



# The Hayfield Herald

## Y4 Charity Art Auction



*Year 4 are going all out for charity this week, Reception had some special visitors, The Awesome Authors Agency is back and we have been very philosophical!*

On Thursday Year 4 hosted an art gallery event for parents to raise money for the charity 'Send a Cow'. Last term in their RE work with Miss Priestley the children were looking at Christianity in action and the impact that charity support has for many different people across the world. As part of this work they researched many different charities and the children chose Send a Cow as the one they would like to support. They then created some amazing African inspired artwork which Miss Priestley has framed. For the art gallery event all of the artwork was on display and the children had created a presentation to explain about what they had done and why they are supporting this charity. The parents then got a chance to view all of the artwork before very kindly donating money for each picture to take home and raise money for this very well deserving charity. Send a Cow is a fantastic charity which raises money to support people in Africa to support themselves. There are different levels of support and Year 4 are aiming to raise £100 to pay for an allotment in a village where food can be grown. Thank you to all who donated both at the event and at celebration assembly today where we also showed the presentation. Photos from the event will be on our blog soon

In Reception they also had a special event on Thursday as they launched their mystery reader afternoons. They have asked parents (and family members) if they would like to come in each Thursday and read a favourite story to the children. This is great for the children to hear different people share stories and also shows them that reading is important and enjoyed by grown-ups to. Huge thanks to Pearl's Mum in Bumblebee's and Miss Rose's Dad who came in to be our first mystery readers. Thank you to all signed up already from Reception. If there are any of you from other year groups who would like to come in and share a story with Reception please let the office know. The Reception Team have also decided to start posting on our Twitter feed some of the things they are doing so if you are on there and don't already follow us it's @hayfield\_cross

We have had some lovely Worship Wednesdays over the last couple of weeks. Last week Miss Mulroy taught us all about Martin Luther King as it was MLK day that week. It was a really interesting assembly and brilliant to learn more about this very important historical figure. This week Rev Eleanor taught us all about the importance of teamwork and all about how this was shown by Jesus' disciples.

Over the last couple of weeks Miss Priestley has also been trialling Philosophy for Children (P4C) with Key Stage 2. This initiative fits very closely with our ethos and how we teach the children to be reflective and think. To start with they have been thinking about democracy, tolerance of others' views and opinions, liberty (freedom of speech) and respect for others when they are sharing ideas which are closely linked to the 'British Values'. The children have shown very grown up attitudes and opinions with this and we are looking forward to developing this more over the coming months.

Our Awesome Authors Agency reopened last week with the task being to retell the story of Noah's Ark either as a story or as a persuasive poster advertising the ark. Many children have had a go at the assignment already and next week we will choose the best submissions who will be awarded a prize!

Next Friday we will be saying goodbye to two of our staff. Mrs Jolly will be leaving us to take up a promotion as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant in another school. This will be great for her and we are very grateful for all that she has done for Hayfield Cross having been here since our very first day! Details of our new TA will be shared soon. We will also be saying goodbye to Miss Reeve our Lunchtime Supervisor who is moving on to pastures new. We wish them both all the best in their new jobs. Mrs Tamla Bryan will be joining us from next week as our new Lunchtime Supervisor – welcome aboard!

You may also have seen a new face in Year 2 recently with Miss Farquhar joining Year 2 as a Teaching student on her final placement who has made a fantastic start with us.

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