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Jeans 4 Genes



We would like to thank all of you who sent in money as part of our non-uniform Jeans for Genes event. As a result of your donations we were able to raise £90.50.

Coffee Morning

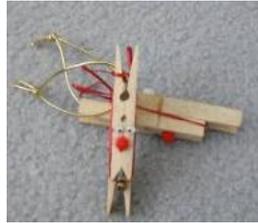


A reminder that you have received an invitation to a coffee morning and signing workshop from 9.30 – 11.am on Monday 28th November. It will cover basic signs and signs to do with Christmas and holidays. If you would like to come then either return the tear off slip from the letter or else contact Sharron (Mrs G) at the school. We look forward to seeing you there.

Christmas Fun Afternoon

On Saturday 10th December we will be holding our annual Christmas event. Rather than a traditional Fayre we have decided that we will do activities with the

children rather than focussing on buying things.



We will still have a bottle tombola, raffle and other small games, however we will be putting on activities that the children can join in for a small donation. At the moment we are looking into the children making a Christmas decoration, having their face painted, decorating biscuits and other activities. Upper School Christmas cards will be on sale as usual and there will also be refreshments available.

The event will take place from 1pm until 3pm and is just an opportunity for you and your family to come into familiar surroundings and start to get into the Christmas mood!

More details will follow!

Tales From The Chalkface!

Lower School

Lower School have a brand new topic. They are learning about celebrations. Last week they all found out about the story of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate Bonfire Fire night. The children made firework paintings using marbles, party poppers and splatter painting! Everyone made

bonfire collages and learnt about hot and cold colours.



The children also made firework biscuits in the shape of rockets, stars and pinwheels.

The Owls visited the local fire station, met the fire fighters and learnt about fire safety.



In Science, Lower School are learning about human and animal babies. Robins and Penguins class have all visited Harlow Park Farm to see if there were any baby animals and they saw a reindeer calf.

This week the children have been learning about the celebration of Diwali. They have acted out the story of Rama and Sita and found out how Hindu homes are decorated and the symbolism of the light.



Each of the children made a diva lamp and made a lovely vegetable curry.

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Middle School

In Middle School the children are learning about different celebrations and festivals. They enjoyed finding out about Bonfire Night on 5th November and the story of Guy Fawkes. They learnt about firework safety, produced some lovely descriptive writing in literacy and created beautiful fireworks pictures.



The children went on to find out how Hindus celebrate Diwali and shared the story of Rama and Sita. They really enjoyed acting out the story using masks. They made mendhi patterns in art and spicy vegetable samosas in cooking as these are all ways in which Diwali is celebrated at this time of year.

The children have also started their new history topic and are learning about the Romans.



They will be taking part in a different workshop each week finding out about Roman soldiers, Roman clothes and looking at how we find out about the past through artefacts.

We are also going to have a visitor from Hertford Museum who is going to

teach the children about what life was like in our local area during Roman times.

Upper School

Upper School are learning about the history of Ware. The children have been looking at the importance of the malting industry and why Ware was significant in the trade of Malt. Barley from Suffolk was brought into Ware where it was turned into malt at the Maltings. It was then taken via the River Lea to London Breweries.



Kestrels have been on a walk around Ware to look at the old buildings and to find out how the town has changed.

Kingfishers have been working on their life skills. They each bought a ticket and went on a train ride from Ware to Hertford East. The theme of the outing was how to use public transport and how to stay safe when travelling on a train.

The children have also designed and made pizzas in technology. The children drew their designs and then followed their drawings to make their pizza.

In Science the children have been learning about how sound travels and how the ear processes sound. They have been listening out for different sounds on sound walks and playing sound bingo. Some children built models of the ear.

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In art the children have been doing collages based around bonfire night and have been experimenting with colour mixing.



They have also been thinking about Remembrance and why the poppy is used as a symbol.

In sport the whole school has been supported by a cricket coach this week which has been fun and Upper School have been learning a dance to the tune *All I Want For Christmas Is You!*

Community News

Relaxed Performance of Little Red Riding suitable for 3 years+ and aimed at children and adults with SEN and Autism. The show will include songs, dancing and jokes suitable for all the family. A relaxed performance includes

- Special effects such as pyrotechnics removed and music volumes lowered.
- Lights inside auditorium left on low during performance
- Audience can come and go as necessary throughout the show
- Audience can make noise during the performance.
- There will be a chill-out space available throughout.

This will take place at Hertford Theatre SG14 1PS on Thursday 29 December at 11am. The cost is £10 per ticket. Contact 01992 531500 to book your tickets.