



The Hayfield Herald

Interfaith Day

Sadly, we are still in the grips of Covid and since half term have seen a continual rise in cases as expected (and seen in many other schools). We have been working with the local authority public health team who have been impressed with all of the measures we have taken and that we have done all we can to stop the spread. The only additional direction they have given is to halt collective worship and group gatherings together in the hall again. Although we had already moved to Key Stage assemblies we have now stopped all of them temporarily in the hope we can have them back together before Christmas. The children are still having the same collective Worship each day but it is in the classrooms or year groups instead. We have made the decision that we are not going to stop any of the external clubs and visitors (who all follow our Covid safe rules) as we feel these are really important for the children. Please continue to support us with wearing masks and distancing on site. We do share your frustrations that we have these restrictions imposed on schools yet people are allowed to mix freely in public events etc. but we can only do our best with what we have.

Last Friday we held our first Interfaith Day across the school. The children learned about features of different religions and the symbols they use. This is something that they visit as part of the RE curriculum but Interfaith Day enabled them to compare the features of different religions, how they are different and also how they are also similar. We had a range of different religious artefacts that the children could explore from the religions they were studying and we were particularly impressed with the mature and respectful questions the older children came up with.

One thing we are really excited to be doing again are school trips! These are an important part of our enriched curriculum and something that we want all children to be able to enjoy and experience. Yesterday Year 3 went to Flag Fen, a Bronze Age archaeological park near Peterborough. At the Centre the children got to experience Bronze age living inside a reconstructed round house. They learned about the huge cause way that they built in ancient times and saw the amazingly well preserved Bronze Age boats that have been conserved there. The children had an amazing time at Flag Fen and it was lovely to see their excitement this morning from having been on a school trip again.

Last week Year 1 also went out of school on a local visit when they walked to St.Botolph's Church as part of their learning on places of worship. St.Botolph's is one of our link churches (along with Christ the King) and the access via the new road has made it so much easier to get to!

Miss Mulroy has been super busy of late as the Kettering School Sports Partnership has been organising loads of brilliant events for us to take part in. The most recent was a KS2 athletics event which a team of children headed to KLV to compete in. They also got to wear our new sports team hoodies with 'Team Orange' on the back which look amazing (and the staff all want them now as well!). In all of these events our children represent and compete with integrity and fellowship showing excellent sportsmanship. Other schools and the organisers always comment on how smart and well behaved our children are which is always wonderful to hear. This week there was also a cross country competition and the children competing did really well qualifying for the next round.

The Bike ability sessions have continued to be successful and popular. The older children doing the higher part of the course have now been out on the roads practicing their safety and skills in real life situations. The children have been superb and we are really pleased that there has been such a large take up for the children to learn these important skills.

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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 go³ (Joshua 1:9)*

Joy - Integrity - Fellowship