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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the mid-point of another term, we would like to take this opportunity to express our pride in our fabulous pupils and how well they have settled into their new year groups. Thank you to all our families for all your support.

Lots has been happening over the last few weeks:

White Hall STEM residential



Y5/6 had the fabulous experience of a residential trip at White Hall in Buxton. We were blessed with beautiful weather and gorgeous autumnal countryside. During this trip the students experienced outdoor pursuits combined with STEM learning. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and maths. Their first challenge was a night walk, for which they made their own torches. Then they took turns with abseiling



from a bridge during which they measured their heart rates before, during and after. Another popular challenge was shelter building. In this, the students followed an orienteering map around the grounds. At checkpoints they answered maths questions which earned them points to spend at the den building shop. In groups, they designed and created shelters in the woods, which had to withstand a storm! (buckets of water!) The next challenge developed the skill of zip wiring by asking the students to speed up or slow down their times. The children used ingenious methods to change their times, which was great fun. A bushcraft challenge taught the students how to construct fire and then they enjoyed popcorn and toasted marshmallows. The children worked together with kindness and teamwork throughout. They all showed the school value of courage, as they conquered fears and developed life skills. Throughout the trip all students built their confidence and showed resilience. A huge thank you to all the staff and parents who made this trip a great success. Well done Y5/6! Please see the class page of the website for photos.

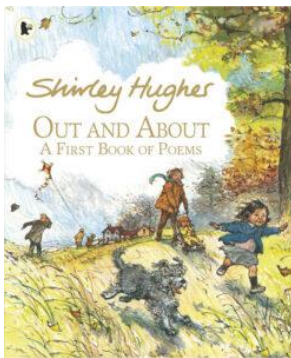


Y5/6 – Football Tournament

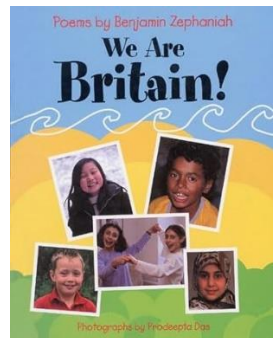
Our Upper Key Stage 2 football team won the High Peak small school football competition, for the second year running. They will progress to the next stage in which they represent the High Peak area! All the team showed fabulous teamwork and determination as well as great skill. A huge thank you to Janice Pelham and Cath Tiffany who organise all the school sports. Good luck Y5/6 with the next stage!

National Poetry Day 2024

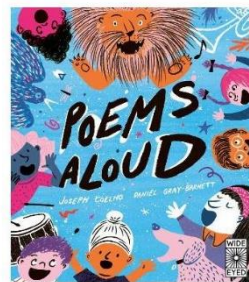
We all had a fabulous day of poetry on National Poetry Day, Thursday 3rd October. We read and wrote poems in our classes, including raps in Y5/6, list poems in Y3/4 and work influenced by Benjamin Zephaniah in Y1/2. Throughout the day we all visited a pop-up Poetry Café in which we shared new and old poems with friends. Please see below for some popular poetry anthologies enjoyed by the children, which you may enjoy reading with your child. Please see the reading page of the website for book recommendations to share with your children and adult reads for yourselves also.



EYFS



KS1



LKS2



UKS2

Harvest Service

We enjoyed a fabulous Harvest service in which the students performed Harvest and Autumn songs and poems. Thank you to all who sent in canned goods for the local food bank, it is greatly appreciated by the local community.



DDAT 10 Year Anniversary

Our trust, Derby Diocesan Academy Trust, are celebrating their ten-year anniversary. As part of the celebration all DDAT schools have learned and filmed themselves singing and signing in BSL to 'You Will be Found'. A celebratory film including all the 33 schools that are in DDAT will be created, stay posted and we will share on our website. Two pupils from Year 4 took part in a special day of filming and singing with representatives from all DDAT schools. They represented our school with pride and had a great day.

Local Links

In the first week of the Autumn term Y3/4 were very lucky to have a trip to Torr Vale Mill. During the trip the students learned about the mill industry and our local heritage. They created printing and weaving and had a wonderful day. This was followed by a day learning how to make shadow puppets with Russell from Strangeface Theatre Company. Y3/4 pupils behaved extremely well on the trip and had a fantastic day making puppets. Thank you to our local friends who made these exciting events happen for our pupils.



Printing at the mill



Shadow Puppet Plays

Dates for your diary, get ready for **Christmas:**

4/11/24 INSET day

11/11/24-15/11/24 Anti-Bullying Week

11/11/24- Story time in school, join your child for story time, 2:45-3:15

12/11/24 Odd sock day

15/11/24 Non-uniform day, bottles for the Christmas Fair please.

22/11/24 Non-uniform day, unwanted gifts for the tombola please.

29/11/24 Non-uniform day, chocolate for the popular chocolate tombola please.

2/12/24- Story time in school, join your child for story time, 2:45-3:15

6/12/24 THE CHRISTMAS FAIR, 3:15-5pm

10/12/24 The KS1 Christmas Play 10 am and 6 pm

16/12/24 Cosy Christmas reading session in school

17/12/24 Christmas dinner day

18/12/24 Pantomime visiting school

19/12/24 Party day

20/12/24 9:30 am, Christmas service in church, last day of term.

If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

Sarah Craig- Executive Headteacher

Fiona Hall- Head of School