

Kennet Valley Voices

Term 4 - March 2019

We have had another busy term at Kennet Valley School, with a residential trip, our reading week, trips to London and to a farm, and taking part in several sports events.

We were incredibly proud of our children when they took part, and won, the Hobby Horse team games, Rugby and Hockey. The children always work incredibly hard to ensure that they show that they are good sportsman as well as being excellent sports players.



Next term our whole school topic is "Jeepers Creepers" - we will be finding out about plants and living things/mini beast in science, looking at artists who use nature in their work, and will have a Design and Technology week at the end of the term. Our Value is Friendship.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter. See you all next term. Mrs Russell

In March the Year 4 children went off on their residential adventure to the New Barn centre in Dorset.

As in past years they had lots of activities to do while they were away, which included pottery, making butter and grinding corn, found out lots about medieval life,



held a large selection of creepy crawlies, shelter building and had a long dark night walk. There was a big focus on teamwork and on the children pushing themselves to try new experiences.



All of the children loved their time at New Barn and staff were very impressed with their attitude and behaviour throughout the trip away.



On the 18th March, Otters Class went on a trip to Avebury to talk about the World Heritage site and how we can protect it. First, we discussed other World Heritage sites and if we knew anything about Avebury.

Next, we walked round the stones and talked about what we had noticed. Some of us had noticed ribbons in the trees and there was a Pagan ceremony taking place. Helen, from World Heritage, told us that the sarsen stones used to be taken and used for making houses. In Victorian times this was allowed, but now it is illegal.

Back at school, we watched some World Heritage videos which had a character called Patrimonito (Spanish for Little Heritage) and Henry, from Create Studios Swindon, told us how to make our own versions.

We have made videos for Avebury, the World Heritage site, telling people how they can protect it. We drew pictures of characters and settings and put the characters on sticks so that we could move them around.

By Beatrice and Isabella J





Last Friday a small group of year 3 and 4 children went to the first Hobby Horse Gymkhana. To begin with the children were asked to name their Hobby Horse, which saw inventive names such as Caramel, Brownie and Cucumber! The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the events, which included a relay, team caterpillar event, and an obstacle course, which they completed whilst riding their hobby horses. To finish they were asked to put together a dressage



piece which saw them working as a team, as they needed to listen to each others ideas and then perform it to the other schools that were there.

As a member of staff I was really proud of each child for having a go at something new and it was a delight to see the KVS team spirit in action. To top it all we came back with a medal for winning the Team Caterpillar Race, which saw all 8 children following a twisty trail as fast as they could to beat the other schools times. Well done Team Hobby Horse!

Children said ... "It was fun, the dance was funny" (Taylor), "Extremely good" (Oliver), "It was great fun and we had lots of responsibility for our school" (Chloe) and "It was really good fun" (Lena) .

By Mrs

Friends of KVS – Term 3 & 4

Pancake Races

A wet blustery day didn't stop the community pancake races at Kennet Valley Hall with lots of families taking part. Just over 100 pancakes with yummy toppings were eaten as the rain came down and when the clouds cleared, we had great fun cheering on the racers.

The children did brilliantly at pancake flipping but the highlight was probably the dads' race which caused lots of laughter. After the racing the prizes were given out and we ate some more pancakes before heading home.

A grand total of £277 was raised. Well done to Lucy Humphries for her brilliant organisation & to everyone else who helped on the day.

By Kate Fry



Silent Disco

A great evening was had by all at this inaugural 'Silent Disco'. The children (and some parent helpers) took no time in dancing along to the tunes, even singing along out loud. Listening to 50 children singing along and doing the actions to the cha cha slide was something to behold! A great evening which we will be sure to do again.

Thank you to all the parent helpers.

Swindon Music Festival

On Monday 25th March, Thomas, Ollie W, Beatrice, Imogen and I went to Swindon music festival. Grade 1 played first. Nearly everyone played a different song. I thought the adjudicator would be a big scary man, but I was so relieved that SHE was a nice lady!

