Day' on Thursday 16th November. Obviously the focus of our day is going to be on Spain! During the day the children will work in Family Groups on a carousel of activities to enhance their understanding and knowledge of Spanish culture. We would like the children to dress in anything red or yellow or both on this day. (If they have a football shirt of a Spanish Football Team then they are welcome to wear this.) We will share photographs of the day on our website and on the board in the Quiet yard.

School Dinners and Breakfast Club

Payments

Please ensure that all accounts are in credit. These should be done via ParentPay or Paypoint. Please note that parents will receive text messages or letters if their accounts are in debit (as per DCC policy).

Thank you.

Reminders (as per planner)

15th November 2017—Year 4 Parent Assembly

17th November 2017—Children in Need/Anti Bullying Celebration (see overleaf)

21st November 2017—Individual/Family photographs

21st November 2017—Parent's Evening

22nd November 2017—Parent's Evening

(please note that ALL after-school clubs have been cancelled on both Parent's Evenings—these have not been charged for).



Congratulations



ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

30th October 2017

Class 3

99.6%

Star of the Week Award

3rd November 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Isaac T
Class 1	Heidi D
Class 2	Lilly J
Class 3	Jack R
Class 4	Harrison S
Class 5	Keira T
Class 6	Mateo O'C

Superstar of the Week!

*** Isaac T ***

Star of the Week Award

10th November 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Trystan Bliss W
Class 1	Keira S
Class 2	Zaine B
Class 3	Keira B
Class 4	Charlie M
Class 5	Whole Class
Class 6	Jake P

Superstar of the Week!

*** Jake P ***