16th February 2024

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Wow, it’s the half term holiday already and what a busy half term it’s been!  We came back to school very early in the new year and quickly got settled in and involved in our learning, after school clubs and a wide range of other activities.

As a school we competed in sports hall athletics, at hockey, football and netball tournaments and the regional Boccia finals where we won the Spirit of the Games trophy which is a huge testament to our good sportsmanship. Well done to all of our sporting representatives.

Our Young Voices club took part in their performance at AO Arena in Manchester performing with acts including Natalie Williams and Nandi Bushell.

Years 5 and 6 met virtually with Baroness Harris of Richmond who talked to them about the House of Lords and her experiences as a member.

Year 5 completed the cycle safety BikeRight programme and showed themselves to be sensible and competent cyclists.

Year 4 have been extremely busy with tag rugby coaching, swimming and their fantastic residential visit to Burwardsley.

Year 3 explored stone age artefacts during their visit to Weaver Hall Museum and found out what it felt like to be Winter’s Child with their barefoot walk in the snow.

Year 2 have enjoyed a ‘Journey to the Moon’ with the University of Canterbury and learned Tae Kwondo in PE sessions.

Year 1 took their science lessons outside with a trip to Marshall’s Arm and used their time playing in the snow to collect ideas for their snow poetry.

Reception have welcomed lots of visitors this half term as part of their People Who Help Us topic: Sara (our Lollipop Lady), firefighters, police and nurses.  They also explored Bunbury Mill on their trip.

We all enjoyed our morning playing in the snow.

Our Monday morning assemblies have focused on how we Be Safe which is part of the Charles Darwin Way.  We’ve been helped by visits from The Canal and River Trust, Network Rail, our PCSO and a brilliant internet safety play for KS2.

Parents and carers have been welcomed into school to enjoy brilliant class assemblies from years 5,4 and 3 with more to come from our infant classes next half term.

The popular OSCA Valentines disco was a great success with fantastic behaviour and dance moves from all who attended.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped us in school this half term, OSCA and all families for their support.

Wishing you a happy half term break, we return to school on Monday 26th February.

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