



The Hayfield Herald



We have been learning about Easter in school and finding out all about the different elements of the Easter story which is such an important part of our Christian calendar. On Wednesday we were so pleased to have KS1 and KS2 together in the hall for Worship Wednesday with Rev. Eleanor. Most exciting was the debut of our school song which Eleanor has been working on with our Spiritual Ambassadors. She also came in on Thursday along with Helen Tilney from St.Bots to support our Salvation Day project with Key Stage 2 yesterday. Across the school in classrooms, the hall, hub, diner and outside there were different stations where the children moved round through the afternoon learning about different elements of Easter and even more importantly sharing and discussing their ideas and thoughts. It was an amazing event organised by Miss Farquhar alongside some colleagues from St.Marys CE Primary in Kettering.

On a sad note though it was one of our last visits from Rev. Eleanor (although she will be back one last time after the holidays so we can say goodbye). Rev Eleanor has been a huge part of our school from the very beginning (even before me!) and she is loved and valued by everyone in our school. Personally, and on behalf of the staff, we will miss her greatly but are thankful for the journey we have had together. She has sent the following message to everyone:

'I'm writing to let you know that I am on the move and will be leaving Kettering soon. I have been appointed to a new job in Leamington Spa, in the Diocese of Coventry and will be moving in May. It is going to be very hard to move and one of the things I will miss most is coming to Hayfield Cross for Wednesday Worship, recording songs, RE lessons and other things too. It has been an absolute pleasure to be involved with Hayfield Cross, from before the school had a building, a name or even any teachers! I remember the first assembly I led with just a few children in one of the classrooms, and now I come into school to the buzz of excited pupils and classrooms full! I will be praying for you as a school and will always be thankful for each one of you. Thank you children and thank you staff. Much love and God bless, Eleanor Jeans

Today Year 5 are shooting for the stars off on a trip to the Space Centre in Leicester. They have really enjoyed their theme of Intergalactic Adventure and their study of the space race. Today they will be bringing all of their learning to life and seeing real space craft and learning even more about what we have achieved in space.

Last weekend we hope that lots of you celebrated a fantastic Mother's Day. Huge thanks to TOPs and their volunteers who had been in school over the previous weeks working with the children to make and select gifts for the special people in their life who care for them. It was a massive undertaking for TOPs and they made it happen – well done! We were also super pleased to be able to host our Reception Mother's Day craft event in the hall again. Brilliantly organised by our Reception team it felt really great to have parents in the hall sharing activities with their children again.

As we are sure you are aware the last term has been extremely difficult for us with the impact of Covid (and the other illnesses that seem to be everywhere at the moment) on staff and children. True to our vision we have remained brave and resilient and kept going. A huge thanks to all of our staff for their support and flexibility in making it all work, they have been magnificent.

At the end of the term we are sad to announce that Mrs Johnson will be leaving us. Mrs Johnson is a HLTA who works across the school covering the teachers for PPA. She has been with us for 6 years and worked with all of the children. She is moving to take on a full time HLTA role and everyone wishes her all the best in her new role.

Craig Charteris Head Teacher

*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)*

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