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Reducing Plastic

Mordiford School is looking to reduce its usage of plastic as a school. The school council- who meet weekly with



Miss Finney- have raised questions about the milk cartons we use.

Two school councillors are writing to the dairy, to see if we can get paper straws rather than plastic. Considering the amount of milk inside them, they also feel there is a lot of unnecessary plastic. Teachers are also encouraging pupils to use less plastic in their lunchboxes. "Some schools are using unbelievable amounts of plastic and we want to become one of the best eco-friendly schools in Hereford," said Miss Finney. "Altogether, we can work to save the planet".

Journalism club interviewed Miss Finney about how we are helping to reduce plastic.

"What effect do you think reducing plastic will have?" asked news reporter Maya.

"Hopefully we can play our small part by reducing our waste. It would be to think in some small way that we have helped," said Miss Finney.

Interview with Mr Fair

Our interviewer met with our school's new teacher Mr Fair. To ask him some questions.

What has been your best bit at Mordiford so far?

"Umm... how all the children have been so welcoming to me!"

Are you happy here?



"Yeah! Loving it here!"

Why were you interested in Mordiford?

"I was interested in Mordiford because it left an impression on me

when I was training . Also I set myself a goal that I would come back ... If they let me!"

Did you have any previous jobs?

"Yes . I worked at the 2012 Olympics as a manager . Also I worked at Wimbledon as a court supervisor and a PE specialist!"

What made you want to become a teacher?

"I don't know ... actually because I love working with children and each day is a different day ."

Read on for an interview with Miss Quin, a write up of the Erasmus trip to Toledo, jokes and much more.

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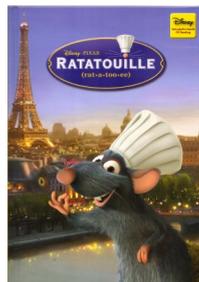
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Film Club

A record number of children have spent their Fridays afterschool at Mordiford Primary School's film club. Film club is being run for the very first time this term. Held every Friday it is open to the whole school. Already this term children have enjoyed watching Sing, Ice age, Madagascar, Ratatouille and Over the Hedge.

The club, which has averaged more than forty attenders, is being led by Mrs Griffith, Mr Lewis and Mrs Chattington.

Mrs Chattington said, "It's fantastic and we have many pupils from every year group enjoying the relaxed atmosphere."



The Erasmus Project

For the past few years, Mordiford school has been taking part in an across country project called the Erasmus project. This year we are working with schools from Poland, Turkey, Spain and Italy as well as another UK school in Worcestershire.

The Erasmus project includes the chance for a few children from each school to make new friends and go abroad as well as teachers taking part in visits to learn about education in other countries.

Earlier this term children from Year 6 went to a school in Toledo, Spain called the Gregorio Maranon School. The lucky children who got chosen to represent the school went on their journey to Spain on Sunday 11th November until Friday 16th November.

The children that went had an amazing time. Their experience consisted of lots of outstanding opportunities, such as karate, a nutrition workshop, a play based on a Spanish myth (where Dom Pakas starred when he had to dress up as a fairy princess) and archery.

Miss Finney, Mr Fair, Mrs Chattington and Mr Sibcy joined the children on their adventure in Spain.

One of the major differences to England was the food but the students hosts were excellent cooks and made delicious homemade, yet exotic food.

The children had an amazing time and they are so grateful for the opportunity to make new friends and experience a different culture.

School librarians

Six Year 5 and 6 pupils have been chosen as librarians for the coming school year. All the children applied for the job and have been working hard to order and decorate the library.

As well as keeping the library in good order the children will fix broken books, design posters to encourage people to read, and do book reviews in order to help children pick challenging books.

"We are looking forward to getting more people reading and are hoping to organising a little fund raiser to get more books for everybody," said Nia, Year 5 Librarian.

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Healthy Living

We asked Sports Coordinator Miss Quinn some questions about her interest in sports and the school's wellbeing plans.

"What are your favourite sports?"
"I try to do netball and I'm also trying to do golf."

"How do you encourage the school's wellbeing?"
"We introduced the daily mile. We encourage yoga and we're developing wake and shake."

"What plans are there for the coming year?"
"Year 3 are using the Go Noodle web site for regular yoga. There is a rounders' tournament coming up in the new year and Wake and Shake will be starting after Christmas.
"We are always encouraging all the classes to get out there to run the daily mile and there has been great success with the Peer Massage which Mrs Broadbridge has taught the children."

Sports Update

This term children from the school have taken part in multiple sports tournaments including Tag Rugby, Hockey, and Football.

On Thursday 16th November children took part in a tag rugby tournament. Mordiford, Burly Gate, and Much Birch took part in this yearly event. Mordiford came a very good second place with Burly Gate just winning.

In the football tournament both the boys and girls teams worked hard, and the girls were successful in getting to the final where they narrowly lost. The boys lost their first game but then won their final one.

The hockey team got to the semi finals but lost to a much more experienced team.

Jokes

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot so finally I had to take his bike away.



What is green and sits in the corner?
The incredible sulk.

Knock knock.

Who is there?

Interrupting sheep

Interrupting sheep w...

Baaaaaaaaaaaaa!

What is white and sits on your tv?

A fly wearing a nighty

Why is it always cold at Christmas?

Because it is in Decembrrrrrrrrrr

Knock knock

Who is there?

A broken pencil

A broken pencil who?

Oh forget it its pointless!



Why can't you trust Elsa from Frozen to hold a balloon?

Because she will 'Let it Go! Let it Go!!!!'

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Christmas Word search

The Twelve Days of Christmas

D	P	L	A	D	I	E	S	J	I	A
L	O	A	S	W	A	N	S	C	X	H
U	O	V	R	T	R	R	I	Q	E	R
K	D	R	E	T	E	D	S	N	E	I
L	C	M	D	S	R	R	S	F	E	N
S	X	D	B	S	E	I	E	T	R	G
D	D	N	I	M	B	S	D	M	D	S
I	J	J	M	I	E	S	D	G	U	X
A	T	U	R	E	Y	J	E	B	E	D
M	R	D	G	L	E	G	Y	M	J	H
D	S	K	B	P	S	R	E	P	I	P

PARTRIDGE	BIRDS	SWANS	LORDS
DOVES	RINGS	MAIDS	PIPERS
HENS	GEESE	LADIES	DRUMMERS

Festive Fireworks Fun

The festive fireworks took place on Friday 30th November on the school field.

As well as wonderful fireworks there was a range of crafts and Christmas treats to tempt the parents and visitors.

Children in all the classes had been working hard making crafts to sell, from pompoms and candle holders to Christmas trees and decorated jars.

The PTFA had worked tirelessly to prepare the field and Santa's grotto even included real reindeer.

"The fireworks were incredible and Santa's grotto looked amazing," said Sammy Rowlatt (Year 6).

The school choir entertained the crowd performing Do You Hear What I Hear, Away in a Manger and We Wish You a Merry Christmas.

Christmas Quiz

How many of Father Christmas's reindeer can you name?

In the 'Twelve Days of Christmas', how many maids were milking?

What fruit is used to make a Christingle?

What do the sweets represent on the Christingle?

What gifts did the wise men bring to Jesus?

Can you name the three wise men?

Who wrote 'A Christmas Carol'?

What is Scrooge's first name?

How many Sundays are there in Advent?

Christmas Anagrams

See if you can rearrange the letters to make the Christmas words.

- 1) tnadve
- 2) eeernidr
- 3) nswmnoa
- 4) neeprst
- 5) rehsda
- 6) soleetilm
- 7) retkyu

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