FARM NEWS

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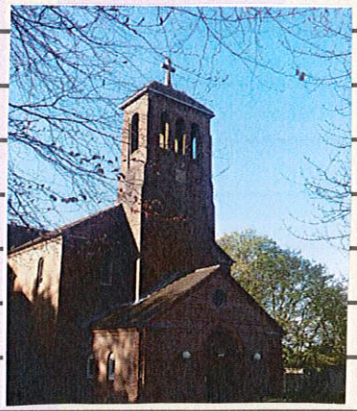
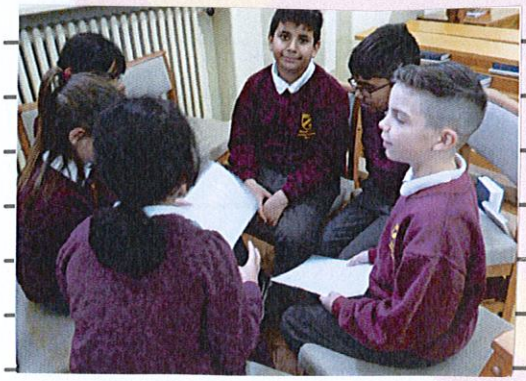
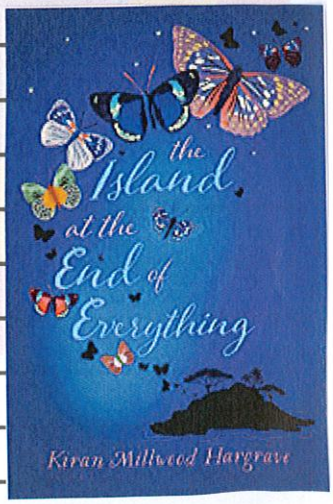
Welcome to the first edition of Farm News! In this edition you will find a variety of articles: interviews, a book review, school news, an overview of two topics and a school visit. We hope you enjoy reading our work as we worked exceedingly hard to complete it. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and we hope you enjoy your holidays.







Shod News!

Here at Moat Farm we love to let you know about all the latest news and activities happening across the curriculum. From our school achievements to the winners of fun contests, this article will let you know about our schools progress and success. Are your intrigued? If so, read on.

Odd Socks day - anti bullying week

On Tuesday the 12th November, our school decided to raise awarness of bullying and we as students were amazed to find out on this date we could come in wearing odd socks! Throughout the years bullying has become widespread and many people can put their hands up and they can say they have been a victim of this hatred, so odd socks day was one of the many activities we did on anti-bullying week to fight against bullying and raise awarness of it.

Children in Need

As you may know, Children in Need day is a staple for any school all around the UK. So to raise money for this charity, we went above and beyond by offering our pupils with the opportunity to wear pudsy related clothes. This opportunity came with the price of a small donation and we raised a whopping £293 which all went to this amazing charity who help many children who are less fortunate than others.

School achievements

Mrs Shaw (our deputy head) is the leader of our handwriting. She has seen some super stars when it comes to neat work; as a result, penfiscences have been up and running and so many students have been receiving this prestigious reward! 'So many parents came to me and expressed how proud they were of their children!' We also raised an amazing £195.30 for our macmillan fund and every

penny collected went to help the cause.

Competitions

We all know winter is coming, and we all especially know what surprise winter brings, so we have had many christmas themed competitions along the years including the classic Snowman Competition. For this crafty contest, students were asked to create a snowman on an A4 sheet of paper (using no glitter or wool) and hand it in to our helpful dinner staff before the 2nd of December. I am happy to know and now announce that the winners from our school are year 6 Coco and Brandon. A non-christmas themed competition was our Peter the Pumkin challenge, and I'm happy to announce Aryan Sahaunta for guessing the winning weight of 3245g correctly. A special thanks to Mr Adams and our freindly gardining club for growing Peter.

BOOKS!!!

Here at Moat Farm we believe every student has the right to read for pleasure, however, We've found many children get bored by reading. We have decided we can help this issue! Each classroom has created a reading corner, where all the pupils could put their crafty skills at work and take part. Not only did this strengthen our teamwork, It also made reading fun! New books have been added to encourage our students to read. In our annual bookfair we raised an amazing £912! Each and every penny of that money has gone to buying more books and right now our library is undergoing a transformation. Our students really do love reading!

