

Much Ado In Year Four

This week, Y4 have been working as an ensemble company to explore and perform key scenes from 'The Taming of the Shrew'. Pupils learned about the different characters and what happens to them. They took it in turns to play different roles around the circle and had to be ready to jump in and play a character at any moment!

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Three Little Ducks

We're very excited to have duckling eggs in Reception and Year One this week!



The eggs are kept snug and warm in an incubator whilst the ducklings wait to hatch.



The ducklings like coming out for cuddles although we have to be very quiet and gentle so they don't get scared.

Once dry and fluffy, the ducklings can snuggle up together in the straw. Soon, they'll learn to swim in their very own duckling pool.



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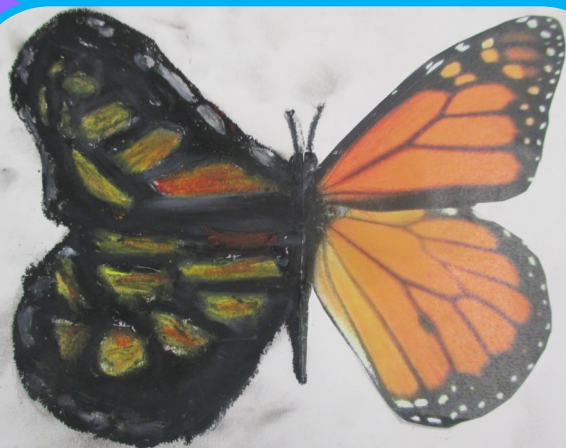
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Y5 Insect Art



Year Five have been learning more about the fascinating field of entomology by studying butterflies and bees. You can see some of their beautiful observational drawings on this and the next page.

Y5 Insect Art



Bee



By Jake Alexander Ash



Shannon L.



HOLLY LEVIS



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★Y5/6 Sport's Stars★

Well done to the children in Years Five and Six who travelled to "Ryton Sport's Connexion" this week to compete against other local schools in a range of events including relay, speed bounce, javelin, long jump, chest push and triple jump.

Pupils showed real determination, self-belief and a passion for sport, working well together as a team. We're very proud of all of you!



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Y5 Religious Education



In RE this week, Y5 discussed responses to the questions: what is love? What difference does love make? How do we recognise love? They then learnt about the artist Jim Dine and his beautiful work on hearts before creating our own versions for a class collage!

Love is sacrificing. Love never fails. Love is free. (Jamiah)

I think love is kind and proud and it's always truthful. (Nicole)

Love has no hatred. Love is in your hands. (Mikolaj)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

(1 Corinthians 13:4-8a, NIV)

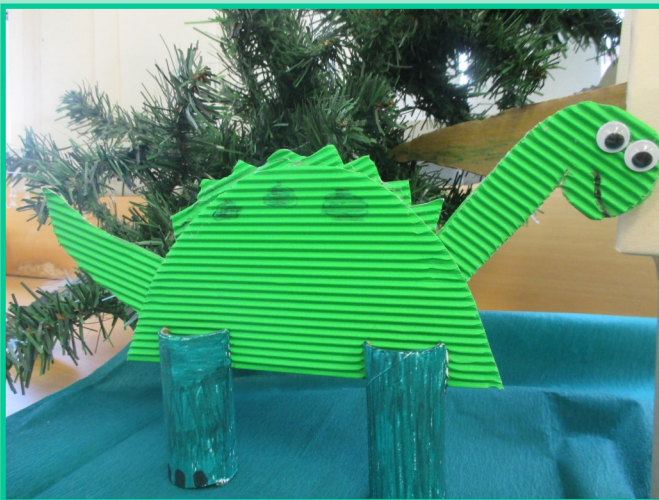
Pupils also focussed on the Christian value of Love using the passage from the Bible in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. This is a poem, about 1950 years old.



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Y1 Dinosaur Planet



Year One have made some fabulous dinosaur models for homelearning. Each one is unique! Well done to you all—children and grown-ups who helped.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY

Take One Picture

What can
you see?

What do you think
is happening?

How would you feel
if you were here?

What can
you hear?

