



Green End Primary School

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BRITISH COUNCIL INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD

Green End / Ladybarn primary school has been awarded the full International School Award from the British Council!

The International School Award is a badge of honour for schools that do outstanding work in ensuring that the curriculum has the thread of Global Citizenship (*Diversity, including international school links, Globalisation, Social Justice, Peace and Conflict and Sustainability*) running through it, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need to live and work as global citizens.

THROUGH THE VICTORIAN KEYHOLE

For topic launch day Year 2 discovered why the Victorian period is called the Victorians and learnt about the life of Queen Victoria. They looked at what it like was like for Victorian school children and compared their lives to their own. They played Victorian games such as Hopscotch and skipping and made their own Victorian games which the poor children would have used, a thaumatrope and a spinner.



NATURAL DISASTERS

Year 3 have been looking at the science behind natural disasters such as Volcanoes, Earthquakes, Floods and Tsunamis. Using paper mache the children made their own volcanoes which actually erupted at the end of the day. Don't worry, no children were harmed! They constructed their own buildings and carried out earthquakes with jelly to see who could design the strongest structure. At the end of the day they looked at pictures of disasters around the world and thought about how it must have affected peoples lives. What really inspired the children was how much support was provided by the global community to help those in need.



WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

Year 5 are learning about William Shakespeare this half term, looking at Macbeth in particular. They will be using drama techniques to learn the story of Macbeth and will be discussing major plot points and characters.

For their theme launch, they had the chance to see live theatre in action at the Stockport Plaza when they went to see a musical production of 'A Christmas Carol'. It give them a chance to evaluate and critique a real play. They will also be having a visit by a small drama group who will be holding a day of workshops around Macbeth. They will be watching important scenes from the play and working in groups to discuss the scenes and understand them.

GREEN END CHRISTMAS FAIR

Green End will be holding a Christmas Fair on Friday 4th December from 3.30pm until 5.00pm. If you are able to help in any way, please come along to the Community Room on Wednesday 2nd December 9.00am until 10.00am, and Friday 4th December between 9.00am-11am and from 2.30pm onwards. Alternatively, please see Mrs Davidson or Mrs Pitts in school.

PARENT COURSES

Stay and Play Sessions Every Thursday 9-10.15 in the Community Room at Green End. Free sessions to help prepare your child for starting school/nursery.

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TRADITIONAL TALES

For topic launch day Reception dressed up as their favourite characters from traditional tales and worked with parents to design and create masks to dress up in as they act the stories they will be learning about this half term. They also worked with friends to complete a treasure hunt around the school grounds and enjoyed listening to stories read by parents, carers and other grown ups. They are really looking forward to visiting the woods at St Bernard's school this half term, to explore one of the settings featured in the stories they are learning about.



OUR HISTORY

Year 6 will be studying in-depth, some newsworthy events which have happened during their own childhoods. They will be looking at why some events became important historically and how these events were portrayed in the media. For topic launch day they began by using drama techniques to investigate the build up to the Hillsborough disaster as this is an event that happened during both Mrs Mansfield's and Mrs Bailey's childhoods.



CHALLENGE 4 CHANGE

On the 23rd October, 22 year 6 pupils from Green End and Ladybarn visited 'Challenge 4 Change' for a day of team-building, high wires and nerve testing challenges. The staff commented on the determination and maturity evident in these children. Well done to all the Student Leaders!

A FOCUS ON POETRY

Children from Green End and Ladybarn were lucky enough to visit the Royal Exchange Theatre for a children's poetry performance by Michael Rosen. Following this, all children at Green End took part in a special Poetry Assembly where they performed poems they had all learnt.



THIS MORNING I MET A WHALE!

The topic for Year 4 this half term is 'This morning I met a whale' based on the book by Michael Murpugo, which is based on a true story. On topic launch day they began by reading the book and performing some drama freeze frames to get into character. They then went on to explore the river system in London and looked at how rivers are formed. This led to a discussion about how the whale might have ended up in the River Thames. Children looked at different birds and created bird footprints out of sponge, wire, masking tape, pipe cleaners and string.

FOOD BANK

We are a referral agency for the local Food Bank. Families can be referred by Mrs Pitts and Mrs Croke. If you are having financial difficulties or benefit delays/changes, please come and see us in school in confidence, or contact Mrs Pitts on 07794 481095

HOMEWORK CLUB DROP IN

Homework club drop ins are available for families to receive homework help and take place each Friday after school in the Community Room. Parents must accompany their children as we would like to share teaching strategies with them. Sessions are supported by Mrs Asif, Mrs Pitts and Ms Jones.

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