



Important Dates

- 1st February Purple Class swimming—week 2 of 5
- 8th February Purple Class swimming—week 3 of 5
- 9th February TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 15th Feb
- 15th February TL Productions - Order delivery to school
- 15th February Purple Class swimming—week 4 of 5
- 16th February School breaks up for half term
- 26th February Pupils return to school
- 27th February Tempest Photographs—Group Photographs
- 29th February Purple Class swimming—week 5 of 5
- 7th March Blue Class swimming—week 1 of 5

Week 17

Welcome to this week's newsletter.

This week started with World Religion Day on Monday, where Miss Bagg delivered a whole school assembly. Each class then participated in a variety of activities in their classrooms around different religions, building on their learning in RE lessons and work on British Values of tolerance of different cultures and religions.

On Wednesday, Red Class took a walk around the village to see some of the amenities so that they could discuss our local community and changes as part of their History topic.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Munday
(Headteacher)





World Religion Day 2024

On Monday 22nd January, the school celebrated World Religion Day. World Religion Day celebrates the 'oneness' of religion, looking at the common beliefs shared by all world religions, and to promote an understanding of the many faiths across the world. Each Class were given a religion to focus on during the day and all of the children were able to participate in a range of different activities. I hope all of the children enjoyed the day and came away with a better understanding of the religion they were looking at. Please enjoy reading all of the wonderful activities that each class participated in.

Orange Class

Orange Class learnt all about the core beliefs and traditions of the Sikh faith. We researched and produced a double page spread about significant Sikhs, who have influenced the faith or demonstrated dedicated and selfless practice. Significant followers of the Sikh religion included the 10 Guru's, as well as famous male and female figures such as Warrior Princess Mai Bhago and Mardana. Following on, we learnt about the famous painting of Guru Gobind Singh, who represented purity, depicted on a white horse with a sword, signifying his courage and dedication, we then created our own representations.

In the afternoon, we explored and learnt about different Sikh festivals, religious artefacts and beliefs. The Sikh community believe in prayer, work and giving to those less fortunate. We then created an information page describing the most precious Sikh celebration of Vaisakhi (Harvest), where 5 Sikh people volunteered to sacrifice their lives in the name of faith and were then named 'The beloved 5'.





Rainbow Class

Rainbow Class learnt about Christianity. Church organ music was being played when we entered the classroom. We talked about our visit, last term, to the village church, when we looked at the organ and all its pipes. After Miss Bagg's Assembly, we watched a short clip explaining what Christianity and being a Christian means. Mrs Eaves read The Creation story from the bible and we decided to make our own copy for the classroom. The children had some amazing ideas and had great fun brainstorming and sharing their vision. After lunch we made various interpretations of a Christian Cross. These included using, chalk, foil, twigs and cardboard tubes. Some of which are on display in our classroom.



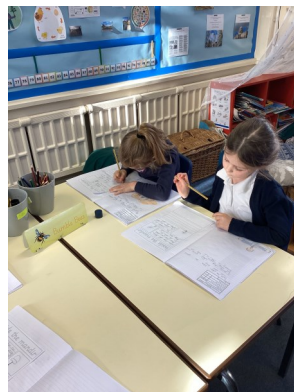


World Religion Day – Blue Class – Hinduism (22.1.24)

On Monday, the whole of the school celebrated World Religion Day. In Blue Class, we were learning about Hinduism and started off by learning about the Hindu religious building, the Mandir. We then wrote our own fact pages about mandirs. They are seen as a place where heaven meets the Earth, so many mandirs are tall buildings, like mountains reaching up into the sky.



After break, we learnt more about the golden rule which all religions agree on: treat others as you would like to be treated. We all made tissue papers hearts to make a beautiful window display to represent treating each other with love and kindness. The children listened well to the instructions and enjoyed making their colourful hearts.



We learnt that in Hinduism, the lotus represents spiritual enlightenment, beauty, fertility, purity, prosperity and eternity. It is said that there's a lotus flower in every Hindu's heart, and that when this lotus blooms, the person achieves enlightenment. We followed an instructional video to help us make origami lotus flowers. The children really worked well to listen to each instruction. After that, we found out about henna which is used to decorate people's bodies for special occasions.





Purple Class

For RE day, Purple Class looked at Islam. They had a fun packed day learning about this religion. First, they learnt about the 5 pillars of Islam and created candles that represent each pillar.

They learnt about Mosques and their importance to Muslims and then created their own collages that represent the shape and grandeur of a Mosque.

They also learnt about the importance of Prayer and after lunch, before being able to enter the classroom, they acted out the Wudu routine. A very strict washing routine that is carried out 5 times a day before prayer. The children then went on to write their own prayers which had to contain the golden rule which is stated in nearly every religion across the world 'Treat others how you want to be treated'.

They are still to cook their own Rotis (a common dish during Ramadan) and will be able to try a range of traditional Indian dips with them at the end of this week.





World Religion Day – Yellow Class - Hinduism

On Monday 22nd January 2024 the whole of the school celebrated World Religion Day. In Yellow Class, our learning started when Mrs Summers welcomed the class by saying 'Namaste'. It was explained to the children that today they will be participating in fun, practical tasks to help them to understand more about Hinduism.

First of all, the children learnt that the Hindu symbol is the 'Aum' and the origins of this and where Hinduism originated from were discussed. The children then made badges with the Hindu symbol on them. The children then had the opportunity to participate in 'Dhyana', where they meditated and practised yoga moves, whilst making the 'om' sound.

