



Autumn Term: December 2023

Headteacher's Note

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the autumn term comes to an end, we are pleased to share our termly newsletter showcasing the fantastic learning experiences our classes have enjoyed.

From visits to a toy museum and a farm, to learning about keeping safe at the Warning Zone Centre there have been so many memorable learning opportunities.

Our wonderful Christmas performances are always a festive highlight and this year is no exception. Our Foundation

Class delighted audiences for their first appearance on the school stage for 'We're Going on a Baby Hunt', complete with wonderful singing and dancing.

Likewise, Year 1 and 2 thoroughly enjoyed demonstrating their creative talents in the 'Twinkly Nativity' wowing the audience with a grandstand show.

Thank you to all parents for your support with our

performances, from assembling costumes to helping children learn their lines and songs.

On behalf of everyone at Elizabeth Woodville, I would like to thank you for your support this year.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Andrew Pridmore,
Headteacher



2023 Christmas Nativity



Foundation

On Friday 27th October, the children visited Stonehurst Farm and had a fantastic time.

They were guided around the farm yard and were able to see some 3-day-old piglets.



They also had a chance to hold some of the guinea pigs and rabbits in 'Cuddle Corner'.



Farmer Tom took the children for a ride on his tractor and explained how the fields had been ploughed ready for the barley to be sown.

This term, we have been looking at machines and how different they can be.



We all made some yummy toast using a toaster and thought about

what we needed and how to actually make it.



Remember, Remember...

Foundation enjoyed learning all about Bonfire Night and why we have fireworks. The children made a Catherine Wheel and decorated it with paint, glitter and ribbons.



Festival of Light

November 12th is the start of Diwali and the children have been investigating Diwali traditions.

They enjoyed drawing Rangoli patterns in chalks and making them with the large foam shapes outside in the activity area.

Some children made Diwa lamps with clay and then painted them.



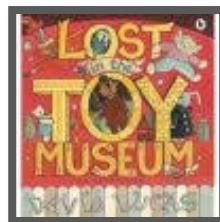
In November, Foundation painted poppies to remember all the soldiers that died in the wars.



We produced some lovely artwork using various techniques. Well done Foundation!

YEAR 1

In English, we have read a really exciting book called 'Lost in the Toy Museum'.



We even wrote our own version of the story, using some of the characters. This has been some of our best writing yet. We consolidated our learning in



English and History by visiting the Newarke House Toy Museum.

We have also been practising our Christmas play, 'The Twinkly Nativity,' with Year 2.

Year 1 had the very special job of playing the glockenspiels to 'Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star,' as well as learning all of the songs and dances for our play. We hope you enjoyed watching us!

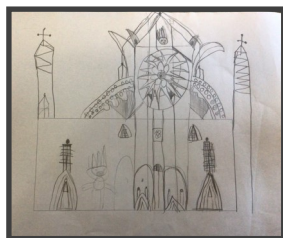


Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning all about the events of **The Great Fire of London**. In our history unit, we learnt about the effects the fire had on the people and buildings in London.

Our science lessons reinforced this, as we learnt about materials and their properties.

In art, we have



created our own

design of a cathedral using gothic features to coincide with this time period.

We have been looking at past and present



tense verbs in our English lessons and have written and illustrated our own class book based on the picture book, 'The Night Box' by Louise Grieg. The children created beautiful narratives and then illustrated each passage.

YEAR 3

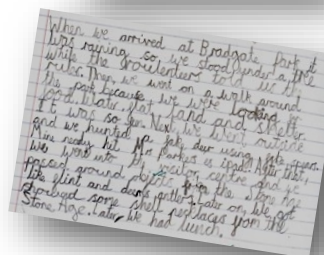
Year 3 have been learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and had a fantastic introduction to the topic when they visited Bradgate Park for a Stone Age education session, albeit on a very rainy day!.



The children were able to experience first hand what it would have been like to live during this time period. They were shown prehistoric artefacts, they pretended to

be hunter-gatherers looking for food, shelter and water, and also learned how to throw spears.

Back in the classroom, the children then used these experiences to help them write some fantastic recounts of their trip to Bradgate Park.



YEAR 4

We all enjoyed a 'Roman Super Learning Day' this half term. We specifically looked at the lasting legacy of the Romans on Britain and how



they still impact our lives today.

Learning was brought to life as we created a human historical timeline and went to battle against the Celts.

The children have also thoroughly enjoyed their art project this half term.

The project commenced by learning an array of sketching techniques which they then used to draw their design. Once the children had settled on their final design, it was time to get the clay out!



The project culminated with pupils creating their very own dragon eye out of clay.

Thank you to everyone who supported 'Save the Children' by wearing a Christmas jumper.

We raised ..

£120.00



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

PTA Christmas Fair 2023

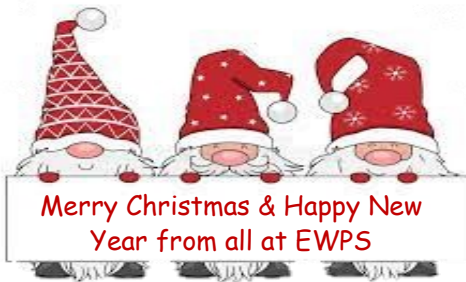
We would like to thank everyone who came along and braved the freezing cold weather on Friday 1st December to join us for this year's Christmas Fair. We are delighted to announce that we raised a fantastic **£1,650!**

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who had a part in helping out and making it a successful event.

