



# The Hayfield Herald

## Living in America!



There has been so much going on in school over the last two weeks and there's even more to come as we head to the end of the year! We had our school improvement partner (who is a leading Ofsted inspector) in this week and looked at our 'cultural capital' which is all the enrichment we do. She was really impressed with all the amazing opportunities we are able to offer and enjoy.

Yesterday we had an amazing treat of the Seekers Class assembly all about their current theme of 'Living in America'. We learned about the founding pilgrims travelling on the Mayflower, the War of Independence and how the states and their flag have developed over the years. The children were absolutely brilliant and wowed us all and their parents. Well done Seekers!

Last week we had a very special visitor in school as Bishop John (Bishop of Brixworth and Peterborough) came to visit us and lead collective worship. Bishop John has a close affiliation with our school as he was the driving force behind it's opening and was our first chair of governors. We shared with the children how the school was named (I chose the Hayfield and Bishop John chose the Cross) and how we created the school with the shadow governors before it opened. What was really special was that Bishop John saw our lovely vision mural (our vision of Joshua 1:9 we decided a few years later) and he was touched because it was actually his own favourite bible verse as a child. On Monday I also shared with the children the photos of the school as it was being built and our first year as a school, starting with 10 children and ending with 44 at the end of the year – a long way from the 417 we have now!

On Wednesday, Year 1 had their class trip as they headed off to deepest darkest Sywell Country Park to become explorers. Led by park rangers they discovered habitats and creatures, they had a go at pond dipping to see what lives in the water and went on an adventure trail. A brilliant time was had by all, huge thanks to all the staff and volunteers who organised and supported the trip.

Today Year 2 are also off on their class trip to Twycross Zoo. They will be doing loads of brilliant things today and no doubt having fun and we look forward to hearing about it when they get back.

Following on from their successful Mother's Day event Reception hosted a Father's Day sports afternoon last week. Thank you to all the parents/ grandparents who joined us, it was amazing to see so many of you and thank you for all the lovely feedback.

Last Monday Miss Walker (our computing leader) presented some of our IT experts with special badges as they now become our 'Digital Leaders'. The Digital Leaders will have a range of responsibilities from helping their classmates (and teachers!) to organising and setting up equipment. The children had to apply for the role and Miss Walker spoke to their teachers about who would be best. It was a very tough choice as there are so many children who are great at computing at Hayfield Cross.

Following on from our SATs tests recently our Year 4 children have now completed the governments online Multiplication Tables Check and Year 1 children their Phonics Screening. The children were all awesome at tackling these and the results will be shared with the end of year reports (as will the SATs)

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*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.  
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go<sup>3</sup> (Joshua 1:9)*

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