

Outrageous October

The Curriculum Newsletter for Whimble Primary

Welcome

This is the second edition of our new curriculum newsletter, here's what the pupils have been up to through the month of October.

Quilting Project Display

On a wet weekend in the middle of October the finished quilting project pieces by Year 6 were displayed at the apple day at Killerton, alongside five other schools in our Local Learning Community. Hopefully, some of you braved the elements to see them, they looked fantastic.



Reception Starters

For those who missed seeing the photograph in the Express and Echo, here it is. Don't they look lovely with all their smiley faces.



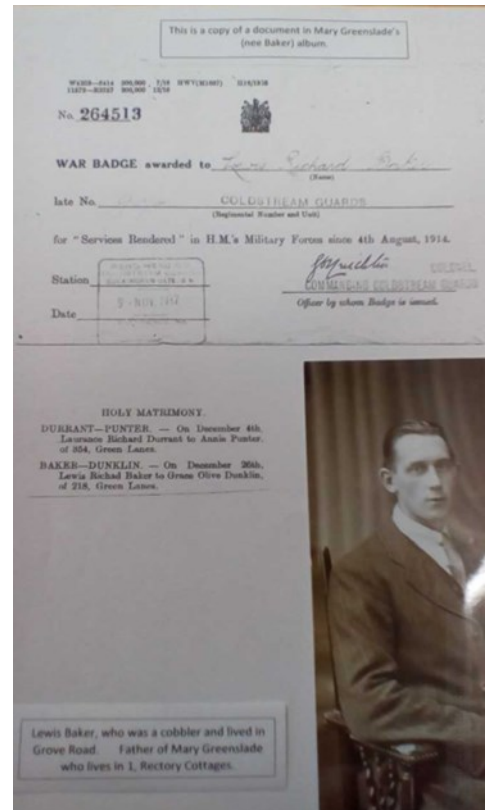
Visit to Heritage Centre

During October, Oak, Beech and Willow classes all visited the Heritage Centre as part of their study of the events of World War One. While at the centre, the pupils handled artefacts, documents and photos that helped to explain the roles that the men, women and children of Whimble had throughout the First World War. It was great to learn about the lives of people living locally over a hundred years ago and we would like to thank the volunteers from the Heritage Centre for giving up their time to help the pupils learn more about this period of history.



Dorothy Morgan

She trained to be a nurse during World War 1.



Lewis Baker was the village cobbler but then joined the army.

All About Whimble

Ash Class have been painting their houses as part of their topic work about Whimble. They sketched in pencil first and then used watercolours. They had to experiment with mixing colours to get the right shades.



Annual Apple Pick and Pressing

On the final Friday before half-term all the children across the school were involved in harvesting apples in our orchard. It was a bumper crop this year with many good-sized apples to collect in fabulous sunny autumn weather. Around 25 bags were filled in total and have been delivered to Dart's Farm.



Thank you to those parents who also gave up some of their time to come and help pick, and to Mr Delves and Billy for collecting and delivering the sacks of apples.

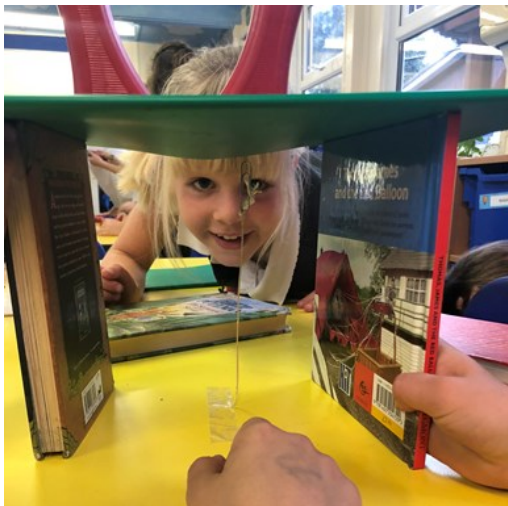


Earlier the same week, the older children got involved in making their own apple juice with the help of Mr Palmer, his son Sam and the lovely little apple press.



Science in Oak

Oak class have been investigating forces and magnets this term in science. They spent an afternoon finding materials around the classroom that were magnetic, and discussing why certain materials are magnetic. They were also able to use iron filings and a bar magnet to create a visible magnetic field.



We have continued looking at the strength of magnets and the pupils were very excited and proud that they could make a paperclip hover using magnets.



Activities in our Early Years.

In Elm the children have been busy playing shops, dancing, using boxes to invent games, making music using sticks and stones and investigating shells, light and forces (among other things!)



Early English and Maths Skills

The Year 1 children in Elm have been working hard to develop their skills and knowledge.

They used prompt cards and pictures to remember and re-tell the story of The Very Hungry Caterpillar. They remembered it perfectly! They then had a go at writing their own version.



Using coins to 'buy' items from the shop.



They all used cubes to measure and compare the lengths of these snakes.



The Ugly Duckling

On Friday 5th October, after four weeks of drama as part of our Fantastic Friday, the children in Year 4 performed their version of a well-known fairy tale, The Ugly Duckling in front of the school and their parents.

Miss Norton and Miss Clarke were really proud of all their hard work and thought that they played their parts really well, using effective gestures and great expression.



Cookery

The grand finale combining four weeks of cookery on Friday afternoons was a three course meal. The children of Year 5 invited their parents to join them in tasting their creations. The meal started with a selection of 'child created' vegetable soups with a bread roll. This was followed by a Bolognese or vegetarian sausage casserole, both served with rice or pasta. Finally, a choice of cheesecakes and profiteroles for dessert. The children not only had to lay the tables they then had to wait on their parents. Hopefully, everyone went home with a full stomach.

Thank you to the parents for supporting this event and a great big WELL DONE to all the children and their fabulous culinary skills. (now you can ask them to cook at home!)



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