



Kirkby Malzeard CE School Newsletter

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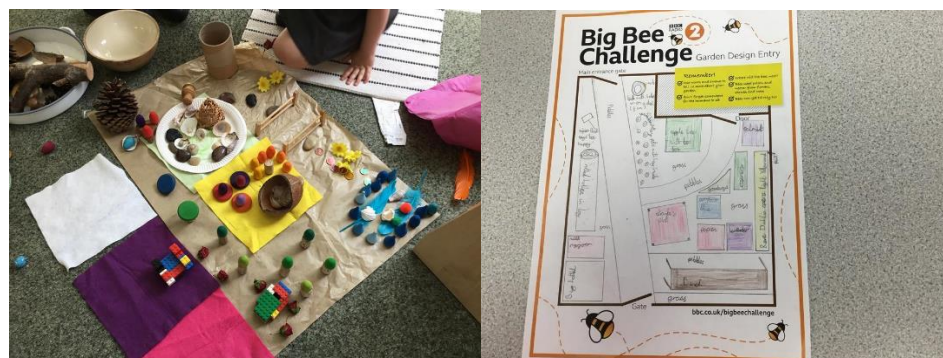
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The Big Bee Challenge

The children have been busy in school creating and designing their own Bee gardens for the Big Bee Challenge launched by BBC Radio 2. The children had to design a garden that will attract bees and other pollinating insects. Lots of research was undertaken and the garden design were very impressive. Even though Acorn Class were too young to enter they were not to be deterred and designed their own garden out of materials in the class room. We hope to make a smaller version of one of our designs in school next year.



TT Rock Stars day

A huge thank you to parents for your help to make our Times Tables Rock stars Day such a success. I am sure that you will agree that the children all looked fabulous. We all had wonderful day, doing lots of maths activities both inside and outside the school grounds. We have been delighted with how all the children have embraced TT Rock Stars again and how much they have been doing at home.



Sports Day

We had great fun at sports day with the children taking part in lots of different skill stations where they tried to beat their previous scores. They then ran the traditional races. Mr Anson had sports crew trained and ready to go; they did an amazing job of running the day for us. Photos are now available on the website.



Sports coaching

We had a fantastic sports enrichment day earlier this week with 'Sports Cool'. The children took part in different athletic events and Ultimate Frisbee which they loved!

Sports Cool specialise in delivering alternative sports and we are hoping they can provide some different after school clubs for us in the next academic year.



Sculptures

Palm class have been exploring sculptures with Mrs Griffiths; they had a highly creative day making structures out of clay. The children enjoyed getting their hands into the clay and creating their own structures making coil pots, creatures and a group display – our take on Antony Gormley's 'Field'.



Fruit and Veg crazy

Oak class have been learning all about fruits and vegetables in their science lessons. They have been growing their own vegetables and can be found eagerly checking their progress each morning at the start of school. This learning ended with a fruit and vegetable tasting and a smoothie making morning.



Gardening Club

Gardening club have also been busy growing their own crops with Mrs Griffiths and Pippa.

The vegetable patch is prolific! They have done an amazing job growing their own courgettes, beetroot, leeks, onions, potatoes, strawberries, rhubarb and beetroot. These were taken home and enjoyed by all the gardening club families.



Super soakers

What a day today! The sun shone and the super soakers and water slide came out. The children had a blast soaking each other and the staff (a lot!). This culminated in a show down between Oak and Acorn against Palm class. There were buckets thrown, super soakers loaded by the dozen, watering can attacks and hose incidents galore. There was lots of laughing and the majority of the children were blasted down the water slide several times. This was followed by a picnic lunch and ice cream and one child was heard to shout, 'This is the best day ever!'; it certainly was. Pictures and film clips now available on the website.



Wood working!

Acorn Class have been busy designing and making their own motor vehicles. They had been using the woodwork area and bench to saw, nail and glue their creations together. That is very responsible work Acorn!



Butterflies

There was great excitement this week in Acorn class as the butterflies finally hatched. Acorn Class have been very patiently watching the caterpillars change to a chrysalis and then finally the butterflies arrived. They had a chance to watch them spread their wings and have some food and water before they released them in our wildlife area.



Leavers

This week we gathered together to say good bye to our lovely Year 6 children. Whilst we couldn't come together in person, we still managed to come together on Zoom to say goodbye. Year 6 shared their memories of their time at Kirkby and our Year 5 children shared their thoughts about their friends who are leaving us.


We are so sad to see them go but know they are ready for the next step of their journey and wish them well on this. We know they will continue to shine like stars.



Thank you

Can I take this chance to say thank you to all the parents for the support you have given school in another year where we have faced disruption and uncertainty. I hope you all manage to have fun-filled and sun-filled holidays with loved ones and friends.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 7th September. Please don't forget that school is open on Monday 6th September 2021 from 2pm –



3pm for parents and children to drop in to see their new classrooms if they would like to.

Happy holidays and best wishes

Mrs Taylor