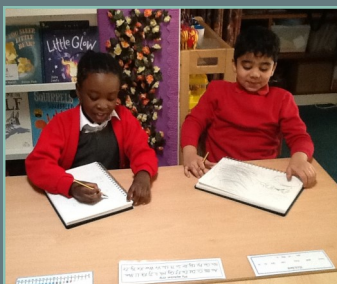
What time of
day is it?

Where are
we?

When in
history is it?



Take One Picture is a programme for primary schools, run by The National Gallery, which aims to inspire a lifelong love of art and learning. Every year, the gallery chooses a picture from its collection to inspire cross-curricular work in primary classrooms. Pupils study the painting then create their own responses. This can be anything from artwork or writing to design technology, dance, music or drama.



This year the picture is “A Shipwreck in Stormy Seas” by Claude-Joseph Vernet. Several classes this week have enjoyed a virtual lesson with National Gallery educators who introduced them to the painting. Children explored the history and themes of the painting as well as imagining what you might hear, feel, and smell if you “walked into” the painting. Watch this space for more information about the children’s work as the project progresses.



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Happiness is



You could hear a pin drop in the first session of Book Club on Monday!

It was so lovely to see the children with their nose in a book, enjoying the peace and tranquillity of our lovely library space. Next week, the children will review the books that they have been reading.



Book Club!



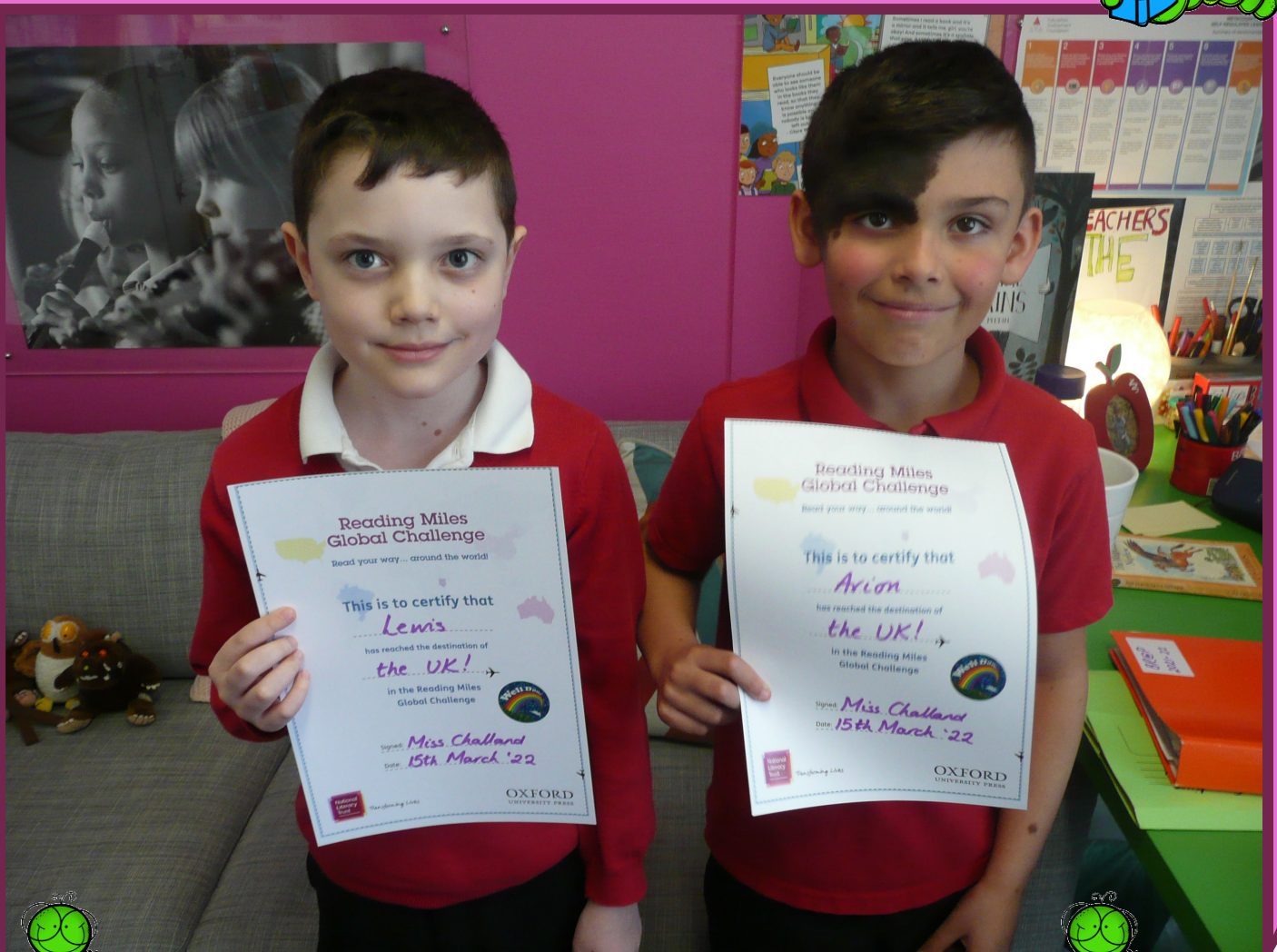
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Look who's reading...

