

Happy EASTER



Easter Journey

On Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th March we were blessed with visitors from our local churches. They took us on a journey through Holy Week organised and led by Emily Donovan our local Children and Family Worker. We began at Palm Sunday, visited the temple where we made bags of coins. We carried on our journey through the desert where we experienced sand and water and when our hands were clean we sat down for the last supper. We started our journey again and met a roman soldier who guided us through the tomb into a celebration of Easter Sunday. All of the children had a wonderful experience.



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Green Park Radio Reporters visit the BBC

Green Park radio reporters were invited to the BBC studios at the Mailbox, Birmingham. We travelled by Tram into Birmingham City Centre and walked to the Mailbox. We had a fabulous day and had the chance to read auto cues on TV cameras to record the news and weather. They met Danny Kelly and watched him present radio WM live and even had a shout out on the radio. This was a fabulous opportunity and an amazing experience for all involved.



Radio WM



On the 21st of May 2017 we are entering the Dragon Boat Race at Himley. Last year we came 3rd which is an outstanding achievement not only for the school but was justified by the hard work, determination and team work which formed our success. This year we intend to raise a lot of money for two charities, the first Green Park School and the Second Birmingham's Children's Hospital. Come join us on the day and cheer us on and if you're a parent who would like to row by all means get in touch. Donations are welcome.





P-BONE CONCERT.

Primary School Students were treated to a wonderful performance by Brandon, Louis and Bradley playing the P-Bones. They were accompanied by our visiting Music Specialist Mr Iain Masson.

Louis said 'I was nervous and excited but I saw my friend Hannah in the audience so that helped'.

Brandon said 'I really enjoyed playing the P-Bone. There were lots of people but I enjoyed it.'

Bradley nodded when I asked him if he enjoyed working with Iain Masson.

This small group perform most Tuesday lunchtimes and entertain all who listen.

Thank you so much.

Ms K.McCardle



HOLLYWOOD BOWL AND COSMO

Class 14 had a fantastic day out where we visited Hollywood Bowl and Cosmo's! As part of our ASDAN and PPU accreditation, we had to plan a visit to a place in the community. We brainstormed lots of ideas before finally choosing bowling and Cosmo's, as this ensured everyone could participate and get involved!

Our topic this term is 'culture' and we got to taste a wide variety of foods from a range of different cultures whilst eating lunch at Cosmo's. It was delicious! We showed how independent we can be when making choices, collecting our own food, using cutlery, pouring our own drinks, paying the bill and showing off our impeccable manners! We had a great day! Ms S Watts

Green Park Cafe



We have opened the Green Park Cafe on a Tuesday morning between 9.30 and 12oclock to practise and consolidate the cookery skills we have learnt in our food technology lessons.

Classes have been to the cafe to purchase food and drinks encouraging communication and money skills .

We also served parents at a recent parent workshop for ICT showcasing our skills. Come along and join us to see just how much we have learnt



GREEN CLUSTER STAY AND PLAY

On the 22nd March, we invited Green Cluster parents into school for wiggle walk. We have been looking at the story of the Hungry Caterpillar and the children went on a 'wiggle walk' in the forest school and had a picnic with their family and friends. Parents loved going out with their children as they saw our fabulous out door provision. It was also a chance for parents to see their children's work and a chance for children to show off their achievements.

On the 15th March, Class One had a Cinderella Ball. We had lovely party food we had prepared beforehand and we listened to the Cinderella Story on the walkway and we did some ballroom dancing!

Thanks

Miss H Proudler



Wingate March 2017

Pupils had a fab time at Wingate, exploring the gym and its equipment to practice their motor skills, being brave at the aquarium to feel the fish and some brilliant tracking as the sharks swam above our heads.



Some people call this work we say its play time in the gymnasium!

WORLD BOOK DAY 2017

We celebrated World Book day on Friday 3rd March and it was great to see so many pupils, and staff dressing up as their favourite literary characters. It was a fun-filled day of Literacy activities with opportunities to explore different big books in the school library, watch and read different books on the interactive plasma screens in classrooms and show our costumes off to our friends.

Pupils had a great time watching 'The Pout Pout Fish' by Deborah Diesen before taking part in water activities in the PE hall, hunting for fish in Jelly, hiding under materials and even painting scenes from the story.

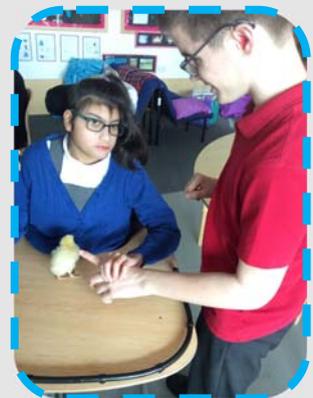
Other pupils took the opportunity to read Eric Carle's 'Pancakes, Pancakes!' before heading off to the kitchens and following instructions to make and decorate pancakes. We'd like to say a massive thank you to all parents and pupils for supporting this activity day. We're already looking forward to next year's antics.



Mrs K Kirkham



LIVING EGGS PROJECT—Class 13 had the exciting opportunity to look after 'Hatching Chicks' this spring term. The pupils watched the eggs hatch into lovely fluffy chicks. They worked hard to look after them and remembered to clean them, feed them and give them water. Pupils from other classes came to visit the chicks and monitor their progress. It was a pleasure sharing this experience with the whole school and seeing the pupils excitement.





Orange Cluster News

Orange cluster have had a busy half term, working alongside our resident artist George to create a jungle theme for Orange cluster. The children painted and printed leaves, spread paint in tubing to create a rainbow, used acetate sheets to create birds, a snake, and a mobile of birds from paper mache, paint and of course a bit of glitter!

