



Swan Lane First School Newsletter

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Dates for your Diary:

8th December - Reception Nativity to RG Parents
10th December - Reception Nativity to RW Parents
9th December - Puppet Show in school
15th December - Christmas Lunch

17th December - Last day of Autumn term, break up for Christmas Holiday.

4th January - Teacher Education Day, children not in.

5th January - First Day of Spring term

Culture Day

A few weeks ago, usual lessons were temporarily put on hold as all year groups focused on a different country. The whole day was centred around understanding more about the cultural diversity of Europe & broadening the children's understanding of our continent. Throughout the day, children cooked and experienced different food,



learnt part of a new language, tried some traditional dancing, sung songs from their chosen country and created some wonderful pieces of art. It was a brilliant day, one which both teachers and children really enjoyed!



Remembrance

As a school we sold poppies and came to school wearing an item of red. As a result of your kind donations, we raised £850.26, thank you so much.

Year 2 visited the Remembrance memorial to further show our respect as a school.

Hindu Workshop in Year 3

At the start of the month, the children in Year 3 took part in a wonderful Hinduism workshop. We welcomed Indriya and Krishna from the Hinduism Education Service, who shared lots of exciting stories and activities with the children. The children were able to explore different artefacts, dress in traditional Indian costumes, and take part in drama and role play activities relating to the story of Rama and Sita and the Hindu festival of Diwali, which is the focus of our RE lessons this half term. Indriya and Krishna taught the children a traditional dance called the dandiya rasa, which included ceremonial sticks, and they shared some meditation and devotional chanting (kirtan) with the children. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they thoroughly enjoyed their morning. It was great to see such enthusiasm for all the different activities, which really brought their learning to life. We thank Indriya and Krishna for providing us with such an interesting and worthwhile morning's activities.

Mrs Vaqueiro



Children in Need

We had a brilliant day dressing up for Children in Need. The children took part in lots of Children in Need related activities, and even had a Zoom call with Pudsey! As a school we raised over £450! Thank you for all the kind donations.



Autumn at Swan Lane

As autumn turns to winter, the school grounds have transformed and look absolutely stunning. In the picture to the left you can see IPJ having tremendous fun on an autumnal walk.

Super Science

Year 5's Science topic has been focused on the Solar System, planets and stars. They were recently lucky enough to get the chance to enter a visiting planetarium. The children had brilliant fun and it really helped to consolidate all they have been learning in science lessons.





We would like to thank The Valley for their kind donation of a beautiful Christmas tree. We have started to decorate it and I know that everyone in school is going to take a great deal of pleasure from it over the coming weeks.

Mr Batts