



## Long Melford Church of England Primary School

Everyone has been working hard at Long Melford this term – once again it has been busy!

**Daily Mile** – Long Melford CE Primary School returned to school in January 2018 with one pledge, we were going to do the Daily Mile. We could run, jog or walk the mile each day with 15 minutes or five laps of our playground and field. By the end of the first two weeks, if we put all our miles end to end we would have reached Newcastle! Sadly, the weather has defeated our efforts, but we will be back after Easter!

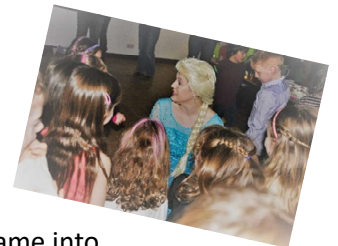


**Rainbow Club** – January also saw the beginning of our Rainbow Breakfast Club with Mrs Good, Mrs Allen and Mrs Sandford. A growing number of children are coming to Rainbow Club and are enjoying the different activities that they do both before and after school. The favourite activities this term have included playing Badminton and Basketball as well as making Chocolate Easter Nests!

**Maths Week at Long Melford** – What a busy time we had when we all took part in Cross Curricular Maths Week! There was lots of learning and some exciting projects that the children enjoyed as part of our maths themed week. It culminated in a maths assembly where each class shared their learning with the school. An example of the learning that occurred was in Fox Class where they had been singing songs and using art to learn all about pairs and doubles! The children had learnt a doubling song which helped them remember their numbers. The school were wowed by their rendition in assembly! A second example was in Years 5 and 6 where as part of their Battle of Hastings topic, the children pretended to be Anglo Saxon Generals. The task was to plan a route from Stamford Bridge (near York) to Hastings in the south of England. It was important to plan an efficient route as the army had to fight a battle against the Duke of Normandy's invading army before they got a foothold on the south coast. Maths skills such as co-ordinates, scale and measurement (distance and speed) were used, as well as geography skills such as reading gradient, tracking water sources such as rivers, and locating landmarks on a map.



**FLuMPS** – FLuMPS (Friends of Long Melford Primary School) have been busy as well, running a disco and hang out just before half term and a quiz for parents and members of Holy Trinity Church during this half term. We had a special visitor at our disco when Elsa popped in to see our younger children.



**Imagination Station** – Mrs Tonks and Realise Futures Family Learning came into school in March to do a fun workshop for parents and their children. The theme was 'Imagination Station' and it was a very enjoyable afternoon.

**Snow Days** – Although like most of Suffolk, we closed for two days due to the snow, we opened on the Friday for a fantastic Snow School Day! The day included Snowball Fights, Snowy football, Snow Boules, Sledging, Snow Skittles as well as learning! There was lots of laughing and we even had Christmas Crackers at lunchtime!



**World Book Day** – We finally had World Book Day a week later than planned. We had lots of children dressed as their favourite book characters and some dressed as words, e.g. Ms Ryan came dressed as 'puzzled' and Mrs Moores was 'stripy'.



**Facebook** – One of our aims this year is to develop our communication channels with our parents. During the snowy weather the plans were hatched for our Facebook page. It is a closed 'secret' group for parents, grandparents, staff and governors that will be used as a broadcast page. During March we launched it and I am pleased to say that our 'friends' are growing daily!

**Voice in a Million** – In March we took thirty-eight children to Wembley Arena to perform as part of a choir of 2,000. The Voice in a Million concerts raise awareness of adoption and the needs of adopted children. Our children were fantastic, they worked hard learning the songs and performed enthusiastically. A large number of our parents came to watch the concert. It was a fantastic experience even though we did not get home until nearly 1.00 am!



**Mother's Day Tea** – The day after we sang at Wembley we held our Mother's Day Tea where we served tea and cake to about 250 people who were special to us! The ladies in our kitchen had worked very hard all week making cakes for the tea – but it was worth it as they were lovely.

**Fox Class Bug Visit** – This term Fox Class have been finding out about life cycles. They were lucky to have Mr Jackson come in to show us lots of different stick insects. He showed us the eggs that they lay, we saw baby stick insects and the fully grown adults. We also looked at moults, we learned that at each stage a stick insect 'moults' and they grow a new skin as they get bigger.



**Sports Relief** – As part of our fitness pledge at the start of the term, we had a sporty day to raise money for Sports Relief. We all came dressed in sports clothes. We held a warm up / rise and shine session on the playground at 9.00am, followed by Just Dance for the whole school in the hall at 10.00am. Our Year 3 children spent the rest of the morning swimming and the rest of the school developed their skipping skills including crossovers, double unders, running skip and hopping skip. In the afternoon, having pledged 1,920,000 steps as a school, we ran / jogged / walked our Daily Mile. Many people were tired at the end of the day, but we were pleased that we had raised £180 and had had a sporty fun day!

**Peake and Anning Class Technology Day** – Peake and Anning Classes have been looking at healthy eating and they recently spent time tasting different foods. After the important taste tests, they planned and prepared the ingredients for a Rainbow Wrap, including making a dressing for it! After all the chopping and grating, they thoroughly enjoyed tasting the end results!



**Tesla Class Healthy Eating** – Tesla Class have also been looking at Healthy Eating. They have been designing and making healthy snacks and also looking at how we can make healthy choices whilst having the occasional treat!

**Easter Garden by Peake Class** – Peake Class made an Easter Garden with Mrs Johnson. It was in school for Holy Week and was taken to Holy Trinity Church to be displayed for the Easter Services.