Class 9 have been busy visiting with Mrs Dawney to receive Headteacher awards, especially Stephen for his brick laying skills with Weetabix and honey, we are learning skills for life in Orange cluster!

Children from the cluster have taken part in two residential's, one to Wingate and the other to Kingswood, allowing the children to develop their communication skills through listening, vocalising and following instructions; daily living skills and personal hygiene skills as well as meeting new people and developing their independence away from home.

Orange cluster are sad to say goodbye to class 8 teacher Mrs Timmins, but wish her luck with her new adventures in Devon, and we welcome Mrs Thomas to the cluster.

Downs Syndrome Awareness Week

Lewis Hall from Class 4 wore odd socks to school on 21st March 2017 to raise awareness of Downs Syndrome. Staff in Class 4 decided to join in too. The photograph shows our odd socks. Well done Lewis for raising awareness.



Fundraising and Donations

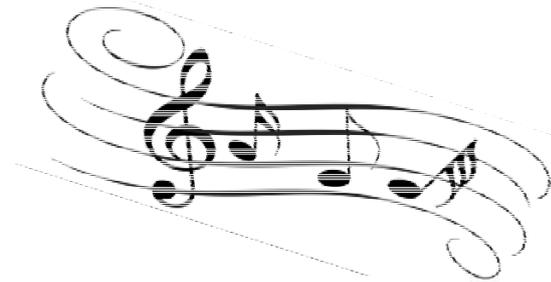
Wear a hat day for the Brain Tumour charity raised £99.00 class 3 and class 6 won the competition for best hat.

Thank you to Cheryl Finch who donated £110.00 from a football card





Class Four were set a challenge by Class 14. They bought ingredients for Class 4 to make some meals to be judged by Brandon, Chand and Simran. The Green Pepper team Laila, Maiya, Lewis and Byron were judged as the winners. The Red Tomatoes Callum, Nikhil, Daniela and Zahra were very close runners up. Thank you to Shiona (school nurse) who was our guest judge and had the deciding vote! Class 4 loved the sensory experience of feeling the textures and smelling the ingredients- not to mention tasting later. Thank you C14.



Primary Choir is going from strength to strength. I'm so pleased to see many happy faces on a Monday lunchtime while Rob Craner and Paul Wilcox sing with our young people. Not only is it lovely to hear the music and singing but it's also great to see pupils have opportunity to interact with their friends. Next term the choir will be on the move entertaining Green Cluster Pupils on the Playground (weather permitting) or around the school at different venues. Well done Primary!!



YELLOW CLUSTER PLAY AND STAY—30TH MARCH

Yellow Cluster held their spring term stay and play for parents. Parents joined their child's class group where they participated in lots of Easter activities including cooking and card making. The garden project Class 6 have worked very hard on the garden project everyone found out what clothes and equipment they needed to wear and use whilst outside. Lots of different seeds were planted and hopefully we will have fresh potatoes, onions and beans



Shop to Drop Fashion Show — February 28th 2017

Green Park School held its first fashion show and we were delighted with the response from the school and wider school community.

We raised £964.00 on the night which was match funded by Barclays Bank.

Thank you to everyone who attended and donated raffle prizes we are looking forward to our next fashion show.



Beth Coulter—Barclays Bank



BINGO

Bingo Night

Green Park School Bingo Night

Friday May 5th 2017, 7.00pm for a 7.15pm start

Tickets are now available at £6.00 and this includes Fish, Sausage or Roe and chips - please see Carol, Irene or Kerry

Strips cost from £1.00—2 houses are a guaranteed £100 prize.

50% of income goes to Green park School and 50% is house prize money

Good luck

Red Cluster



Pupils had a fantastic time on red nose day and loved getting out of their chairs and moving to the music. Pupils were dancing and moving down the red carpet under the spotlight! Come and check out our Red nose day display by the PE hall!

Class ten have had a fantastic term learning about their right to be a child! They especially loved learning and exploring the right to clean water and enjoyed taking care of their environment. They were fantastic at cleaning up their outdoor area! Class 10 have been working very hard at choice making on ipads to help make important independent decisions.

Kirsten, Rudolf and Dean have really enjoyed their morning sessions in the sensory gym and returned to class each morning ready for their work tasks!



Class 11

Class 11 are an extremely sociable group. They have fantastic relationships with everybody both children and staff. The class have welcomed lots of new members this year including two new members of staff and have been very supportive and welcoming. Olivia has shown amazing progression over the course of the year along with Samirah and Shannon with their intensive interaction with unfamiliar members of staff. Everyone shows kindness and are very helpful. Their communication skills are improving more and more every day.

CLASS 12

6th formers in class 12 have started Archery this half term. Students have made great progress and are thoroughly enjoying the new activity.

Class 12 continue their pizza enterprise project's, they take orders, buy ingredients and follow steps to make pizza and salad for staff every Friday,

Each week class 12 go orienteering to Himley and Baggeridge Park.



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Learning for Life



Headteacher's comment



We are so proud of the pupils hard work this term. Classrooms are busy and vibrant places and all the children's displays are celebrating their learning.

We have had great news about this year's leavers programme and pupils' are looking forward to starting their transition programmes after Easter. Many new parents have visited school and our pupils have offered them a warm welcome and have been brilliant ambassadors.

We are looking forward to the summer term with play and stay events, activity week, Prize giving and Parents evening for parents and carers to join in with. We hope you enjoy your school holiday.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RETURN TO SCHOOL—MONDAY, 24TH APRIL 2017
MAY BANK HOLIDAYS 1ST MAY & 29TH MAY 2017
HALF TERM—MONDAY, 29TH MAY —FRIDAY, 2ND JUNE 2017
RETURN TO SCHOOL— MONDAY, 5TH JUNE 2017
SCHOOL FINISHES— TUESDAY, 25TH JULY 2017