



Journeying towards Easter

This morning, Fr Sean joined us as the children in Year 3 shared with us the Stations of the Cross, a Lenten devotion which helps us to reflect prayerfully on Jesus' final steps on the way to his crucifixion and death. The whole school were reverent as they listened to the readings, looked at images representing each of the 14 stations and then watched the children's re-enactment of Jesus' passion.

Over the past fortnight, the children in KS2 have all visited St Mary's Church to attend an Easter encounter event. The children heard from various characters who were present at different points in the Easter Story. The children visited four different scenes and had the opportunity to take part in some reflective activities. In one scene, the children met Mary in the garden on Easter Sunday and made flowers, which help decorate the cross at the entrance to the church. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and came up with some interesting questions to ask to further their knowledge.



Next week we enter Holy Week and having learnt about the events of the final few days of Jesus' life, starting with his arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday with his resurrection, the children in Early Years were set the challenge of creating an Easter garden as their home learning for this week. The children put lots of effort into creating these and have enjoyed showing these to the rest of their class. Take a look at a few that the children have made.



Earth Hour

Although the official Earth Hour is not until tomorrow, Saturday 28th March at 8:30pm, the eco-council organised our very own St Edmunds Earth Hour on Wednesday from 2-3 pm.

The aim was to make sure every light, laptop, whiteboard plug and device was properly turned off and not just left on standby! Each class organised an activity to help them reconnect with nature in some way and do something positive for the planet to

demonstrate our stewardship of God's creation. Year 1 created a St Edmunds bee sanctuary, Year 4 made beautiful and colourful bird feeders, Early Years went on a litter picking mission and were amazed at how much litter they cleared up, preventing it from getting into the river - something to consider for our St Edmunds environmental pledge! Some of Key stage 2 enjoyed some quality time on the Forest School site and lots of classes got outside to go on a nature walk and do some nature sketching. All in all it was a great success and hopefully inspired everyone



with the knowledge that together even small changes can make a difference. If you would like to take part in the Earth Hour tomorrow and would like some inspiration, take a look at <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour>



Don't forget the KS1 colouring competition and KS2 poster competition. We have extended the deadline to the 17th April to give children a chance to take part over the Easter holidays.



Tree donations from Greene King and Thatchers

This week, ten apple tree saplings have been donated to school to help support local biodiversity, while also giving children the chance to learn more about nature, growing food and the environment. The donation is part of Thatchers' Community Orchard project, which has already donated over 2,000 trees to schools and community groups across the country. Alongside the saplings, the school also received stakes, guards and ties to help the trees grow and thrive. We then welcomed staff from both Greene King and Thatchers who worked with Mrs Vince and a group of Year 1 children to plant



them next to the school garden with the intent of creating our own school orchard. Once established, they will in time, provide apples that can be shared within the school or used in recipes for the children to enjoy.



Year 5 Science Morning

On Wednesday Mr Gregory and Ms Mak from St Benedicts visited Year 5 for another exciting science workshop, this time titled Galileo, Newton, and Gravity. The children took part in three activities, culminating in making their own rockets with Alka-Seltzer tablets and film canisters. I think the look on the face of the



children (and staff) when the rockets launched captures how much fun was had!



The children asked some fantastic questions, some which were even at A-Level/university level of complexity, which Mr Gregory was impressed with and happy to answer. They are looking forward to another exciting workshop in the summer.

Diary Dates

EASTER HOLIDAYS
(28th Mar - 13th April)

Mon 13th April	PD Day (Children not in school)
Tue 14th April	Children return to school
Thur 16th April	Yr3 and 4 Suffolk Farm Fair visit
Tue 28th April	EYs Farm trip
Wed 29th April	Class photos
Fri 1st May	Yr3 Roman Day
Tue 5th May	Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school
Tue 12th May	Yr 1 Banham Zoo trip



Forest School fun!



The campfire has been burning this week at Forest school and the children in EYs, Yr1 and Yr2 have enjoyed toasting and tucking into hot cross buns. I think the thumbs up show their tick of approval!

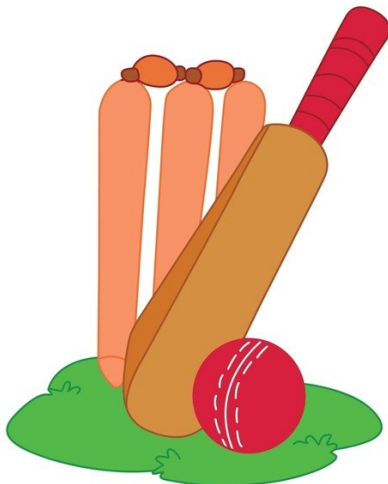


Bury Cricket Club

Bury St Edmunds Cricket Club is located at the Victory Sports Ground for All Stars cricket (age 5-8) or Dynamos cricket (age 8-11).

A great way to learn cricket through fun drills and games for both girls and boys. Sunday 9.30 am till 10.30am from April the 19th for 8 weeks. For more information you can follow this link

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/bsecc>



Chatterbooks

A book group for children aged 9-12

Next session: Saturday 4 April, 10.15-11.00



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SUMMER FETE!

SATURDAY 4TH JULY



To start the summer, our fantastic fete will be returning on Saturday 4th July!

Hopefully we will be blessed with the incredible sunshine of last year, expect to see the creative Y6 stalls, BBQ, Tombola, Raffles & MORE!



We look forward to welcoming you!

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