

WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

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EXTREME READING!



To celebrate World Book Day we held a special 'extreme reading' competition. Children were asked to send in a photo of themselves reading in an unusual way or place and there were some cracking entries! It was a very tough decision, but in the end our Literacy Lead Mrs Greenway chose Shay from 1HC as the overall winner for the great photo of him reading whilst sitting on the toilet in a cell at the Police Museum! The runner-up was Katie from 4LM, who was pictured reading a fairy story next to a fairy house in Scotland. Both winners were presented with a book token in that week's highlight assembly...very well done!



MORE EXTREME READING PHOTOS...



WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUMES...

As always, there were some fantastic costumes for World Book Day this year. We are collecting donations of second-hand costumes so that next year we are able to help those families that do not have an outfit for their child. If you have any fancy dress items you would like to donate, please bring them to the school office.



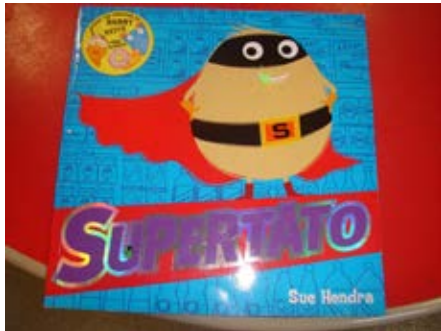
GO GIRLS!

After raising money through a bake sale to pay for the coach to get to their Futsal Tournament this half term, our amazing girls' football team didn't lose a single game! They smashed the tournament with 5 wins and a draw! Their win in the competition means that they have booked themselves a place in the county finals. Go girls!



SUPERTATO

After reading Supertato this half term the children in Reception decided to make their own super vegetables!



YEAR 2 MEET ROB BIDDULPH

Earlier this half term Year 2 braved the snow blizzards to visit Chorlton Library for an exciting workshop with children's author Rob Biddulph. Rob told the children all about what inspired him to become an author and illustrator. He talked them through his childhood and the thing that first led him to believe he could become an illustrator (winning first prize in an art competition!)

The Year 2s then watched a clip of Rob's story 'Odd Dog Out', which had been translated into Korean! Rob then read one of his books, Kevin, and showed everyone how he drew the character. The children and teachers all had a go at drawing Kevin too! The Year 2s then asked Rob questions and told him what they might like to be when they are older.

"It was brilliant because we got to hear new stories that we haven't got in our house." Lorcan

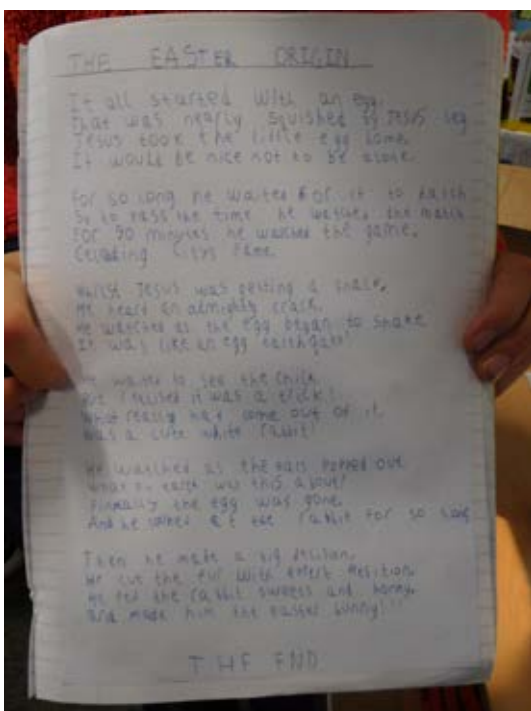
"It was really interesting learning how Rob became an author." Martha

"Rob was really engaging – he was great at talking to the children at their level so that they understood him. The children were so well behaved and enthusiastic – they were a credit to the school." Mrs Hickman



EASTER CHICKS

Last month some of the children at Oswald Road entered an Easter-themed creative writing competition. Lori from 6KR was chosen as a winner for his fantastic poem about how Jesus found an egg that hatched into the Easter bunny! The prize for the competition was a chick-hatching kit for school and the children had a lovely time meeting their new feathered classmates! Classes took it in turns to go and visit the chicks in Miss Rowe's classroom and learn about how an egg becomes a chicken.



