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FROM THE HEADMASTER

It is appropriate, as we move on from remembrance, that our focus shifts to service. It has been a week in which our Junior and Senior choirs have sung to raise funds for *Children In Need*, for in serving they too are served, realising that their efforts matter, that they can make a difference, building self-esteem, resilience and confidence. Well done to all and to the many members of the school community who have supported this important annual initiative.

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA



Pupils from Years 2 to 6 were in fine voice today in Beccles town centre, as they sang continuously for one hour in a bid to beat the total they raised for *Children In Need* last year. They performed a selection of songs, including many of the more rousing assembly hymns. Lots of parents came to support the children's efforts and thankfully, with relatively clement weather, there were plenty of passers-by, many of whom commented on the children's enthusiasm and hard work. Thank you to everyone who donated and supported. - Mr Spencer



This week, the children in Reception have been talking lots about the amazing school fireworks at last Friday's Bonfire and Fireworks Party!

We decided to put our fine motor skills to the test and create our own in coloured sand. It was great fun making shapes and practising controlling the brush, we even named our fireworks and talked about the sounds they made when they exploded in the sky! Excellent skills and creativity, maybe we will have some future firework designers in the class!

- Miss Doughty



In our science lessons we have been working on living things and what they need to survive, including how to keep our bodies healthy. We looked at the different food groups and the foods which belong to each group. We used this knowledge to make our own healthy picnic. We had great fun making sandwiches ourselves and trying out some new fruits.

- Mrs Solomon



Pupils in Year 2 and 3 visited *Africa Alive* as part of their topic studies. We were fortunate enough to attend an educational workshop about the different environments found in Africa - from desert to jungle. The pupils were able to get hands on with animals such as the Darb Spiney tailed lizard, hissing cockroach and a milk snake. Just as the weather had cleared up we headed out around the rest of the park to explore the variety of animals, a firm favourite was the lemur encounter. A great day. - Mrs Solomon & Miss Bennie



Zoological Studies.





Year Four continued their study of biographies this week by focussing on some of the inventors and their inventions which have shaped our world. From considering modern inventions to those from history, the children have enjoyed studying the significant historical relevance of such developments. The latter of which formed the basis of a stimulating lesson this week where we studied the invention of the telephone and Graham Alexander Bell's reason and method for inventing it. - Mr Hunt



Book Bonanza.

There was great delight this week as the travelling book fair opened its doors. Excited pupils were keen to browse the shelves for literary goodies, and it was wonderful to see them chattering happily about their new acquisitions. Much thanks and praise to the Year Six pupils who set up and ran the fair. Thanks also to parents and grandparents for their support - a proportion of the money spent will earn free books for the school. - Mrs Sonn



Book Fair Excitement.





Pupils in Year 6 have been exploring the Welsh artist Kyffin Williams. He was well known for using a knife to create his scenic pictures, creating texture and depth. Pupils used their sketchbooks to explore his work, creating some lovely experiments. This will continue next week where they will recreate one of his pieces using different coloured card. I am looking forward to seeing what they create.

- Miss Bennie



Rugby Drills.





Working on strength by swimming lengths and practising breast stroke leg kicks.





Preparation for Christmas has started in the art after school club! The pupils are creating their own reindeer wreath and have started by making pom poms. The pupils have shown resilience during this making process.

- Miss Bennie



Christmas Fair

Saturday 3rd December | 11am - 2pm



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