

Newsletter



Young Voices

On Wednesday 31st January, the children in Key Stage Two travelled to London O2 to become part of the largest children's choir, as part of the Young Voices tour. They rehearsed and performed 8 full songs and joined in with songs performed by MC Grammar, Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell! It was an amazing experience for all involved and definitely something we will never forget. We have performed at London O2 with 9,000 other children with a huge audience to cheer us on - a true lifelong memory!

Children's Mental Health Week

Monday 5th Feb.
Scarf Life Bus



Tuesday 6th Feb.
Internet Safety Day



Wednesday 7th Feb.
Air Ambulance day



Friday 9th Feb -
Lizzie Bean



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Thank you to all those who generously contributed to our fund raising for the event. Special thanks to the Cirencester Knit & Natter group who provided unique bright green woolly hats. These hats ensured that Down Ampney children were visible to staff when moving around and to parents taking photos.

Delta Gymnastics

On Monday 29th January, the whole school were able to have a session at Delta gymnastics, learning



new skills and trying out lots of new equipment. The coaches had a whole host of activities for us to try including the vault, bars, track and many



more. It was great to be able to put our skills of balance, coordination and agility that we have been learning in PE into practise.

School Games Sporting Events

This term we have taken part in a Dodgeball tournament at Kingshill school, led by their fantastic sports leaders. We enjoyed putting our skills to the test and working as a team to improve our tactics throughout each game.

We have also attended a gymnastics festival at Cotswold Gymnastics and were able to follow a carousel of events using all of their different equipment. Each child received a values band at the end to show their dedication to showing the School Games values of Passion, Self-Belief, Respect, Honesty, Determination and Teamwork.

Christingle

On Monday 15th January we visited Gloucester Cathedral. We were joined by many other church schools from throughout Gloucestershire.

At the Cathedral, we came together with other church schools to celebrate the work done by the Children's Society. Each school donated money to the charity before coming together in prayer and song by candlelight.

Mosque Visit

Before our Cathedral visit we visited the Mosque where children learned about the 5 pillars of Islam, as well as experiencing the washroom and having a chance to try on traditional Muslim clothing. The Imam answered many questions the children had.

Class 2 Fieldwork

Last term, Class 2 went to the Down Ampney Brook for their geography fieldwork. They followed the route to the brook using an ordnance survey map and stopped to compare the local map at the church on their way. While at the brook, the children drew



field sketches and identified features such as the meander and how the water was higher due to recent rainfall. We also tested the speed of the river by dropping sticks one side of the river and timing how long they took to reach the other side.



Zip Line Physics

This week the children in class 1 made zip lines in Science, which they used to test which object would



travel the fastest or slowest. They started by making a prediction and then tested out their theories and made a conclusion at the end from what they found out.

The Reception children made houses for their toys and tested which material would make the best roof to keep their chosen toy dry.

Maplines

There was lots of excitement in Class 3 today when Mrs Russell brought in the latest copy of Maplines which contained an article she co-wrote! Photos and quotes from the children are also included.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 5th February - PSHE Parents' Information Session
- Friday 9th February - End of Term 3
- Monday 19th February - Start of Term 4
- Tuesday 20th February - KS2 theatre trip
- Tuesday 27th February - Y2 Assessment Information Evening
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day, author visit at Southrop
- Monday 11th March - KS2 K'nex challenge day

