



Marden Primary Academy Newsletter

November 2019



Reading By Torchlight

Class 3 have been working hard to increase the amount of reading for pleasure that they do. We began by decorating our reading area with toucans and hibiscus flowers. It is now a really inviting space to read quietly. When the heating is on, the vines sway in the blower and it looks like the toucans are swinging in the rainforest.



Next we looked for other exciting ways to read for pleasure. The most enjoyable way we have found so far is reading by torchlight next to a crackling fire. Mrs Plumridge closes all of the blinds and turns off the lights – then we know that the fire is coming on. The first person to get ready for reading has the pick of the comfy seats – but wherever we sit, we all love reading by torchlight!

By Class 3

Doors open to our **Book Fair** at 3pm on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November. This year we have Scholastic Books. School receive free books for your children to enjoy in school so the more we sell the more books we can choose.

Our **Christmas Bazaar** is on Friday 29th November at 3.15pm, All welcome. If we can have any tray bake or cup cake donations on that morning, also it will be Non-Uniform Day for a bottle on Fri 29th The box will be outside from Monday 18th for any hamper donations. Our hampers this year for your donations are – Ladies, Men's & Chocolate. The staff will put together Food hamper.



Big Draw Event

On Wednesday the 23rd some of Class 3 and 4 went to The Big Draw with Mrs Plumridge. We went to Hereford Art Museum and Library. We did a little bit of a 40 metre painting. We did some printing, painted some animals and looked at Richard Gilbert's (the person who helped us with our art and the person who drew the picture) paintings which were displayed on the wall; we had lots of fun and saw a bee hive and even the Marden bell in the museum room next door. We went and had a look at all the different things that were in the museum like a Roman mosaic.

By Anabel and Harriet Class 4



Settling In

Class 1 have settled really well in to life at Marden. They have taken part in many different activities both inside and outside. They have been choosing which activities are their favourites and have had lots of fun. They have also been learning the story of 'The Little Red Hen' and performed it fantastically at our Harvest Festival. They have had a brilliant first term and are looking forward to the next term.



Class 3 & 4's Visit to Queenswood

On Thursday 24th October, Class 3 and 4 went on a waste management workshop at Queenswood. When we arrived, we were met by Tim, who told us all about organising our recycling. He told us that when the plastic has been recycled more than three times, it can't be used again. We played a game to identify recyclable and non-recyclable items. The next game we played was a relay to identify the four parts that make up good quality compost. We had to collect equal amounts of cards showing green waste, brown waste, air and animals. After our game, we were all very hungry, so we picked our own fruit for a snack from the orchard.

After break, we used a special magnifying cup to carefully collect a mini-beast to inspect. Tim explained which mini-beasts were predators and which would help our compost. Before we left to head back to school, we tried some homemade, plastic-free toothpaste. It was made from bicarbonate of soda, clay, mint flavouring and salt. We were 50-50 over who liked it and who didn't. We returned to school just in time for dinner!

By Class 3 & 4



24 Tournament

On Wednesday 23rd October, we went to the 24 Tournament at Trinity Primary School. Miss Newton was our chauffeur and her car was very posh! When we arrived, we met Mrs Morgan outside a very confusing gate. After a while, we finally made it in. We had to walk to the hall to meet Mr Goodarzi so that he could run over the rules about the 24 game. We had to play against other schools, there were six of us altogether, us, Riverside, Trinity, Canon Pyon, Stretton Sugwas and St James.

We all played five games each; the first four were to see who got through to the final. We came second in the qualifying round and then it was the final where we would play to see who was first on the leader board. Overall, we came third with Riverside winning the overall tournament and Trinity coming second. We had lots of fun!

By Leah, Archie and Tom, Class 4

Pennies For Pudsey

On Friday 15th November each class covered Pudsey Bear with all their coins brought in from home.

We will put the grand total raised on the blackboard outside next week.

Thank you for your continued support.

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