MEETING THE MINI BEASTS!

This half term Year 4 came face-to-face with some mini beasts thanks to a visit from Animals Intuition. The children loved meeting Matilda the giant African land snail, Stan the scorpion, Marge the millipede, Mr Tickle the Royal Python and especially Charlie and Lola, the splendid hissing cockroaches!



SCHOOL CONCERT

Our amazingly talented Oswald Road musicians wowed the crowds with a show-stopping concert this half term! Parents were treated to performances from the trumpet players, the school choir, balalaika players, violinists, steel pan players and guitarists.

In her welcome speech, Music & Performance Lead Mrs Murray explained how important the arts are to children's education and how learning an instrument can help to develop their teamwork and listening skills. We think the musicians showed amazing teamwork in delivering a fantastic show- well done everyone!



YEAR 2 EASTER EXPERIENCE



Year 2 went on a trip to St Clements Church this half term to learn about the story of Easter. There were five different stations that the children moved around to teach them all about Easter. At Station 1 they learnt about Palm Sunday and retold the story of 'Hosanna'. Next, the children went to Station 2, where they learnt about the servant king and washed each others hands.

At Station 3 the Year 2s learnt about the importance of bread and wine and what they resemble in the Easter story. After this, they moved round to Station 4, where they talked about feeling lonely and made an object out of play dough that represented a time when they have felt lonely. Finally, the children did some more story retelling at Station 5 and acted out what happened on the day Jesus died, Good Friday.

"We loved going to St Clements Church and doing all of the different activities. We learnt about how and why Jesus died on the cross and why it is called Good Friday even though it was a sad day. Our favourite part was waving the palm leaves!" ZLT



"Captain Phil gave us his usual warm welcome upon our arrival at the Church and invited us inside. Once we were settled we moved around the stations, which were run by volunteers, allowing the teachers to move around the groups and see how the children were all getting on. The activities planned were engaging and enjoyable." Miss Thomas



RECEPTION MINI FIRST AID

As part of their 'Superheroes' topic the children in Reception took part in a mini first aid course, to teach them how to be real life superheroes in times of need! During the course the children had to practise ringing 999 on the phone and remember to tell the operator where they live.

The children were taught how to put Ted into the recovery position and then practised putting each other into the recovery position. The course also taught them that if they bump their heads they need to hold an ice pack on it for 10 minutes and if they are bleeding they need to push down on it so that they don't lose blood and use a plaster if they are not allergic.



SUPER SAXON WORKSHOP

Year 4 had a very exciting introduction to their 'Super Saxons' topic at the start of this half term, with a visit from a real life Saxon warrior! The children took part in an exciting day of workshops that included activities such as spear throwing. Some of the children even got a chance to try on some armoury to see how they would fare against the super strong Saxon visitor!



EASTER BONNET PARADE

This half term's Nursery and Reception Stay & Play had an Easter crafts theme. The children worked together with their grown ups at home and in class to make their very own Easter bonnets. The Stay & Play finished with an Easter Bonnet Parade, and Mrs Howard came along to make the very difficult decision as to who had made the best Easter bonnet. There were prizes for first, second and third place in Nursery and one for each class in Reception, although everyone deserved a prize as your bonnets were all so amazing!



MATCHSTICK MEN AND MATHCHSTICK CATS AND DOGS

Year 1 have really enjoyed learning all about LS Lowry this half term in their topic called 'Matchstick Men and Matchstick Cats and Dogs' (we're sure by now ALL of our grown ups know the words to the song!)

The children concluded their topic with an exciting trip to The Lowry at MediaCityUK this week, where they worked with artist Michelle Leigh to practise different techniques that Lowry used in his drawings, such as cross hatching, shading and using his rubber to draw with.

"I was really excited before I went on the trip. I liked drawing the pictures in the art gallery where Lowry's paintings were. Thank you for taking me on the trip!" Kingsley.