Ollie and I played "Little Brown Jug", and Thomas played "Sundown" and he WON! With an amazing score of 86. Not forgetting everyone else's score: Ollie = 82, me = 84, Beatrice = 83 and Imogen =84. I came third place and although I was relieved that I got on the stage, I was proud of myself.

WELL DONE EVERYONE!

By Martha



Voice in a Million

On the 20th of March we went to Wembley Arena to sing at VIAM 10th Anniversary. We left school at 11:00AM to get the bus to London. After a long journey we finally arrived and checked in. Once we got in we practiced some of the songs. After an hour people started to get restless. There were three people that carried the Kennet Valley banner onto the stage. When the show started there was a great atmosphere, parents were piling in and everyone wanted the show to start quickly. At long last we began and started singing. We all enjoyed although it was super loud. There were people that were showing us the dance moves as the songs played. The concert took 2 and a half hours, and at the end everybody was really tired, but it was worth it for a chance to perform in front of hundreds of people. To top it all off, we got VIAM t-shirts to keep as souvenirs.

By Thomas and Luca J.

In the stadium there was a massive light show with everyone holding flashlights or glow-sticks. My favourite songs were Believer, Stronger, Skin and seeing the band Road Trip. When we practiced all of the songs we had some errors with the speakers but luckily they fixed it so the concert went on.

Then 1 hour later, the practice finished and we went to go and get epic and cool merchandise like glow-sticks, voice in a million t-shirts, jumpers and lanyards.

We loved the experience at Wembley because we got to represent Kennet Valley and it was amazing to sing with 5000 children in the stadium.

Oliver WP & Josh



Reading Week - This term we had a reading week, where we focussed on introducing children to new authors and new genres of books. The week started with all the children receiving their 'Mystery Book'. This was planned by Mrs Byford who wanted to encourage the children to broaden their horizons when it comes to reading.

During the week the classes linked topic work to the books that they were reading, which included art, science and history.

At the end of the week the school celebrated 'World Book Day' and the children (and staff) all came in dressed as a character from the Jolly Postman. During this day we gave the children lots of opportunities to complete shared writing, story writing and story map.

We hope that children are still enjoying their 'Mystery Books' and that they have found some new authors that they would like to read more book from.



Farm Visit

In Early April Badgers class set off to visit a farm in the Ramsbury Estate. They travelled around the farm on a tractor and trailer, which they found very bumpy! They went to look around the grain store, finding to that farmers need a lot of ground to keep the farm going. They went to see the vehicles that are on the farm – the food sprayer was amazing because although it was small it did lots of jobs.

Then they went to visit the pigs. There were lots of them but the children thought that they were very cute – some of the class even offered to take a pig home to look after.

A huge thank you to the Farm for having us and to the parents that joined us for the morning.





D A T E S F O R Y O U R D I A R Y

Thursday 4th April - Stay & Play 9.15am-10.30am Hedgehog Classroom

Thursday 4th April - Little Angels Group 10.15am - 11.30am

Friday 5th April - Easter Service, West Overton Church 9.00am

Friday 5th April - Last Day of Term 4



Tuesday 23rd April - First Day of Term 5

Wednesday 24th April - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 1st May - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Thursday 2nd May - Year 4 Collective Worship

Friday 3rd May Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Children

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May - Stay & Play 9.15am -10.30am Hedgehog Classroom

Wednesday 8th May - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Friday 10th May - Year 1 Cake Sale 2.30pm

Wednesday 15th May cricket sports leader training (more info to follow)

Wednesday 15th May - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Friday 17th May cricket festival Years 3 & 4 - St Katharine's School (more info to follow)

Monday 20th May - Friday 24th May Design & Technology Week (more info to follow)

Wednesday 22nd May - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Friday 24th May - Last Day of Term 5

Monday 3rd June - First Day of Term 6

Wednesday 5th June - Stay & Play 9.15am - 10.30am Hedgehog Classroom

Wednesday 5th June - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Wednesday 12th June - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Thursday 13th June - Music Concert KV Hall (more info to follow)

Tuesday 18th June - Sports Day (more info to follow)

Wednesday 19th June - PE at Kennet Valley Hall

Friday 21st June Teacher Training Day - School Closed to Children

