

# Kelford News

## Primary Edition

Spring 2017



### History Day.

On Tuesday 6th March, The whole school took part in our space themed "History Day" The day was focused on the history of the space race and the moon landing and there were lots of fun and engaging activities taking place across the school.



Astronaut Jack

All learners were invited to take part in a space themed treasure hunt around school, and even had the opportunity to design and test their very own air powered rocket! There was a multi sensory space experience where learners got to explore moon sand, take part in rocket launch countdowns, explore space blankets and learners had the opportunity to taste or smell real astronaut food! There were also sessions in the white room with videos and images from the space race. We even had a space themed dinner menu made up of foods that are eaten by astronauts in space.



Ellie is Space

In the afternoon we had a disco with music from the space race era and learners had the opportunity to "walk on the moon" using a green screen to project the image of the moon behind them whilst they dressed as astronauts. History day was a fun filled success, so much so that we are planning a Tudor based history day for later on in the year!

### KS 1—Space Invaders

This term KS1 have been learning about the topic Moon Zoom! Linked to the planets and space exploration.

Sparkles have enjoyed lots of amazing whiteroom sessions based on this theme and have especially loved the projected planets that we were immersed in. They have also been very crafty and made Sparky the Dog for Chinese new year as well as baking bread for Easter to share in our telling of the Easter story! Some of us are really engaging in Theraplay which is lots of fun and we have loved developing our play skills in this area.



Sunbeams have been taking part in lots of amazing activities. In Literacy we have read and learnt about 'Beegu' and feelings. We have been talking about feeling happy, sad and calm and created portraits of ourselves. We have also read 'Aliens love underpants' and talked about different clothing we wear on our bodies and learning life skills such as washing up and hand washing clothes. In continuous provision we have made rockets out of building blocks, read books in our space tent, created black holes, took part in role play as an astronaut, and made the solar system with our friends!!

### Ks2— Hop On Board

This term, Ks2 have been on a journey around the world, using different transport methods and looking at the cultures of the different countries that we have visited. We have pieced together the world and its continents and explored what life is like around the globe. From tasting and smelling the smelliest cheeses, in French To making our own Tanzanian Tinga Tinga artwork and Mexican masks in Art, we have truly travelled the globe! We have also made our very own wooden vehicles in DT and learnt about transport methods from the past in history.



Niamh Designing a Tinga Tinga mask

We have been lucky to be involved in lots of sport this half term, you can read about some of the events over the page, but in addition to this, some of our learners have been attending swimming lessons at St Annes Leisure Centre, where they have shown that they can listen to instructions and have all developed their skills.



Behnam in PE

The learners who do not swim have the opportunity to take part in beautiful multi sensory PE sessions which give them the opportunity to work on their therapies and their physical development. Finally Some of our other learners have been lucky to have PE sessions led by teachers from "Active Regen" and have been learning to sequence movements, balances and rolls in gymnastics. We have all had a fantastic term and cannot wait for summer when we will be getting even more active with our theme "Lets Get Moving"



Amber enjoying some switch work

### Chinese New Year

Chinese New year was due to take place on one of the snow days, however we are not about to let a bit of snow cancel our fun at Kelford, so we celebrated Chinese new year a week later on the 7th March. This year we celebrated the year of the dog! Each class was given a different breed of dog and challenged to create their own version of the dog to bring to a show and tell competition in the afternoon. There were some amazing creations across the whole school! Willows took 1st prize for their amazing St Bernard puppet, and rainbows took 2nd for their beautiful sensory textured jack Russel.



Jayden exploring noodles in the sensory group

Our inclusion team put together a beautiful Chinese sensory experience for the day, where learners go to explore a variety of textures from silk fabrics to Chinese noodles, they also listened to Chinese music and tried on traditional clothing.

In Class, pupils learnt about the Chinese new year story and took part in a variety of craft activities, and at dinner time everybody enjoyed a traditional Chinese meal!



The winning dog from our competition



# KELFORD SPORTS

## A Sporting Half Term.

This term as always, we have been very active and have been lucky to have the opportunity to take part in a variety of out of school sporting events. A number of children across the department enjoyed a day of football at the Indoor football centre in Rotherham, they played against students from Hill Top and Abbey school and had great fun.

a group of students attended a special afternoon of inclusive multi- sports at Thurcroft Academy where they worked independently with teams of children from Thurcroft, Abbey School and Listerdale juniors, making new friends and learning new skills

One of our pupils attended and enjoyed a Boccia competition at Doncaster Deaf Trust where he was a great team player representing Rotherham District!!

On Tuesday 20th March Primary students attended the English Institute of Sport for Motor Activity Training Programme activities. they had great fun trying out a range of different games. Whilst at EIS, Some of the children met the Rotherham Mayor and Hannah Cockcroft the British Paralympian was also there watching their games. It was a fantastic inclusive opportunity for all involved!



Liam showing his curling skills at EIS

## Music in the City

This term we have been really lucky to have not 1 but 2 musical treats in primary. A group of students from Sheffield university visited us to run a workshop where we learnt warm up activities, played a piece of Mexican music on a variety of instruments, singing in a different language, and taking turns to conduct the musicians as they played. We also enjoyed a concert from a brass quartet from our friends at live music now. Everybody loved listening to the beautiful music.



Children warming up for music in the city

## Creative Corner

Our creative arts teacher Steve has been working on music with our primary pupils this half term, Sunbeams helped Steve to re-write how much is that doggy in the window linked to Chinese new year, he has been using the theme of transport to put together a musical performance in KS2, and EYFS and sparkles have enjoyed sing and sign sessions throughout the term. Corey Andrews has impressed Steve with his musical abilities, both on the keyboard and composing music on the iPad app "Launchpad"



Well done Corey!

## An Egg-cellent Easter.

In the last week of this half term, Pupil have been learning all about Easter both in and out of class. Learners have been making Easter cards and Easter crafts which they bought along to a special show and tell Easter assembly where we also listened to the story of how Jesus died and was resurrected and learnt that this is what we celebrate at Easter. Pupils also decorated eggs for the annual egg rolling competition in the hall which was lots of fun. Jordan Wood won the competition, his egg travelled all the way out of the hall! Sparkles won the class competition with their beautiful and effective shiny decorated eggs! We hope everyone has a fantastic half term and takes the time to remember why we celebrate at Easter.



Verdah tries her luck at egg rolling

## Farmyard fun in Rainbows.

This term Rainbows have been learning all about farms. We have been thinking about the different animals on farms, recognising the sounds they make and learning the Makaton signs. We have also looked at jobs of farmers and the different crops that are grown on farms. We have been using these ingredients to bake bread. cakes and biscuits as part of our work on people and communities. We have also been looking at different shapes and using these to create our very own sensory pictures of farms and animals!



## World Book Day

World book day was postponed this year due to all of the snow!! However that didn't stop pupils dressing up a week later on the 8th March. Learners enjoyed playing the part of some of there favourite characters from stories and comics, and spending the day sharing lots of stories and fantastic non-fiction books. It was really nice to see the different costumes around school.

Special Mention goes to Sunbeams who all dressed up for the day. They looked amazing and it put a smile on everyone's faces.



Kieran as Harry Potter



Harry as Wally!