



Lunar New Year

Alongside their normal learning, children across



the school have been learning about the Lunar New Year Festival which begins this week. This has included making their own decorations which have been put up in the hall and enjoying a Lunar New Year feast yesterday which was prepared by our kitchen team. The children



have thoroughly enjoyed learning about this important festival together with being challenged to use chop sticks to eat their food!

Year 3 Visit to Caerleon

On Tuesday 6th February, we took a coach to Caerleon in Wales. When we arrived, we walked to the museum and a Roman took us to a room. We acted like we were sick and we were taught how doctors would heal the patients. He then taught us how to march. We marched back to the museum. Some of us went to try on armour and I found it uncomfortable. The other half looked around the museum. There were 3 different types of Roman soldiers



and there was even a skeleton. Then it was time for lunch.

After lunch, we walked to the amphitheatre. It was amazing! Some of my friends and me marched around. Then we went to the barracks. They were really small. We then walked to the Roman Baths. The town was built over them but they managed to save a bit. It was really cool! There was a video and some things we could touch.



Finally, we went back to school. What an amazing day!

By Elsie

On the 6th of February 2024 we went to Caerleon in Wales. First, we got on the coach and went to Wales, it was a long journey. Once we arrived we had to go in, put our bags away, and sit on the benches. Class 11 went to the gallery and we got to try on some armour and were shown what the inside a barracks would have looked like. Then, we went into the workshop and saw what medicine they used, some of it was so gross! We either went on the poor side or the rich side, I was on the poor side. Next, we had our lunch back on the benches, mine was delicious. After that, we went to the Roman baths, they were so cool, there were even games to play. They invented heating back then, they we're so smart. After, we went to the amphitheatre where the gladiators fought. We had so much fun, we pretended to fight. Last but not least we went to the outside barracks and we had to be in groups of eight and work out how to sleep. Finally, we took a class photo and went on the coach and headed back to school. That was the end of our school trip to Caerleon in Wales. We really enjoyed it!

By Sophia-Rose

Consultation Group Visits Voodoo Design

Earlier this week, Mr Telfer, Mrs Elliott and Miss Barnett accompanied the school's consultation group on an exciting trip to Voodoo Design.

Bailey's Court has been working with Voodoo for around 5 years - you might've seen some of their fabulous designs and installations in the corridor by the main entrance.

The team at Voodoo made us very welcome and it was lovely to meet everyone. The children were full of excitement and asked lots of really good questions!

We are really looking forward to future pending projects.

Thank you for having us Voodoo Design!



Ambulance Visits Reception

On Thursday 7th February, Reception were lucky enough to have two paramedics and an ambulance visit them in school. The children



learnt a little bit about the role of a paramedic and had the opportunity to explore inside the ambulance. They were shown some of the equipment inside and even got to wear the paramedics helmets. The highlight of the visit was turning on the ambulance sirens!

Year 2 Local Walk

In Year 2 we have been answering the question 'Why is our world wonderful?' in Geography this term. As part of this, we went on a walk of our local area, to identify its human and physical features and look at the local wildlife. They also drew symbols on a sketch map when they saw the features. Before setting off, they had to



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choose appropriate symbols to use in their key to represent our school, the playground, the nature reserve and more! The children decided after the walk that they had seen more human features in Bradley Stoke, than physical features.

Year Group Assemblies

Over the past few weeks children in Years 4 and 6 have led assemblies for the rest of the children in the school and their parents. Year 4 took the opportunity to present their learning looking at where our food comes from and Year 6 presented a medley of the work they had been learning about this term:

Year 6 worked together as a year group recently to create a class assembly from scratch, which they had just over a week to prepare for. They performed it to the school and parents who were extremely impressed with the progress that they made from September (the start of the year). It was themed as two grandparents flicking



through TV channels, each one showing a different topic which was actually a subject in school. The shows included: science (natural selection), art/pottery, history (Bristol at war)/m-shed visit, dance, geography (energy sources), skipping and then the whole year group performed 'Hey Mister Miller' which they learned with Mrs Stephens. The children were very proud of their work once they had completed it.

Year 5 Enterprise Event

Last Tuesday, after many weeks of practice, Year 5 completed their Olympics inspired Enterprise event. This involved the children completing 4 sets of tasks: running, javelin, hurdles and a thumb wrestling competition. This was based on the original Greek Olympic events and linked to our History topic of 'What did the Greeks ever do for us?'. The children put their full effort into the event with amazing results; every child managed to improve on their original scores! Well done to all of Year 5!

We would like to say a big thank you to the parents and families of the children who have sponsored this event. All money raised will be split between the Trussell Trust which runs the local Foodbanks and providing something educational for the children in Year 5.