"It was super fun because we got to make our own looking log." Aryan

"I really enjoyed learning how to do cross hatching." Francis

"I liked having my lunch near the Quays." Bareerah



WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

Florence from 6KR delivered a fantastic presentation in aid of World Down Syndrome Day to her class this week. Florence, who's younger brother Benjamin has Down Syndrome, wanted to raise awareness and understanding of the condition by being a positive advocate for her brother and people more generally who have a disability. Amazing work, Florence!



LUNCHTIME FOCUS

We are very excited to announce that lunchtimes will be relaunching on Monday 23rd April at Oswald Road! The Lunchtime Team have been working very hard to consider how to make lunchtimes more exciting and interesting for our children.

As well of lots of exciting new resources, the playground has been rezoned so that there are specific areas for different types of play. Teachers will be taking their classes on a walk around the playground so that all of the children are aware of what each zone is for.

A **huge** thank you to the PTA for their help in funding some of our new lunchtime resources.

The children have helped us to design banners to show what each zone is for. You can see the amazing designs they came up with below!



Amna Rashid 4SM



Abigail Smith 4SM



Hannah Lee 6KR



Leila Bury 5CD



Misha Rhodes 5PS



Katelynn Clements 4LM

TRIBUTE: COUNCILLOR SHEILA NEWMAN

We were deeply shocked and saddened to hear of the untimely passing of Councillor Sheila Newman last month. Sheila had been a councillor in Chorlton and a governor at Oswald Road for more than 20 years. Sheila became Lady Mayoress in November 2017 and had been Executive Member for Children's Services for the last 3 years.

Sheila was completely dedicated to her work in the community, whether as a councillor or as a school governor. She will be greatly missed by us all.

"Sheila Newman devoted her life to Chorlton and had a relentless drive to improve people's everyday lives. Sheila was a true champion of the community and local activities, societies and events such as Chorlton Book Festival. As a governor and councillor, Sheila always stood up for the rights of all children to get the best possible start. I will remember Sheila's great humility, empathy and with a smile on her face. At our next governors meeting we will no doubt look around for her wise words and, though she will be sadly missed, Sheila will never be forgotten." Richard Price, Chair of Governors

"I was so shocked to hear the very sad news about Cllr Sheila Newman, she was a huge support to the school. When I needed her support, she was always there. She will be missed." Jon Beisly, Former Acting Headteacher

"I worked with Sheila over the last two years, mainly from her role as a Governor as she sat on the resources committee. She was a great support to the school, and always willing to help whenever needed." Sarah Nicholls, School Business Manager

"When I joined Oswald Road several years ago, Sheila was always very supportive and forward thinking in her efforts to improve outcomes for all children. I very much appreciated her feedback and advice." Helen Woolf, Assistant Headteacher (SEND)

"Sheila was kind, caring and supportive. She would be the first to offer help and I always found this to be such a support. She was a great supporter of Oswald Road and its families and she would work tirelessly to get the best for them. Sheila will be greatly missed. My thoughts are with her family." Deborah Howard, Headteacher

"I remember when Sheila's children, Ruth, Naomi and Sarah, attended Oswald Road and I had the pleasure of working with them. Sheila always had such a positive attitude to their learning and was a parent who readily came into school (fitting us in to her busy schedule) to help with whatever was required of her. She also made a huge, valued contribution to the school by firstly being a Parent Governor and then willingly continuing for many years as a Co-opted Governor. Sheila's dedication to improving the lives of children will be remembered for many years to come. People with Sheila's stalwart attitude and dedication to helping others don't come along very often. She will be greatly missed by so many people whose lives she touched." Lynne Lowe, Teaching Assistant

"Sheila was an amazing person who dedicated herself to others. It was a privilege to work with her at Oswald Road as it enabled me to see first-hand how much the school as part of the local community meant to her." Richard Fletcher, Governor

"Princess Diana is known to some people as 'the people's princess'. I think of Sheila Newman as 'the children's princess'. Sheila has done so much for Manchester's children and this will always be her legacy. Our community will be forever grateful." Kathryn Whalley Ben Halima, Teacher