It was very useful for us as the PTA to receive all your feedback via our online form. Thank you and we will take into consideration all the suggestions put forward in order to shape our future events.

Please keep a look out for a *Parent's Coffee Morning* date coming soon!

Festive greetings to you all from the PTA



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all at EWPS



Monday 8th January

Teacher day

Tuesday 9th January

School Opens

February 19th - 23rd

Spring HALF TERM

Year 5

It's all about the Vikings

We had an amazing super learning day, all about the Vikings. The day began with the



children making their own 'human history timeline' which was great fun!

They also learnt some old Norse language and studied all about life in the Viking times. To complete the

experience, they all made an individually decorated shield and acted out a mock Viking battle.

It was a great day and it really enhanced pupils'



Three Year 5 pupils were chosen to represent Elizabeth Woodville at the *Talk the Talk* event at

Brookvale Groby Campus.

They all presented their own subjects which included Sea Turtles, Skiing and Descendants (the film). Louis, Raegan and Eve were understandably nervous to speak in front of a large audience but their presentations were absolutely amazing and we were so proud of them.

STEM Workshop

Year 5 were also lucky enough to take part in an online live stream of a **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) workshop in association with the RAF.

A qualified engineer led the pupils through the day and instructed

them on how to design and build their own glider using only very basic materials.



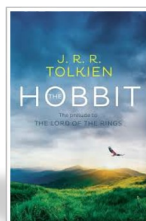
Once the gliders were built, they were tested for speed and flying distance. Finally, the pupils designed their own sustainable

aircraft and one of the designs was sent to the organisers as an entry for a competition to win tickets to the Royal International Air Tattoo (fingers crossed!).



YEAR 6

This term, Year 6 have been busy learning all about *The Hobbit*. We have got well into the novel and learnt all about how Tolkien conveys characters with language and description.



We have loved learning about The Shire and Hobbiton.



We have written short character

descriptions about Bilbo Baggins and Gandalf the Wizards.



As a bigger piece of writing, we have been writing a setting description. We learnt how to use prepositional phrases in our writing and how to use high-level punctuation.

On Tuesday 21st November, we made our annual visit to The Warning Zone.



The Warning Zone promotes an understanding of risk, safety and responsibility, to enhance what is taught in the classroom. It also links with our school's commitment to



Elizabeth Woodville raised...

£200.00

Thank you for all your support



Parking

Please support us in **keeping the zig zag lines outside the school gates clear at all times**. The school car park is solely for the use of staff and disabled visitors, the access to the car park needs to be kept clear at all times.

Please do not drop your children off in the car park.

School Hours

Please can we remind you that the school gate opens at 08:35am. All children should be in class by 8:45am

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to bring a labelled water bottle to school each day containing water only.



Snacks

Can we politely remind all parents that if they are sending their child with a snack it must be fresh fruit only.





A lesson from Leicester to Chengdu!



On 30th October, we held another successful online meeting between our two schools. This time the focus was on the creative arts. Pupils at

Chengdu shared their recent design technology project to create their own souvenir products with our students. They had even sent them to us so we could enjoy seeing the finished designs in school. Next it was a musical showcase, in which the Chengdu Shifan Primary School pupils entertained

us with a beautiful choral performance and 2 individual instrumental performances. It was then our turn, with Year 5 singing one of their favourite Harvest songs.

This was a wonderful experience and we look forward to further lessons with our friends at Chengdu Shifan Primary School later in the academic year.

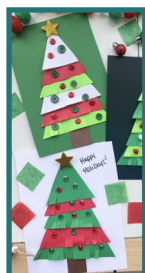
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Whizz Kids continues to be a great success and supports many families across the school with before and after school care.

The children love coming, not only for our varied activities, but they also enjoy our range of healthy snacks. Recently we've introduced Quorn chicken burgers!



We are very proud of our before and after school provision, however, due to safeguarding guidelines and staffing we have had to limit numbers to 25 for mornings and afternoon sessions. This means we can no longer take walk-ins. **So, please**

be sure to pre book on line as some days are fully booked.

To save a wasted journey please be aware that if your child is not booked in we **will NOT** be able to take them.



The Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup is the largest primary-aged schools' cup competition in England, with over 5,000 school teams and over 50,000 children taking to pitches across England to play in this huge tournament. School teams are able to showcase their skills in the local

district rounds, successful teams then go on to compete in County rounds.

Elizabeth Woodville was excited to be the winner of the District rounds but unfortunately lost in the final of the County rounds. Well done to the team; let's go again next year!



The Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup 2022/2023

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team crowned champions of the Pokémon Cup for Hinckley and Bosworth.



DISTRICT ROUND - WINNERS

The Toy Museum

Year 1s had a brilliant time visiting the Newarke House Toy Museum. The visit complemented our current topic "Toys through Time."

We started off with a very special talk about toys and how they have changed. They are a lot stronger and more colourful now. Some of the toys were hundreds of years old and made of wood. We had to sort the toys into modern and old (or reproduction) toys. Everyone had a great time!