Imyaah - Green 6

Librarian Interview

I interviewed Mrs Rose (our school librarian) and asked her some questions about books and she responded with some interesting answers, that would encourage children to read more than they do. Are you intrigued to find out her answers? Read on.....

Why do you like reading?

Because you can lose yourself in a book but it's got to be the right book for you.

What are your favourite books?

I like reading happy stories and uplifting books. I'm currently reading The corner shop at Cockleberry Bay.

Why do you think children should read?

Firstly it expands your vocabulary, children can pick up lots of information from reading and books fuel your imagination.

How can we encourage children to read more?

Finding books that they want and enjoy reading and if children read in groups.

Where would you find the most interesting books?

A shop in Birmingham called Peter's Books.

Did we have lots of customers at the book fair?

Yes it was extremely busy during school and after school everyday.

How much money did we raise at the book fair?

We have raised £1628.28 at our book fair. This gives us £912.77 to spend on books for class reading and the library.

Published by Lilly-May Duggan Blue 5

Marvellous Mayans?

If you already don't know, the Mayans were a civilisation that lived many years ago in the centre of a rainforest. They lived from 1800 B.C to 250 A.D.

Similarities ~~for~~ with another civilisation:
They were similar to the well-known Romans: they both did trading; were very smart; both used money and had very smart architectures. They were also the most smartest people during their time period. They also wore clothes (unlike the stone age) made from the fur that they used to make them warm and they used the fur of the animals that they killed.

Food:
The Mayans had many similar food to what we eat nowadays even-though they lived many milenniums ago! Believe it or not, they also had hot chocolate, vanilla, maize, which is like corn and sweet potatoes. They even had a God of Maize!

Gods:
The Mayans had a variety of gods. Just to name a few of the gods they were: the God of the Sun, the God of the Rain, a god with a flat face and (as you already know) a God of Maize. They respected their gods so much that when babies were born, they'd flatten their faces: they could look like a god! They would also make kings and queens spike their tounge and offer their blood to the gods!

Interesting facts
The Mayans painted their pyramids red: they thought their pyramids were alive! They always thought that being cross-eyed made you look beautiful so they made their young cross-eyed by holding string ~~swaying~~ swaying in opposite directions so that eventualy they turn cross-eyed. They would kill Jaguars and use their skin as a jumper to keep them warm. After doing this, they would consume the flesh to become more strong. Poc-A-Toc (which is like basket-ball) was considered as their religon.

'I enjoyed when we learnt about the Mayans and their sytem for how they used numbers. It wasn't as hard as it looks; it was actual quite easy.' -stated coco.

'All the lessons were fun however overall, I really enjoyed the numbers lessons as I would have never thought that they would use lines, dots and place value charts.' - stated Crystal.

'I mostly enjoyed when we first learnt about everything in our first lesson. Before I knew about the Mayans, I used to think that the Romans were very strict and did things that were very violent and dangerous.' - stated Taani

Kuran Blue 6

Here at Moat Farm, we like doing a lot of interviews (which in itself explains that we have an extraordinary amount of teachers and staff). This support enables us to enjoy after-school clubs. As a result, I have interviewed one of the leaders in our newest club, Mr Gregory.

Why do you like Gardening club?

"Gardening club is fantastic, it's great spending time with them and introducing them to something I like. Especially like spending time with Mr Adams (the gardening club leader)."

How is Peter? (soon to be stew)

"Peter the pumpkin is doing well, and he now has a sister, Paula the pumpkin, who is growing now as we speak. Peter the pumpkin has helped spread the word of gardening club around the school. We also raised a lot of money for club by introducing a competition where pupils tried to guess the weight of Peter."

What do you do in gardening?

"So far, we have planted sweet peas, which will flower in Spring; we have planted crocus bulbs in special containers; we have also planted spring bulbs around Forest School, as well as onion and garlic. We've prepared the raised beds for planting next year; also strawberries. And most recently, the very messy activity of turf rolling."

Saabi Red 6

St Hilders church visit

On the 17th November Yellow 5 and Red 5 went on a trip to St Hilders church for their new topic 'christianity'. In this trip they learned alot of facts about Jesus then, read an extract and answered some questions about it. Here are some of the facts:

- Jesus has two fathers, God and Joseph
- Jesus was born in a stable and he was born on christmas day
- He died on a cross when it was Easter.
- He had 12 disciples (one betrayed him)
- Jesus wasn't christian he was jewish
- Jesus was ruled by the Romans
- There are two parts to the bible, the Old Testament which has 39 books in it and the New Testament which has 27 books inside

Jesus was a great person and still is. In the extract below it tells you what Jesus said and how kind he was to people.

