



Green End Primary School

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This half term I have been interviewing children from across the school with Mr Harriott and the children are all so positive about their learning, really enjoy being challenged and can list so many things in school which they enjoy.

We are very proud to announce that in the MEN Real Schools Guide 2018 Green End was ranked number 1 and Ladybarn was ranked number 2 out of 139 schools in the Manchester Local Authority ratings and both schools were in the top 10 Greater Manchester schools out of a total of 840 schools! Cringle Brook will not appear on the league tables until they have a year 6 in 2 years' time.

This term we are really having an extra push on improving attendance and would really appreciate everyone's support in this.

We are currently collecting sleeping bags, pot noodles, cuppa soups and men's socks for the homeless. Any donations you may have can be left in my office and would be very much appreciated.

Mrs Vyas

DINOSAURS!

For topic launch day, Year 1 dressed up as explorers and dinosaurs! They have found out about George the Palaeontologist and are helping him return home by finding out lots of facts about Dinosaurs. They sketched fossils and made their own fossils out of salt dough, and made bones, teeth, eggs, claw imprints. They even turned themselves into dinosaurs by making their very own dinosaur hats. The children plan to write their very own dinosaur non-fiction book, dinosaur poetry and stories and are looking forward to making Dinosaur Eggs using balloons and paper mache.



WHAT CAN YOU MAKE?

The theme for this half term in Nursery is 'What can you make?'. The children will be reading two traditional stories which involve making things, the Gingerbread Man and the Little Red Hen. They are going to make their own gingerbread men, buying the ingredients themselves from the local shop and will cook them in the school kitchen. For topic launch day they had a 'Messy Maker' day. Everyone came to school in their old clothes and got stuck into a range of messy making activities. They made models using salt dough and junk modelling materials, as well as blowing bubbles and making bubble prints. Outside, the children made recipes in the mud kitchen and did paint splats using old teabags.

WISH YOU WERE HERE

For their topic of Wish You Were Here, on topic launch day in Year 2 the children brought in pictures of themselves in countries from around the world and located them on a map. The children looked at their heritage and decided to focus on the countries that they had the most connections with. They investigated using ipads and created collages of the different flags. The classes have linked up with Roots International school in Pakistan, and spent a lot of time in conversation with pupils from across the globe using an app called padlet. It was exciting and incredibly interesting to ask questions and get answers about school life in different places



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR ICT WHIZZ KIDS

At the end of this half term, we will be saying a big THANK YOU! to our Year 6 Whizz Kids as they finish the role to concentrate on their upcoming SATs. They started the role while they were in Year 4 and have spent the past 2 years attending an after school club to receive training specific to the ICT skills being taught throughout our school, and then holding weekly sessions to share these skills with others. They have shown a lot of enthusiasm and dedication to the role.

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MACBETH

Over the course of the next 5 weeks, the Year 5 children will have opportunities to act and dance their way through an exploration of Shakespeare's most famous tragedy. As part of this theme, the children will be participating in a workshop run by a professional theatre company *Shakespeare with a twist!* For theme launch day, they explored Elizabethan theatre and looked into some of the historical truths that inspired one of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies. In small groups, the children did some drama around what life would have been like for people living in England during Shakespeare's time.

SUSTAINABILITY

This half term, Year 6 will be learning about how industrialisation affects the landscape and the people living there. They will work in groups to research the country of Myanmar and the impact of its current economic success. In February, the children will be planting hedgerow in the local area with Southway Housing in an effort to conserve and encourage our local wildlife.

For topic launch day the children looked at ways to protect the local environment, right here in Burnage. They went litter picking in the local area and in the school grounds. One member of the public was so impressed with their efforts that she took the time to stop her car and thank them!



CHINA

The topic for this half term in Year 4 is China. For topic launch day, in the morning the children researched where China was, what languages they spoke, ate some yummy prawn crackers and had a go at using chopsticks. They then went to a Chinese restaurant in China town to sample some of the local foods such as noodles, rice and sweet and sour chicken.

They also enjoyed a Chinese workshop where they learnt some Chinese language, how to write Chinese calligraphy and created some beautiful Chinese art. They will be making their own i-movie presentation on the things they will have learnt about China. They are also linking with Discovery Bay International school in Hong Kong, for an exciting letter writing project to find out more about Hong Kong including what life is like for children there.



OURSELVES

The Reception children are looking forward to learning all about keeping themselves healthy through healthy lifestyles and healthy eating. They will be sharing together some of the things that make each of them special and learning more about how each of them likes to learn. This half-term they will be having a 'Topic Celebration Day' at the end of the half term. The children plan to open their very own Healthy Breakfast Café for Parents/Carers. They will devise and prepare their own healthy eating menu; take and write down their customer orders and serve a tasty breakfast to their families. More details to be sent out nearer the date.

NATURAL DISASTERS

In Year 3 on topic launch day the children were introduced to various types of natural disasters. In groups they built a 3D model of a volcano using card and paper mache. After that the children discussed words relevant to the theme and created a word cloud on the laptops. The children are enjoying learning about the various different natural disasters. They have been shocked and amazed by the power of these natural disasters but saddened by the devastation caused and showed empathy towards people who have had to go through the disasters through drama and discussion.



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