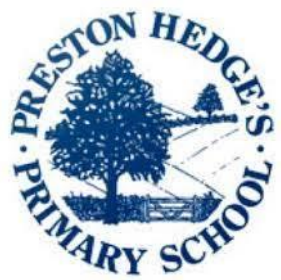


THE PRESTON PAPER

CHARITIES, COMMUNITY, FESTIVALS AND EVENTS



Busy, busy, busy!

So much has been happening in the last few weeks at Preston Hedges and as much as we would love to share it all with you, we can't possibly fit it all into this edition!

Hopefully, you have been able to see the wonderful things taking place, including: the Life Education hub, Mrs Kendall performing on the stage at the Derngate and the Year 1 trip to Salcey Forest all on Twitter!

Now we know you are probably really busy too, especially with the run up to the holidays, but hopefully you have time to read on to find out some of the other amazing things going on.

HOPE CENTRE

BY JACK AND HESALI

Tanya came in to tell us about the Hope Centre in Northampton where they help people who are homeless and don't have enough money to pay for all their bills and get food.

It was amazing to hear about the work that the Hope Centre do to help over 3000 families every week to have enough food and 60 homeless people.

She shared their appeal for Christmas which we are supporting again this year.

Thank you to those who have already been very generous and bought things in to take to the Hope Centre. There is still time to drop off donations if you are able to.

Donations can include:

- Tinned food
- Toiletries
- Warm clothes (gloves, hat, jumpers)
- Notebooks, puzzle books

We know that they will really appreciate your donations, especially after hearing Tanya speak to us today.



Many of the Eco Warrior team went out into the local community to help Councilor Helen to plant trees this week. It was a fantastic opportunity to put what they believe in, which naturally is helping the environment, into practice. We are sure they will feel really proud when they pass the trees, which has been put in near the memorial green. Great work Eco Warriors!

SHAKESPEARE

BY HESALI AND ARJUN



Leigh, from Silhouette, came into school and led drama workshops on Shakespeare's Macbeth with children across the whole school. Children reported that "it was actually really fun, it was great that you got to speak with others so you didn't have to speak alone. It made us feel really confident."

After this, he worked with just Year 5 children and we were both selected along with 28 children other children.

Sam came in and she instructed us on how to do the dance. The dance explains the drama and is performed before it, we then end with a song meaning the performance comes in three parts.

We should add that the song has been written by ourselves with the help of John and George who selected our lyrics to go with the beat. We sang in groups and some children made a tune which we had to follow.

By the end of the session, they recorded the song and we will get a copy to practise with. More rehearsals will take place in January and then we will perform on stage in March at The Derngate.



RECEPTION NATIVITY

BY MAISIE AND LILY

We went to speak to the EYFS teachers about the Nativity and were thrilled to be able to sit on the teeny tiny chairs. How were we ever that small? The children were so cute as we interviewed Mrs Pearce.

They shared that the children have enjoyed trying on their costumes the most. The teachers were really impressed with how quickly they learnt their lines. "They learnt them within a week, practicing at home with their adults and in school they have been practicing to use their big voices."

We were surprised to find out that all the children who wanted a line got one.

During the Nativity, they have songs to sing which they also learnt at an incredible speed meaning that they have still been able to do their normal learning such as phonics and the big outdoors. "We have been balancing our learning so that the children don't miss out."

The teachers said the children did a great job in their dress rehearsal.

Good luck for the real thing EYFS!



FOOTBALL TOURNAMENTS

BY JACK AND MILAN

Two weeks ago, at Parklands school, there was a Year 5 and 6 boys football tournament where Parklands won. For Preston Hedges, who on this occasion came third, top goal scorer was Ollie in 6H and in goal was George in 6A. Whilst they did not win, they all said they enjoyed themselves.

The next week, the Year 3 and 4 girls had their tournament at Preston Hedges, they came first! Miss Phillips shared that 'it was lovely how they all cheered each other on, including supporting children from the other schools too.'

This week, the Year 3 and 4 boys travelled to Holne Chase. Despite both teams winning all or all bar one of their matches leading up to the final, they just missed out on the top spot. Pineham came first, with Preston Hedges a close second. We were really proud of the boys who tried really hard to win!



Just the Year 5 and 6 girls tournament to go, which is taking place in the New Year.

All about Diwali!

BY ASARA and MCKAYLA

Diwali is a Hindu festival of light and is also celebrated in other Indian religions. It is celebrated on a particular moonless night in October or November. At school, we celebrated it on the 13th November and everyone at school was invited to come in their celebratory outfits.

There are different ways to celebrate Diwali and these were outlined for the different religions during an assembly led by Mrs Kendall and the Equality and Diversity team.

There are some traditions that we were also familiar with including:

Preparing meals and sweets, giving to charity and decorating homes with Rangoli patterns. People lighting Diwas to celebrate the power of light over darkness, good over evil and power over ignorance.

It was lovely to find out how some children in our school celebrated at home:

Jayden from 5R said he 'went to grandparents house for a big dinner.'

Avyaan from 3R said he 'dressed up in new clothes and put lights in the house.'

Divit from 4C said he 'tidied the house and prayed to god.'



FESTIVE FOOD

Samosa is a tasty pastry that comes in the shape of a triangle.

It is filled with a surprise of minced meat, peas, lentils and other vegetables! Baclava is a sweet pastry parcel full of crushed nuts and sweet syrup. YUM! Have you tried any of these delicious foods?



Trust Councilor Elections

BY MCKAYLA AND ASARA

Have you heard about the new trust councilor election? Many of you will have voted for your favourite speech; now you may not know, but these are actually very important as they will be going towards our new trust councilors.

You are probably wondering what this job is really all about! These new trust councilors play a vital role for our school. They are here to improve our school and bring new ideas forward.

We will make sure to inform you when we find out who they are!



Joke Corner

Knock, knock
Who's there?
Ice-cream
Ice-cream who?
I scream so you can hear me

Why did the person have their birthday in space?
Because they wanted lots of room.

Why didn't the quarter roll down the hill with the knickle?
Because it has more cents

Why did Johnny throw the clock?
Because he wanted to see time fly

Don't forget to send your jokes in for a future edition! 😊