After this, the girls had the opportunity to paint Mendhi patterns onto each other's hands, which would happen during festivals like Diwali or when a woman is getting married, whilst the boys played Hindu-character Top Trumps. Following discussion about war and religion, the children learned about the main Hindu Gods and the Hindu creation story to enable them to write and draw about a Hindu God of choice. After learning a Bollywood dance, well attempting to, the children then had the opportunity to taste Hindu/Indian food.





World Religion Day - Red Class Judaism

Our religion for World Religion Day was Judaism. We started off the day looking at Jewish synagogues and learning about the different things you would find inside them. We looked at the Jewish Creation Story and learnt how Jewish people believe the world was created. In the afternoon, we focused on all religions' golden rule: treat others as you wish to be treated



yourself. We had a discussion about this and created some lovely pieces of artwork which reminds people to be a rainbow in someone's cloud.



Red Class - Village Walk

As part of our learning about changes in living memory, the class were learning about what a community is and we decided to have a walk around our village to see what facilities we have. In a short walk around the block we came across: a church, a corner shop, a post office, three hairdressers, a fish and chip shop, a curtain shop, a cattery, a fire station and of course our school. The children really enjoyed walking around with their clipboards and checklists so that they could record what they found.





Green Class World RE Day – 22nd January 2024

The focus of the day was on the golden rules of the main religions which all promote treating people well and in the way that we would like to be treated ourselves. We looked at the story of the Buddha and how he gave up all the privileges of being a prince to help others and focus on understanding himself and other people.

We learned that Buddhists use prayer flags to distribute their good wishes and positive thoughts to the rest of the world .

We took a closer look at the prayer flags and one in particular: the windhorse prayer flag. Buddhist believe the windhorse is a symbol of good fortune and can carry good wishes on the wind. The windhorse prayer flag has four other animals which all have their own meanings, and mantras are written all over the flag. We learnt that as the wind blows over the flag the windhorse carries the good wishes on the wind and spreads them over the world.

Having looked carefully, we created our own windhorse prayer flags by printing the animal designs and creating mantras which we copied out. We will be hanging out our prayer flags for the Chinese New Year, which is an auspicious time to hang them out.



Attendance

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. A high temperature is 38C or more.



**"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A
RUNNY NOSE...
BUT LOOK AT
HIM NOW!"**

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



HM Government

Search NHS school illness guidance to find out more.



Awards & Celebrations

Attendance

Our attendance figures for the week ending Friday 19th of January are as follows:-

Gold **Orange Class**
Silver **Rainbow Class**
Bronze **Purple Class**

The winner of the 100% attendance prize for week ending 19th January is Edward in Rainbow Class.



House Points	
1st	Marsh Harriers
2nd	Kingfishers
3rd	Cranes
4th	Swans

Above and Beyond

This week's Above and Beyond goes to Riley in Green Class for his caring attitude for the environment and using his initiative to collect litter at break and lunchtime.

Well Done!



Congratulations.....

Millie in Blue Class received lots of certificates for her gymnastics.



Information

You're invited!

St Peter's Little Angels



This is a new group for



children under 5 and their adults.

Our aim is to bridge the gap between child baptism and Messy Church or starting school, and introduce the young to Jesus with their very own church service.

What to expect:

a short playtime, a bible story, songs, prayers with a collection.

EVERY Thursday afternoon

Starting 8th February 2024

In school term time 1.30 - 2.30 pm

At St Peter's Church, Upwell

Donations

We kindly ask if parents have any broken tech equipment for donation to Rainbow Class for the children to play with eg. mobile phones, old fashioned domestic phones, computer keyboards, laptops and remote controls. They also require real herb plants, cushions and artificial plants. Thank you



Yellow Class

Please enjoy Yellow Class's recent poetry performance, linked to their Windrush Guided Reading unit.

Click on the following link:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mVSHLbnv2tw>



Please order this meal on Select in the normal way.

PANCAKE DAY LUNCH

Tuesday 13th February



**Beef Burger and Hand
Cut Potato Wedges with
Sweetcorn**



**Jacket Potato and Pasta
also available**



**Homemade Veggie Burger and
Hand Cut Potato Wedges with
Sweetcorn**



Pancakes and Butterscotch Sauce



HAPPY *Chinese* *= new year =*

Thursday 15th February 2024

*Welcome to the year
of the Dragon!*

*Please join us for a special
dessert to celebrate the
lunar new year!*

*Sticky Upside Down
Mandarin Cake*

*Kung Hei
Fat Choi!*

*Happy
New Year!*



Dates for your diary - New events shown in bold

2024	
9th February	TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 15th Feb
15th February	TL Productions - Order delivery to school
16th February	School breaks up for half term
26th February	Children return to school
27th February	Tempest Photography - Class Group Photos
7th March	Blue Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
7th March	World Book Day. Details to follow
11th March	Yr6 Careers Event. Letter to follow
22nd March	TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 28th March
28th March	TL Productions - Order delivery to school
28th March	School breaks up for Easter
16th April	Children return to school on Tuesday. (Monday 15th April—Staff Training Day)
25th April	Red Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
6th May	May Bank Holiday. School closed
22nd May	Dinosaur Day—Rainbow Class only
24th May	School breaks up for half term
3rd June	Children return to school
6th June	Rainbow Class Swimming Wk 1 of 5
26th June	Yar 5 Literacy Festival trip. Letter to follow
12th July	TL Productions - Last Order date for delivery to school on 18th July
15th July	Bikeability in school for 4 days
18th July	TL Productions - Order delivery to school
19th July	School breaks up for Summer