



HUNTLEY NEWS

Our School Vision

Nurtured individuals, learning together with God's love, living life to the full.

Curriculum:

Slimbridge trip

Class Stream went to a trip to Slimbridge Wetlands and wildfowl trust. They have been learning about migration. The children had a great day and were able to see a lot of species that come to us for the winter from colder countries. Here are a few of the things they children said they particularly liked.

I liked watching the birds fly when we were in the bird hide (Sophie) I liked seeing the mute swans (Tilly) I liked looking in the researcher's hut (Angus)

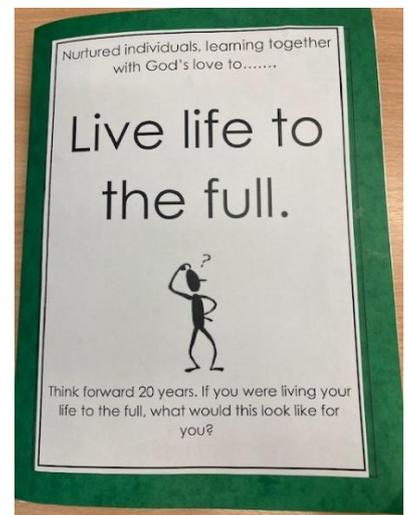
Vision Morning

Last we had a morning with a focus on our school vision. The children worked in houses to carry out different activities.

Nurtured individuals – We had a think about what nurture meant and then we made a display showing examples of nurturing in school.



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Learning together. In our houses we worked together outside to recreate an Andy Goldsworthy design using natural materials.

With Gods' love. We shared the story of Noah's Ark together and the rainbow sent as a promise of God's love. We learnt the colours of the rainbow and then coloured our own.

To live life to the full. Thinking forward 20 years we thought about what our life's might look like if they were being lived to the full.

Drama week

This week saw the start of our whole school Drama week with the lead up to our dress rehearsal on Friday. Thank you for sorting out the costumes. This week the children be practising in small groups and as a whole school, perfecting the singing, making the props and getting our production of 'Straw and Order' ready. It is so nice that we will be able to have a live audience this year!



Class Estuary ration cookery Linked to their World War two topic, Class Estuary have been busy cooking in their DT lessons. They got the tasty job of trying a range of different cakes at the beginning of the week and then had to adapt the recipe using food that would have been available to them in their weekly ration portions. The ration cakes included brown flour, a ration portion and sugar, tea and no eggs. Not the tastiest I'm told!

Class River's time machine

Class River have been busy travelling back in time finding out about clothing in different time periods. Their visitors include Henry VIII and a soldier from WW1. Tamlyn explained that it goes back in time to different places like the Georgian times.



Behaviour/ Attendance

During a recent visit from a member of the Gloucestershire Diocese team it was commented that the behaviour and attitude of the children was excellent. The children showed real enthusiasm and were eager to talk about their work and the school. I would also like to say a huge thank you to the children in Y6 who hosted our recent Open morning. The children met our visitors in the hall and they each had an aspect of school life to talk about and share. Then in pairs the children took the parents on a tour of the school. We had such positive feedback from the parents and the children were incredible ambassadors for the school. Thank you!!

Attendance awards for 100% attendance will be issued next week. Mainly due to Covid we have not issued these for a while.

Personal Development:

Certificates: Well done to the following children who all received awards in last week's merit assembly.

Head teacher award- Charlotte for showing our school values of Friendship and compassion.

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Class Stream – Angus and Harlow

Class River- Violet

Class Estuary- Amelie and Sybil

Class Ocean – Sophie

Writers of the week- Freddie, Tabitha, Tilly and Norah.

Hand writer of the week – Mateo

Times Table Rockstar of the week – Rupert and Megan

Numbots: Teo, Tilly and James

Other achievements: 99 club Freddie, Esmee, James S, Joanne. Kieran, Izzi, Tabitha, Ralph and Ted G.

Netball match

Our last match was against Elmbridge school. This was the first game for a number of our children in year 5 players but the team managed to play an amazing game and won!! The final score was 7:1.



Netball afternoon

Last Wednesday 10 of the netball team were invited to an afternoon of skills and matches at the Crypt school. We had a great afternoon learning new skills and then played four matches. The children all showed great sportsmanship and tried relay hard with everything.

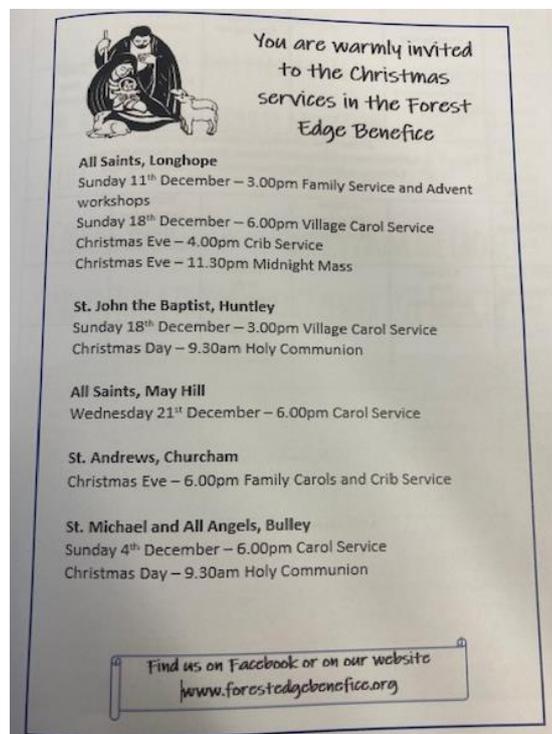
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Singing at MayHill Christmas market

Thank you to all those who came to the Mayhill Christmas market to sing. We had around 50 children make up our choir which was amazing! We sang a range of songs from the Christmas play and some traditional Christmas carols.



Church services in the Forest Edge Benefice over the Christmas period.



Leadership and Management:

Our governor's quality of education committee met last week with a focus on the foundation subjects such as history and music. The Ethos committee also had a meeting and one of the main areas of discussion was around our recent SIAMs visit. As a church school we have an additional inspection alongside Ofsted. The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) is the Church of England and Methodist Church's outworking of the requirements of section 48 of the *Education Act 2005*. It is a key element of the life of all Church of England and Methodist schools in England. Last week we had a visit from a member of the Gloucester Diocese team who is also a SIAMS inspector who spent the date with us. She helped us make sure we were meeting all the criteria and it was a really positive and helpful day.

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