'The king invited all of his friends to a humongus gathering, but all of them gave an excuse not to come. One said 'I just got married', the others said 'We're ill'. The king was furious that no one his friends came, so he said 'Search the town for the poor, the lame, the blind and the crippled'. And so he did, they invited the poor, the lame, the blind and the crippled.
Moral- Be kind to the less fortunate.

Lastly some people were interviewed about their perceptions of the trip.
Miss Roberts - I enjoyed watching and listening to the children engaging in the lesson.
Mrs Talbot Y5 - I loved how the leader was enthusiastic and how the children knew alot about christianity.

Caitlyn Yellow 5

The island at the end of everything
Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Book review

The island at the end of everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave, is a book depicting the mistreatment of men and women suffering with Leprosy. I enjoyed this book and would recommend to anyone. You can find this book in the reading corner in yellow six which I think - not being biased - is the best book corner in upper school, what do you think?

In the first part of the book it is set on Culion Island, The Philippines in 1906, it follows the life of Amihan the daughter of a woman suffering with Leprosy. Everything was content and peaceful until a group of doctors arrive from Manila with the goal to withdraw everyone that does not have leprosy from the island. Most of the people that will be affected by the move will be the children with leper parents; including Amihan. The response from the public was negative, unfortunetly, their views were not taken into consideration.

To know who to take off the island everyone had to take a test. Whilst this was happening, new buildings were being constructed in preparation for the new arrivals. Unfortunetly, Amihan has to move to a former leper colony - Coron - where people under eighteen have to live until they are of age and they can move back to Culion, however, they are forced to live in the 'Sano' areas. Away from her mother.

What will happen next? How will this impact young Amihan's life? Read this bestseller to find out ...

Crystal Thompson Yellow 6

Recap of the Romans!

During autumn 1, year 5 learnt all about the Romans! We had multiple lessons on the Empire and even even had a visitor! If you would like to learn some facinating facts, read on.....

The Empire:

Greece, Spain, Germany and many more countries were conquered by the Romans and joined the very powerful Roman Empire. Julius Ceaser ruled for some time before dying of a week long fever. This made a dip in the Empire.

Positioning:

During battles, year 5 learnt that the Romans had many positions. One was called the turtle and this is where they surrounded themselves with ~~sheited~~ sheilds to protect them from speares, arrows and any swords.

Pompeii:

This tiny town was destroyed by the mosterous Mount Versuvious. Ash, lava and fire caused devistation among the people. The town was not considered a town for 1700 years.

Our Visitor:

This is a day where we had a lot of learning about Roman history. He told us about the wepons, laws and the very strict rulers that the Roman people had to deal with. He told us the story of Boudicca and we found out that she should have ~~got the~~ kept that treaty going!

Rulers / Laws:

I am talking about Emporer Nero because he was just such a prankster. I am also talking about the

Emporer that ordered the Romans to conquer Britain. There were many ridiculous rules in those times.

Quotes: Favorite Lesson.

"Hadrian's wall, I think this because it addressed misconceptions." Miss Roberts, Red 5.

"Roman Visitor day, because he told me things I didn't know about Roman & British history." Leo O, Red 5

"Learning about the Roman Army and how they became so powerful." Mrs Takah, Yellow 5.

"I really enjoyed making the sandals in art and I found it really fascinating to learn about Romans in general." Katie F, Red 5.

Callum - Red 5

WINTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Are you a bit bored during the holidays? Well, here are some winter holiday activities for you and your family to get stuck into. Read on....

- Have a pajama day.
- Watch a film with your family.
- Play a board game.
- Go for a walk.
- Bake some cookies
- Read a book.
- Make something creative.
- Visit a relative.
- Make a hot chocolate.
- Do something nice for someone.
- Visit a museum.
- Paint/draw a picture.
- Go to the park.
- Bake a cake.
- Write a letter.
- Visit a christmas event.
- Eat a meal as a family.
- Play outside.
- Have a family games night.
- Go to the library.
- Have a family day.