

Phoenix Arch School

December 2018



Cherry Class...

This term Cherry class have been exceptionally busy. In topic they have been learning about boats. They investigated floating and sinking to help them understand how boats

float. They then made their own boats, powered in different ways. Their boats fantastically took them to a treasure island! Here they used maps to find buried treasure! In Literacy they were learning all about fact finding in non fiction books and for numeracy they turned their home corner into a shop to help them practice their money skills. (Maybe counting all that treasure they found) Finally in science they learnt about animals, learning to group them by their features and what they eat. They even made their own animals. A well earned rest is required we think!!!



Vikings in Juniper...

In Topic Juniper class have been learning about Vikings. They all dressed up as Vikings, made weapons, shields, axes and helmets. The Juniper Vikings travelled from Scandinavia all the way to England

on a Viking boat and they made a long house using cardboard. Nowhere was safe, every class and Admin were raided! To complete their project they made farm animals that lived near the Viking house. They had so much fun! Great Topic Juniper.



Cedar Class...

In Cedar class topic lesson this term, they have been learning about the First and Second World Wars. The children have learnt facts about when the wars

started and ended, plus which countries were involved. They then took their learning in their own directions, researching using books and the internet, finding out about the things which took their interests which included learning about planes, tanks, uniforms and the evacuation. They were able to see their learning in a different context when they visited the Imperial War Museum and the RAF Museum in Hendon.



Blossom Class...

Blossom class have had an excellent start to the year and have settled in well to their new routines. They are able to express themselves well and as a result this has helped shape their learning with a 'can do' attitude. For Diwali they made Diyas for their friends and have created scenes from 'Billy Goat Gruff' stories. They have explored money and coins in their shop and have made wrapping paper to wrap boxes whilst learning the differences between cubes and cuboids-

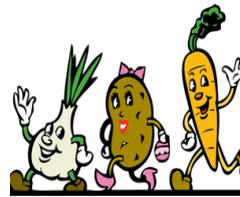
The list goes on.....A very busy Reception class indeed!



Rowan Class...

Rowan have had a great start to their academic year. They have also worked on World War One and Two and have explored many different aspects of this during Topic and Literacy. They also visit-

ed the Imperial War Museum and RAF Hendon along with Cedar class and bountiful learning was achieved! They also studied poetry this term and wrote poems about respect and as a result they were chosen to represent the school at this years Brent anti-bullying campaign. Year 6 also went out to the Brent Junior Citizenships workshops and took part in activities to support their transition to Secondary School. Rowan class have had a fantastic first term which they should all be proud of.



Willow Class & The Edible Garden...

This term Willow have been visiting the edible garden and learning how to grow things that we use in our cooking, teamed with learning road safety skills as they have walked to St Raphael's Estate. They have become very knowledgeable about creatures that live both

underneath and on top of the soil. They have blossomed into truly magnificent gardeners and some have expressed interest in becoming volunteers at St Raphael's edible garden in the new year. Great job Willow. They have been working hard in their learning and have really made us all proud with their ideas.



Ash Class Cooking...

This terms topic for Ks2 was Vikings. Ash class have also enjoyed discovering and exploring the Vikings. Looking at the countries they invaded and what they would have pillaged. As a class they made brilliant Viking helmets and shields. They also cooked up

a batch of Viking bread for all to taste. All of Ks2 have experienced the Vikings first hand this term. Well done Ks2!!



RADA...

Phoenix Arch have teamed up with the Royal Academy of Dance to deliver contemporary dance lessons this academic year. Children enter the lessons excited and willing to perform. They have developed a greater range of movement and co-ordination whilst developing the ability to work within different spaces. They have shown creative ways to communicate to an audience through their actions and have become more confident in expressing their ideas. A special thank you goes out to Takeshi for his hard work with our children.



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Anti Bullying Week...

For Anti Bullying Week Year 5 and 6 children went to the Brent Civic Centre to present Phoenix Arch School's video on RESPECT and to recite poems on respect. Our presentation was a massive success,

the children did amazingly well showing confidence on the stage and they showed fantastic respect in a public place.



Cygnets Programme...

Family Solutions have just completed running the Cygnets Programme at Phoenix Arch. The Cygnets programme is a 7 week parenting programme developed specifically for the parents of children with ASD. The aims of the programme

were to provide a supportive environment in the presence of other parents, to provide information and reinforce what they already knew about autism and to reinforce or change what they are doing. The programme was well attended and the feedback from the parents who attended was that it was very informative. The Cygnets programme will re-run again in February, so please contact Marion if you are interested in attending.



Jeans for Genes

Genes for Jeans...

This year's Jeans for Genes day was, once again, a great success the children raised £59.22. We thank you again for your continued generosity for this worthy cause.



Swimming...

Congratulations to Ash & Juniper classes that have worked hard to develop their water safety skills, front crawl and self-care this Autumn term. Pupils have swam greater distances! Special note goes to

those individuals who have overcome their fears and have now become more confident in the water.



Bounce Therapy...

Well done to Willow class who have made significant strides this term with their trampolining skills. They are acquiring more difficult moves and are creating more complex routines. They are now beginning to practice front flips. Parents, watch out at home!



Christmas Play...

Congratulations to the children this year who put on a fantastic performance of Cinderella. We had guest performances from our Minis—Frank Sinatra, Stormzy, Beyonce, Bob Marley, Mariah Carey & Michael Jackson just to name a few. The children showed tremendous courage

which is a credit to their development so far this academic year. Also a massive thank you to the continued support of all our parents.



School Governors...

This year we have appointed a couple of new governors. A big hello to Umesh Shah who is our Chair of Governors and Anna Gray who is our parent Governor also Anita Thakkar who is our new Associate Governor.



We would like to say a sad farewell to two of our team members this year. Arena who is moving onto pastures new and Kirstyn our Speech & Language Therapist who has moved back to Australia.

But a **big hello** to new members of the team, Tara who is our new Reception teacher, Janita who is our new Occupational Therapist and Margaux who will join Ash class from January.

The children have been very busy so far this year. They have settled back into the new year and are really pushing themselves academically as well as personally. Well done Phoenix Arch pupils. Also a big thank you to the staff for all their hard work.



Dates for your Diary

Target Setting: Tuesday 8th January 2019
(Individual apps)

Half Term Week: Monday 18th Feb to Friday 22nd Feb 2019

Last Day of Term 5th April 2019