

KITE FEDERATION NEWS

Easter Newsletter - 31st March 2023



Easter Services

It was wonderful that so many parents and family members were able to join us for our two Easter services this week.

The children from both schools loved sharing their learning about Holy Week and the Easter Story, with a mix of poetry, songs and bible readings.

The children also produced some lovely artwork to help them tell their stories. Children at St. Matthews decorated eggs, while children from Norwell shared the Easter story in pictures made using handprints.



OUR FEDERATION VISION

Together we will flourish and thrive
building on our Christian and local community,
for the good of all.

Those who trust in the Lord will find
new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

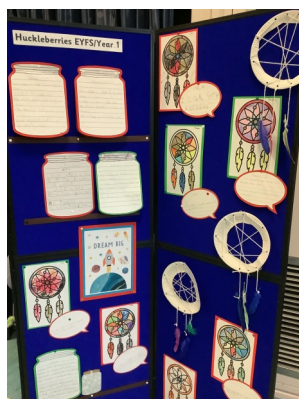
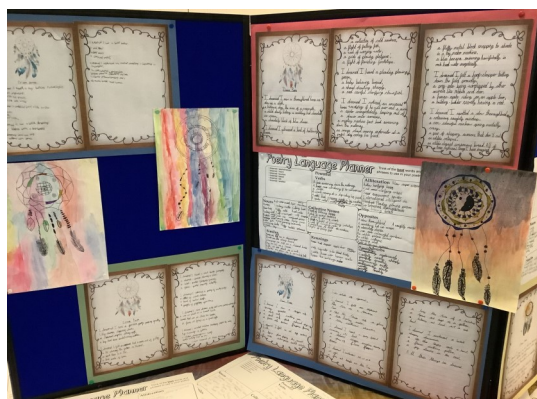
Isaiah 40v.31



Sharing our learning.....

As well as sharing our work about Easter, it has been lovely to invite you into school this term to share what we've been learning in the classroom.

We started the term all thinking about the same topic in our English lessons, thinking about dreams. Pupils read poetry about dreams to inspire them to complete their own writing, which they complemented with some amazing artwork, dream catchers and dream jars.. We were delighted to be able to share the children's hard work with their families during our breakfast cafes.



Throughout the term the children in Key Stage 2 have been learning new songs on the Ukulele, including some Elvis classics! They really enjoyed inviting you into school this week to showcase their songs and perform them for you.



Key stage 2 children have also been getting creative in the last few weeks.

They have learned about different types of bridges, before building their own from card and spaghetti ! They tested the weight each would support before developing their skills with a saw to make a final bridge out of wood.



Trips and Visits.

The children have been on a number of trips and visits this term to help reinforce and deepen their understanding of the topics we have been learning about in school.



Children in Key Stage 1 had a fantastic day at Woodside Wildlife Park. They were accompanied by very knowledgeable keepers who shared facts about all the different animals.

The children saw wolves, meerkats, red pandas, sloths, lemurs, penguins and many more amazing animals. The favourite parts of the day were watching the tigers and Siberian lynx being fed and meeting a python!

Children in year 5 and 6 spent a day at Southwell Minster. The theme of the day was Pilgrimage, with a focus on 'travelling, learning and connecting'.

The children looked at different aspects of the minster and what they teach us about the role of the minster through the ages.

We also took the opportunity to look at the 'Stations of the Cross', depicted in sculpture at the minster, to re-inforce the learning we had been covering in school.



Back in February, we went to Sheffield Arena to join over 5,000 pupils from schools across the country as part of the Young Voices choir. The children were able to practice and perform songs they have been learning in school.



In the evening friends and family of everyone performing filled the arena to see an amazing concert of songs performed by the young voices choir,

In the highlight of the evening, the young voices choir accompanied Heather Small in a rendition of her famous song 'Proud', which will be re-released as a charity single later in the year.

Outdoor Adventure

The children have also extended their learning outside the classroom this term. Year 3 and 4 pupils from Norwell have enjoyed weekly trips to Forest School, learning bushcraft and teamwork skills. They have, among other things, made shelters and learned to light fires with flint and steel before cooking marshmallows and porridge over the open flames.



Year 5 children from both schools have attended an indoor climbing facility to learn basic climbing skills and complete their NICAS level 1 indoor climbing award. This award teaches them the basics of climbing, and teamwork skills as they learn how to belay for each other, keeping their fellow climbers safe.

Year 6 children from Norwell and St. Matthews joined fellow year 6 children from Dunham on Trent primary school to travel into the Peak District and develop their climbing skills on natural outdoor rock. The trips give them the opportunity to work alongside an ever wider cohort of children, ahead of a combined residential trip later in the year and their eventual transition to secondary school in September.

Sporting Success

Back in January Children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed success at the Sportshall Athletics event organised and run by Tuxford Academy. St. Matthews finished in 1st Place, narrowly ahead of Norwell in 2nd.

More recently Children from Key Stage 1 enjoyed an afternoon of Dodgeball at a festival again run by Tuxford Academy.

After Easter our combined football team will start fixtures again with a cup match against St. Mary and St. Martin Primary School in Blyth, before recommencing their league campaign where they are so far unbeaten.



School Reopens Monday 17th April



Don't forget the new times for all at Norwell:-

**Gates open :- 8:40am
School Starts :- 8:50am
School Ends :- 3:30pm**

Times for St. Matthews remain unchanged.