



Newsletter October 2018



A Peaceful Place To Go

Recently, some high profile research has been carried out into the impact of Service life upon children. The outcomes have made interesting reading, although as a school that has worked with this community for decades, there were no major surprises. One thing that was clear however, and is backed up by the research into child mental health, is the need for children to have somewhere quiet to go when they need to. The busyness of the classroom environment provides a good distraction for pupils dealing with parents going away or coming home. In addition, all of the children at a school such as this, regardless of their background, have to deal with the loss of good friends at some point when they have to move away.

To respond to this, we employ two play leaders whose role is to target and support children when they are finding times difficult. We also created a friendship seating area in the KS1 playground last year. A place where children can go to sit, arranged in such a way that they can never feel alone or excluded.

More recently, having cleared out an area that was past its best, we used funding to create a quiet seating area for KS2 children to go to. This area is designed to give them a space to sit quietly with their thoughts, not only when they are sad, but also if they just want to be quiet. This area is designed to create a place of peace and calm with a sensory focus. There is a solar water feature and we are in the process of planting aromatic plants and looking to further enhance this area over the coming months. We are encouraging our pupils to show care for pupils that visit this area, to ask if they are ok, but accept that they may just have chosen to go there.

We are looking forward to opening this area once the grass is established enough to be used.

KS1 Safari Day



Y1/2 held a Safari Day start to their Africa topic. The day was themed around four African countries to learn something of the diversity of the places and cultures. Within this experience they were able to taste some African foods and they were also gifted the opportunity to meet some exotic African animals. This activation led to some impressive development of their scientific understanding of animal classifications and the way in which animals adapt to thrive within their habitat.



Aztec Knowledge



The end of the Aztecs.

Good Lookin Cookin came into school with a selection of Mexican foods for Year 3/4 to sample. This was to launch their learning about the Ancient Aztecs. They did their study from a geographical and historical perspective, using globes and atlases to develop a knowledge of where and how they lived. This learning was finished through drama and creating a 'freeze frame' story board to represent the decline of the Aztec Empire.



Dig for Victory



Year 5/6 have been learning about World War 2 by trying to experience a little of what life would have been like for a child living in the 1940s. The children were 'evacuated' and used this role play to think about how they may have felt. They were particularly taken with the exercise to explore the impact of living during the times of austerity and held a 'make do and mend' session. They learned about which foods were plentiful and how these were creatively used in many different recipes, such as carrot cookies. They also planted seeds to explore the concept of 'digging for victory'. Realising how little people had and how well things had to be looked after was fascinating and made them appreciate how many of us have become used to being able to have whatever we need.

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Science Day



This week the whole school has been getting involved with some exciting Science learning. The day was themed around a competition to try to decide whether physics, biology or chemistry was the most interesting. To help them with this they had the opportunity to carry out investigations in a bid to find out which we enjoyed most. At the end of the session, the pupils had an opportunity to vote for their favourite, but Science in all its forms emerged as the winner.



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Coming soon...

- 30/10/18 Children Back to school
- 30/10/18 PTA AGM 6pm
- 31/10/18 Y3 to Hill Holt Wood
- 1/11/18 Y4 to Hill Holt Wood
- 6/11/18 September starters Open Afternoon 2pm
- 9/11/18 Remembrance Service 10:45 at church
- 14/11/18 KS2 Parliament Day
- 23/11/18 Charity Day