

Spring Term at Eyke C of E Primary

We have had a busy term at Eyke C of E Primary. The children's learning started and finished with a bag – or rather with Brilliant Beginnings and Fabulous Finishes. For KS1 this meant investigating the mysterious scorch marks left by a UFO on the school field with the aid of a forensic scientist and the Suffolk Constabulary to mark the start of their Space topic. After half term their Spring topic began with a visit from an enormous John Deere tractor.



..and finished with a trip to Wantisden Valley Farm to watch carrots and potatoes being planted and cuddle the lambs and piglets. We hope to walk back to the farm later in the summer term to see how both the vegetables and animals are growing. Back in the classroom the children have also been growing their own beans and potatoes and have watch Norman the Chick hatch in the incubator. He has now take up residence in his house (decorated by the children) in the corner of the EYFS classroom!

In KS2 the children visited Colchester Castle. The children learnt about life in Roman Britain and Boudicca's rebellion, visiting the dungeons where she was held prisoner. Back at school they continued their work on Roman Britain and in Maths they are learnt to read and write in Roman Numerals. Their topic finished with a Fabulo9us Finish – mosaic making and a Key Stage catapult competition.

In sport we have had an exciting term at Eyke. All the classes completed their Sports Relief challenges and thanks to the sunshine that week were able to spend lots of time outdoors. The children raised an astonishing £350. Our After School Clubs run by Inspire are increasingly popular and run three nights a week giving the children the opportunity to try traditional sports such as netball and cross country as well as new ones like Futsal. We have also had success in competitions. In the Pyramid Swimming Gala, we competed against 9 other schools from the Farlingaye pyramid. Our team entered swimmers from Years 5 and 6 into all the events and we are exceptionally proud to have been placed third overall and to have been awarded with bronze certificates. All the Eyke swimmers showed stamina, determination and enormous enjoyment. They were exceptionally well behaved and I was very proud to be accompanying them.



Our sporting success continued on 21st March when 24 runners from school took part in the Area Cross Country competition at The Royal Hospital School in Holbrook. The children had to run a course of 2.5km and each heat had over 150 runners. Again all our runners did exceptionally well. It was wonderful to see the excitement as they lined up on the start line and the enormous smiles as they arrived at the finish. Special mentions must go to Manni Watson in Year 5 who came 3rd in the Year 5 Boys and Aden Chandler, who not only came 5th, but was competing a year up in the Year 4 Boys.



Other exciting events enjoyed by the children have been the Able Writers course for science fiction writing run by the Britten Pears Foundation and the Farlingaye Choral Concert. This year 20 children performed with pupils from 3 other local primary schools and 5 different choirs from Farlingaye High School as well as many soloists and the school jazz band – an exceptionally magical evening for performers and the audience alike.

Sadly, on Maundy Thursday, we had to say goodbye to our Parish Priest, Janice Lever, who is retiring. We combined our Easter service at All Saints' Church with a farewell to Janice – poems, readings and a song. Her friendship, guidance and support will be greatly missed by both the pupils, staff and governors at Eyke C of E Primary.