

Engineering Week

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Where we learned the meaning of Maranatha with Reverend Eleanor, Year 3 became Archaeologists and our Spiritual Ambassadors led their first collective worship.

What a success Engineering Week 2018 was! On Monday morning, Miss Priestley launched the week with an assembly and the children left feeling full of excitement and enthusiasm for the mystery projects that awaited them.....all week the children worked on different problems to solve from making structures to protect Humpty Dumpty to building Marble Maze Runs for the Queen of the Greek Gods! The children in KS1 and KS2 had a wonderful time investigating, planning, discussing, building, tweaking and showing great teamwork. At the end of the week we had a 'Grand Exhibition' where over a hundred family members came into school to look at the amazing things the children had been doing during the week. A huge thank you to TOPs for organising and hosting the refreshments and the activities in the hall and also to amazing engineers; Mr and Mrs Charnley for running some workshops for Year 4 and Year 2 during the week. Mr Charnley worked with Year 4 on bridge construction and Mrs Charnley ran a design workshop focussed around shoes. It was both enriching and inspirational for our children so thank you very much for your time.

Year 3 enjoyed a trip out to Flag Fen Archaeology Park. It is home to a unique ancient wooden monument; a kilometre long wooden causeway and platform which are perfectly preserved in the wetland. 3300 years ago this was built and used by the Prehistoric fen people as a place of worship and ritual. 60,000 upright timbers and 250,000 horizontal planks are buried under the ground along with many swords and personal items given as offerings to the watery fen. The children did lots of activities and investigated life during the Bronze Age.

On Monday the unstoppable TOPs hosted our annual Christmas Fayre. It was a fabulous event with a great variety of activities and stalls and of course a visit to Santa in his grotto. The halls were packed with people and made it a really enjoyable and successful event. Thanks to all the volunteers, staff and governors who supported by running stalls. Also, a very special thanks to the organisers who, as always, made it amazing and we know how much time and energy it took to put it all together – great job!

At Worship Wednesday this week we had a surprise as Rev Andy couldn't make it so Rev Eleanor stepped in instead. We had a lovely collective worship about advent and thinking about waiting for something good to happen. We learned the term 'Maranatha' which translates to 'the Lord is coming', a wonderful message on the run up to Christmas.

We are beyond proud of our Spiritual Ambassadors this morning! Last week they led their first ever Collective Worship on the British Value of Tolerance and shared a story about how we can respect each other and accept that people can have different opinions but can still get along. The children were very nervous but overcame this and showed great resilience. The rest of the children who watched them, from Reception to Year 5, listened attentively and showed their support in a way that has become exactly what our school is all about! Well done children!

Year 1 have been learning all about Charles Wicksteed and why he is important to our local area. This week, we had a visitor come to talk to us all about his life and Wicksteed Park. We were amazed to learn that the Log Flume, built in 1926, is not only the oldest water ride in England but in fact in the whole world! We even got to pretend we were going down the flume and many of us would have liked to have been splashed by the water.

Yesterday we had a huge treat with the theatre production of Treasure Island for all the children in the hall. The show was put on by Chaplains Theatre Company and was a real hit with the children. The hall was set up with professional stage backgrounds and lights and the three actors played all of the parts. There was a lot of shouting and joining in and even a singalong of baby shark! We were really pleased afterwards when the company told us that the children were loud, brilliant and the best behaved school they have been to.

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