



Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School

What we nourish today, will flourish tomorrow"



St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
Diocesan Multi Academy Trust

The Autumn Term has been packed with learning and fun at Chelmo and here are some of our highlights.



Year 6 pupils served refreshments at our MacMillan coffee morning in September and we raised over £300. As is our tradition, the whole school entertained our many visitors to sing our harvest songs. Our fundraising didn't stop there as we raised awareness and £96.20 in our Jeans for Genes day.



The following week we celebrated our Harvest Festival at St Andrews Church with Rev. Liesbeth. Once again, we were delighted that we were so well supported by families and we filled the church. This was our first church visit for Reception pupils, who enjoyed the whole experience - including walking with Year 6s, watching Edith May perform a Harvest rap and everyone singing our Harvest samba. All the food donations went to Ipswich Families in Need (FIND).



Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a wonderful time at our residential trip to Hilltop in Norfolk; it was an extremely valuable life experience for our pupils and Hilltop never disappoints! In a woodland setting, children take on 'challenges by choice' which all include extensive social interaction and teamwork, stepping out of comfort zones and learning that it is ok to 'push yourself' sometimes to achieve something that, at first, seems impossible. Our goals include building self-confidence and resilience.



Cygnets and Melissa classes enjoyed a wonderful woodland walk, spotting seasonal changes as we went. Thank you to all the volunteers who joined us and also a big thank you to Pin Mill Sailing Club and Mrs Hopkinson who welcomed us in to enjoy a drink and a snack.



Edme and Thistle (Y6 and Y5), as 'custodians of the wider world', had an extremely interesting and productive morning in October, taking part in a beach clean at Pin Mill. We were grateful for the help and expert advice from Mr Stanley and it was good to know that we are having a real impact over time, as each year there is less rubbish to remove from the beach. We even made the EADT!

» Pupils help clean up Pin Mill shoreline

Pin Mill beach clean by Chelmondiston Primary School pupils

Pupils from Chelmondiston Church of England Primary School have helped clean up the River Orwell.

On Monday, October 13, Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a beach clean at Pin Mill. Equipped with litter pickers and black bags, they collected

rubbish from the shoreline, part of the Suffolk Coast and Heaths Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. They recorded the types of rubbish found for analysis back at school. Headteacher Lesley Etchingham said: "The children did a fantastic job.

"In no time, they were filling up the bags and were excited by what they found. "We're fortunate to have such amazing surroundings close to our school, and we want our pupils to appreciate and protect the natural world." By the end of the clean-up, several recycled bags were filled

with litter. Among the most surprising discoveries were a torch, a shoe, part of a washing machine and a wheel. Mrs Etchingham added: "It is encouraging for us that each time we return, we are finding less rubbish to collect, which shows that we are having an impact."

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Well done to our Junior Road Safety Offers who led collective worship and organised our Bright Day. In Collective Worship we sang 'This little light of mine' as we thought about the idea that we have a spark of light that shines within us and that we can choose to share it with others and look for it in others too. The JRSOs awarded certificates to winners for shining brightly and admired the creativity of the occasion!



"In R.E., Thistle and Edme classes have been learning about the four Gospel-writers: Luke, John, Matthew and Mark. We visited the Church to learn about pulpits and lecterns with Reverend Liesbeth. A Bible is read from a lectern and will always include a Gospel whereas a pulpit is a raised structure where a service will occur. Sometimes a lectern will have an eagle carved on it because the eagle can fly the furthest to share God's words of peace and love." - Megan and Scarlett G



Edith May class (y3/4) were the first class to have swimming lessons this year - all children from Y1 to Y6 learn to swim. Outdoor learning is always a strong focus for us and all classes enjoy lessons in our woodland areas throughout the year.

Our fantastic PTA arranged for everyone to enjoy a hands-on Circus Day - it was such fun and it's given everyone some extra ideas for playtime too!



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