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The Mordiford Mail



Visit By The Poet, James Carter

Mordiford played host to the poet James Carter on Wednesday. The day started with assemblies for KS1 and KS2 where he entertained and enthralled the children with his poems and music. He then led workshops and helped the children write their own outstanding poems which some performed in a final assembly at the end of the day. It was a superb day, organised as part of the Ledbury Poetry Festival, and was a pleasure to see all the children enjoying James' fantastic enthusiasm for poems and wordplay.



Here are examples of some of the poems:

She's the brightness that takes the storm away.
 She's the song of the birds tweeting.
 She's the first star in the sky.
 She's a burst of bright yellow heading my way.
 She's got the courage of a breezy red robin.
 She's the warmness that takes away the breeze.
 !Mum I Love You! By Austin Sheehy Year 3

Impossible Gifts

These are the gift I would give to you if I could:
 A snowdrop blooming late in winter with stardust placed in a cauldron full of magic.
 The first swallow of spring under a scarlet blue sky.
 All of Saturn's rings of gold wrapped up with the seven Wonders of the World.
 The key to a treasure chest in a silver box.
 A pinch of cosmic dust wrapped in a milky moon.
 By Ned Edmunds Year 5

Maths Triad

We were visited last week by staff from Madley and Shobdon Schools as part of the Maths Triad School Improvement Partnership between our schools. Feedback from the visit showed that our strengths were:

- Children have clear strategies for when they are "stuck";
- Children took pride in the presentation of their work;
- Positive attitudes to learning were shown throughout the school;
- Very strong nurturing relationships: adult-child and child-child;

The feedback also showed that things could be even better if:

- It was ensured that there are opportunities for written reasoning in all classes;
- We continue to promote mathematical vocabulary.

Mr Sibcy visited Madley School this week as part of the Maths Triad and will be visiting Shobdon school during the summer term.

Red Nose & Crazy Hair Day

The children had lots of fun on Red Nose Day with many of their crazy hairstyles being very impressive. A total of £292.22 was raised from Crazy Hair donations and the sale of Red Noses, which will benefit Comic Relief and the many worthy causes they support.

Dates for your diary...

Spring Term 2019

23rd March—Mordiford School Choir
 Performing with Mordiford Community Choir at Woolhope Village Hall (6:30pm)
25th March—Drop in session with architect 4pm-7pm
 28th March—Wye Class Visit to We The Curious Bristol
 W/c 1st April—Last Week of Spring Term Clubs
 3rd April—Pentaloe Class Worship
 5th April—Celebration Worship and The Great Herefordshire Spring Clean
 8th April—YR & Y1 Sing Spring In
 9th April—Frome Class and Pentaloe Class visit to Ledbury Poetry Festival
 10th April—Wye Class and Frome Class Experience Easter Workshops at Hereford Cathedral
 11th April—Easter Service at Mordiford Church
 12th April— Spring Term Ends

Summer Term 2019

29th April—Summer Term Begins
 6th May—Bank Holiday
 8th May—Wye Class Worship
 W/C 13th May—KS2 SATS Week
 18/19th—24th May Erasmus Project Staff and Pupil Visit.
 20th May—Frome Class Worship (*Please note this date has changed from 22nd*)
 24th May—Break Up For Half Term
 27th—31st May—HALF TERM
 3rd June—Return To School
 12th June—Arrow Class Worship
 18th June—Sports Day
 19th June—Y6 Crucial Crew Visit

PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S ATTENDANCE POLICY BY NOT BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME AS THEY CAN NOT BE AUTHORISED.

Erasmus News

It looks like everyone has had a great time in Sicily this week on the Erasmus trip. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Ned, Enya & Emily



STARS OF THE WEEK
Miss Finney's Star: Jacob
The Little Cup of Kindness: Alistair



Charlie (Rec)

For being an excellent role model, his enthusiasm for all we do is incredible. He is lots of fun to be around with his wicked sense of humour.

Charlie (Year 1)

Over the past few weeks you have really impressed me with your amazing learning attitude. You put in so much effort and steadily remain focused with any challenge and because of this your progress and learning has been incredible. Well done.

Josh (Year 2)

Well done Josh – It is great to see the increasing independence and confidence you are approaching your work with. You are taking a more active role in whole class activities with great results. Well done and please keep it up.

Lois (Year 3)

For approaching each activity this week with determination. You are really starting to believe in yourself and realise just how amazing you can be. Keep up the good work!

Poppy (Year 4)

For showing an excellent attitude to learning. You are always on task and have produced some superb poetry during Literacy this week. Well done.

Evie (Year 5)

For being a great role model all week. You have grabbed every learning opportunity given to you. Well done.

Dom (Year 6)

For incredibly hard work both in school and at home. Dom's tenacity and determination to succeed sets a great example. Keep it up, Dom: you will excel!

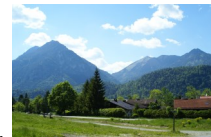
PTFA April Fools, Break The Rules

The PTFA are planning an "April Fools, Break the Rules" fund raising event. They are producing a list of rules that can be broken by the children and they can choose up to 5 of these rules to break for a small fee. Look out for further details next week!

Authors Abroad Writer's Day

On Wednesday we went to Lugwardine Primary Academy to meet the poet/author Terry Caffrey. First he introduced himself and talked about his life. During the day we did lots of fun activities including: a River of Words, 123 brain games and writing poems called 'It was so quiet I could hear'. He also read some of his own poems (including one about bottoms!) and we really enjoyed the day.
 Nia Matthews and Sianna Chahal

Prayer Corner



I will not hurry through this day
 Lord, I will listen by the way,
 To humming bees and singing birds,
 To speaking trees and friendly words;
 And for the moments in between
 Seek glimpses of your great Unseen.

I will not hurry through this day;
 I will take time to think and pray;
 I will look up into the sky,
 Where fleecy clouds and swallows fly;
 And somewhere in the day, maybe

Messages/Reminders.....

- Mordiford School Choir are singing a selection of songs at the Mordiford Community Choir Spring Concert on Saturday 23rd March at Woolhope Village Hall. The concert starts at 6:30pm and tickets are available on the door or from www.mordifordchoir.co.uk. Proceeds are being donated to the Midlands Air Ambulance.
- A drop in consultation event is being held at school on Monday 25th of March from 4pm to 7pm. This is being hosted by the architect who has designed a 10 year plan for the development of the school. The plans will be available to view during the event and you will be able to provide feedback if you wish to.
- We are recruiting a Clerk to the Governing Body to start on 1st September. Please contact the school office if you would like further information for the vacancy.



Litter Picking

Following the Celebration Assembly on Friday 15th April, there will be a litter pick in the school area as part of The Great Herefordshire Spring Clean 2019, your help and support would be much appreciated!

Thank You!

Rachel and Amy, the PGCE students who have been in school during the Spring Term are leaving us this week. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them both well for the future.

Online Safety

Mrs Oakley attended an e-safety event last week where there was lots of beneficial information and support for both staff and parents regarding online safety. A particularly good resource that parents may find useful to visit is: www.internetmatters.org.