Lewis and Arion in Year 4 proudly received their Reading Miles Global Challenge certificates this week, and Ophelia in Mrs Scholes' class enjoyed another visit from Fern. It turns out that Fern rather enjoys listening to books about dinosaurs!

Well done, children!



Happy reading everyone! Miss Challand

Job Opportunity



We are seeking to appoint three enthusiastic, reliable and dedicated additional midday supervisors to build capacity to our existing, hard-working and happy team of fifteen lunch time colleagues.

Candidates will need an enjoyment of working with children and the ability to supervise them with patience, care and kindness in our busy dining halls. You will need a strong sense of responsibility for children's safety, good listening skills and the ability to comfort children who may feel upset .

The successful candidates will receive induction training from a senior leader, then work as part of the team under the supervision of the senior midday supervisor. The successful candidates will need to be available to attend regular, termly training.

The hours for two midday supervisors will be: Mondays-Fridays
11.30am-1pm .

The hours for one further midday supervisors will be: Mondays-Fridays
12.00-1.30pm .

To apply, please contact a member of our school office team who will provide you with an application form or a link to a form you can complete electronically.

Midday Supervisor



RISE MHST

Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

Tips For Wellness:

Positivity

20th March - International Day of Happiness

Many of us may see positivity as a way in which we feel. However, positivity affects not only how we feel, but also our thinking and how we behave. Positive thinking can sometimes be hard to try if we are faced with a challenge, however a good start is treating yourself with kindness and compassion, like we would do for others. Positive thinking can be helpful as it can encourage us to think of solutions and cope with stress or challenges we may be faced with.

Try one, or all, of the below activities throughout this week:

1. **Three good things** - write in a personal journal three good things that have happened in your day.
2. **Practice positive self-talk** – quite often we would not dream of saying negative or unkind words we may have thought about ourselves to other people. Try a rule where you don't say something unkind to yourself that you wouldn't say to anyone else like a friend or family member.
3. Be a **thought detective** – if you notice thinking negatively ask yourself 'is this a fact or an opinion? Is there concrete evidence to say this thought is true? What would a friend or family member say about this thought, would they agree? Write down the answers to these questions and see how you feel about them now.

Useful link:

Positive affirmations -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I55jCHTQwCA>

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

Diary Dates

Monday 21st March	The Gonzaga Band performing Renaissance and Baroque music in school to KS2.
Wednesday 23rd March	Y4 participate in “Voice in a Million” at Wembley.
Friday 25th March	MUFTI (non-uniform) day. Bring 50p to wear your own choice of clothes. All proceeds to School Fund.
Wednesday 6th April	Junior silent disco (during the school day and free of charge.)
Thursday 7th April	Y3 visiting St Mary’s church.
Monday 11th April—Friday 22nd April, school closed for the Easter holidays. Children return to school on Monday 25th April	
Thursday 10th May	Y3 visit The Cotswold Wildlife Park—please note the change of date.
Wednesday 18th –19th May	Y6 residential to Blists Hill Victorian Town, Ironbridge Gorge.
Wednesday 25th May	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee celebration in school.
Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June, school closed for Whitsun half-term holiday.	

Welcome back to our Year Five adventurers who have been away this week on their residential trip—photographs in next week’s newsletter!

Have a lovely, sunny weekend everyone and don’t forget to enjoy our weekly superstar pictures on the next page.

Best wishes

From Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)



Sydenham Superstars



Reception, Year One & Year Two