Year 4 Synagogue Visit

Last Friday, we were lucky to visit a Jewish Synagogue as part of our term 4 Religious Education focus on Judaism. Our friends at the Bristol and West Progressive Jewish Congregation in Easton had invited both classes to spend time exploring the synagogue and its artefacts. When we arrived, we were met by Iris who was to be our guide for the session. First, we learnt about the purpose of the synagogue and how it compared to more orthodox synagogues. Iris showed us a selection of kippot - small hats for prayer. We were surprised by their varying designs and bright colours and we all – children and adults alike - enjoyed trying them on for size!

Iris then talked to us about the Jewish holy book – The Torah - and she related the story of Moses leading the Exodus of the Jewish people from Egypt. She was thoroughly impressed with the depth of the children's knowledge and commented on the quality of their enquiries. Our excitement was building as Iris promised to show us the synagogue's Torah. She chose several children to pull the curtain at the front of the synagogue back to reveal The Ark – the ornate cupboard in which the Torah is kept. There was an audible gasp as two other children were allowed to open The Ark to reveal The Torah. Iris explained how the Torah is treated and also how it is produced. We were all surprised to learn that

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every Torah is handwritten on parchment and can be up to 38 metres in length!

Before we left to return to school, Iris had one final surprise for us. She had prepared Challah – a special, braided bread – which she shared with us and was enjoyed by all. All in all, it had been a wonderful experience and all the adults agreed that the children in Year 4 did Bailey's Court proud.

Parents' Forum

On Thursday 24th January we held a very well attended parent forum. During the meeting we went through the home-school agreement as well as discussing our school website and the parent workshops that we hold in school. We went through the 'Learning' section of the website and it was interesting to receive the feedback on this as well as exploring other ideas to engage with our parents and share key information. As a school we are expanding our parent workshops to enable parents to engage in a breadth of activities with their children and develop further knowledge to offer support at home.

Thank you to those that were able to attend, it was lovely to see so many of you. The next meeting will be taking place on Wednesday 15th March at 2.45pm.

Renishaw

A few weeks ago, Rebecca from Renishaw visited the school to talk to the children about STEM and opportunities that they provide school leavers with once they leave school. The children learnt a lot about the type of projects that Renishaw are involved in.

Renishaw's visit is part of a school initiative to try and engage more widely with local STEM companies and businesses in order to try and provide inspiration and ideas to the children about the career options that will be open to them later on in their lives.

101 Things to Do Before ...

Each year the children are set a range of challenges to complete at home throughout the year which are specific to their age and stage of development. Once completed, children are encouraged to complete their '101 Booklet' and

bring it back to school so that they can be awarded with a special badge and certificate.

Details as to what is needed to complete the challenges can be found in the 'Learning' section of our school website. Children have until the summer to complete this year's initiative.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Our breakfast club is open from 7.45am and our after-school club is open between 3.30pm and 6.00pm.

Bookings for the clubs will be made on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to book a space for your child, please contact the school office.

Diary Dates

Term begins 19th Feb

Forest school Year 4 26th Feb – 1st March

Open morning week 4th – 8th March 3pm

MOJO Active – Year 2 11th, 12th March

MOJO Active – Year 4 13th, 14th March

13th and 14th March parent consultations

Parent forum 14th March 2.45pm

Sports Relief 15th March (TBC)

Forest School Year 5 18th – 22nd March

Forest school Year 3 25th – 29th March

Year 5 parents' camp meeting 26th March
3.30pm

Birthday Thursday 28th March

End Term 28th March

Term begins 15th April

MOJO Active – Year 1 18th, 19th April

Forest school Year 4 22nd – 26th April

MOJO Active – Year 3 29th, 30th April

MOJO Active – Year 5 1st, 2nd May

Forest school Year Reception/Year 1 6th – 10th
May

Parent forum 9th May 2.45pm

Year 4 swimming 13th – 17th May

KS2 SATs 13th – 17th May

Year 5 camp (camp on Friday 17th – 18th May)

Sports Days 21st and 22nd May (reserve 23rd)

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Birthday Friday 23rd May

INSET 24th May

End Term 24th May

INSET 3rd June

Children arrive back 4th June

MOJO Active – Year 6 6th, 7th June

Forest school Year 5 10th – 14th June

New reception parents meeting 10th June 6pm

Forest school Year 6 17th – 21st June

New reception meet the teacher visits (after school) 17th June – 21st June

Forest school Year 2 24th – 28th June

Parent forum 27th June 2.45pm

Forest school Year 3 1st – 5th July

Reception stay and play visits 1st – 5th July

Summer fair 6th July Reception teddy bear picnic 5th July

MOJO Reception 8th and 9th July

Year 4 swimming 15th – 19th July

Parents' evening 18th July 3.30 – 4.30pm

Birthday Tuesday 23rd July

23rd July End Term

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