



Marden Primary Academy Newsletter



December 2019

Class 1 & 2's Christmas Visit to Madley

We went on an exciting trip to Madley Environmental Centre. First we went on the bus, it was our first time on a bus and we thought it was great. We talked about what we could see out of the windows on our way. When we got to Madley we were met by Mrs Claus. She took us to see a winter village. We then went on a walk, we followed the path and met a polar bear! Whilst we were walking we saw an elf hiding. She told us her name was Bluebell and she told us a Christmas story. She said we could go and look for Santa. We followed lots of clues but we couldn't find him! We found a basket of colourful patterned socks but there was only one of each so we had to find the matching ones. Then we went inside and made a Christmas card. We chose pieces of old Christmas cards to make a Christmas tree for the front of the card. We then wrote our names inside. After we had finished we had some squash and biscuits. We were going to have a story read to us but Mrs Claus and Bluebell couldn't get it out of the book case. They pulled it and the book case moved and there was a surprise behind the book case. It was Santa's living room! We all went inside, it was amazing! We all said hello to Santa and told him what we wanted for Christmas and Santa gave us all a present. It was then time to go back to school.

We had a fantastic morning!

By Class 1



Victorian Day with Class 4

To begin our Victorian Day, we lined up outside the classroom and boys went to the front of the line because in the Victorian times they were thought to be more important. In the line, Miss Roberts and Mrs Laverick did hand inspections, if they were too dirty we had to go and clean them. When we came in we had a rundown of the rules. We started the day with handwriting. At break time we did drill (their P.E.) where we did marching and Miss Roberts shouted left, right, left, right... When we got back in, we talked about things we have these days that Victorians didn't have, for example, fridges, T.Vs and mobile phones. We did arithmetic practice on our slates (we used black paper instead), Miss Roberts said it was old school TT Rockstars. We split into boys and girls, the boys worked with Mrs Laverick on cross stitch and the girls went to do some baking. We talked about how boys and girls would have separate lessons to learn different skills. In the kitchen, the girls started to get the dough prepared for some gingerbread cookies. After they had made a batch, the girls and boys swapped over, so that everyone could have a turn at baking. We allowed the dough to chill over lunchtime. After lunch, we had to roll out the dough, cut out our chosen shape and placed them on a baking tray ready to go into the oven. Once they had been baked and cooled, we had to decorate them following our design plan, where we used traditional Victorian biscuits to help us with ideas. We accidentally baked too many cookies, so had enough to share with everyone in the school and still have 4 each! We enjoyed our Victorian Day but are very happy to go back to 2019.

By Archie and Joshua



Class 3's visit to Caerleon

On Wednesday 4th December, Class 3 went to the National Roman Legion Museum in Caerleon. Mrs Plumridge drove us there in the minibus with Mrs Laverick giving directions. It was very foggy and we drove slowly, so it took us about 1 hour 30 minutes to get there. The first exhibit that we visited was the Roman Baths. It was an actual swimming pool from Roman times but there is no water in it now. Instead of water in the pool, there were lights shining to make it look realistic. They also played sound effects of Romans swimming and splashing in the pool. They also had the frigidarium and the caldarium which were the hot and cold plunge pools. The tepidarium had a hypocaust which is underfloor heating. Next, we walked up to the main museum. Half of the group looked around the gallery. The best thing we saw was a real coffin that had been dug up in 1995. The other half of the group went to look at a barrack room where 8 soldiers would live and sleep together. We got to try on replica armour. It was very uncomfortable and heavy. We had lunch before going to the amphitheatre. Saskia pretended to be a bear and the rest of the class were Roman slaves who had to charge and capture her. We all worked as a team and the slaves won. Finally, we returned to the museum for a Roman feast. Some of us were posh Roman citizens whilst some of us were dressed as slaves. On the menu was snails, oysters, dormouse and peacock brain – all served up by slaves Harry, Will and Nojus. We returned to school after having an incredible day where we learned lots more about Roman life and made some fantastic memories.

By Class 3



The Gift Bringer Performance

We have all been practising very hard for our school show 'The Gift Bringer.' Classes 3 and 4 have worked especially hard as they have had to learn their scripts off by heart. Class 2 have been learning dances with Miss Rogers. They have learnt a star dance and a snowflake dance. They are fantastic! We love singing the songs 'Baboushka' and 'Monday Morning', they are our favourites. Class 1 are creating The Nativity scene within the show because they have been learning the story in their classroom. Marlowe and Rafael are Mary and Joseph and they look after baby Jesus. We were so excited to have all of you watch our performance. We hope you enjoyed it!

By Class 2



Mrs Flynn is revamping our wet play boxes. We were wondering if anybody has any of the following items that we could use? We are looking for unused colouring books, age appropriate comics and U rated dvds. Thank you.



Spring Term Dates

Spring Term commences on
Wednesday 8th January 2020

School breaks up for half-term on
Friday 17th February 2020

School resumes on
Monday 24th February 2020
and term ends on Friday 3rd April 2020

