

Melton
Primary
School

MELTON VOICE

November 2022

Perseverance

Responsibility

Courage

Reflection

INSPIRING LEARNING

OWLETS & ROBINS

The Robins and Owlets have been learning all about the sea. To learn about beach and sea safety, we visited the RNLI Aldeburgh Lifeboat Station and had a tour around the station. We got to see the huge boat that is used for rescues, as well as equipment and PPE used by lifeguards. We explored the beach and had a nice wet walk along the pebbles!



PUFFINS & PARROTS

In Puffins and Parrots this month, we have continued to enjoy our 'Explorer' topic. We have been learning all about Ernest Shackleton's incredible expedition to Antarctica, and have enjoyed acting out some of the major events during the journey.



In Art we have been looking at the work of Henry Moore. Puffins have been using their bodies to recreate the shapes of some of his sculptures. Parrots used playdough to recreate some of Henry Moore's sculptures.



In Science we have been looking at the life cycles of different species of animal. Here, we are pretending to be eggs and adult penguins.



In PE we have been coming together to learn a new dance called 'Sailors Hornpipe'.

EAGLES & WOODPECKERS

We made use of the great weather with a nice walk into Woodbridge. We stopped for a riverside sketch, focusing on work by Alfred Wallis. Moving on with our timeline of invaders of Britain, Eagles and Woodpeckers helped with making parts of an Anglo-Saxon long ship at The Longshed in Woodbridge, along with excavating Anglo-Saxon artefacts as archaeologists!

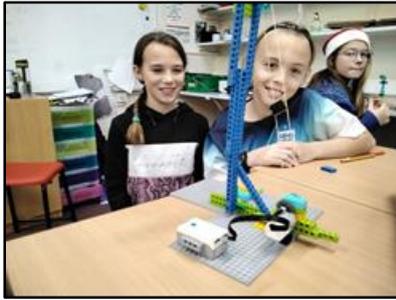
PENGUINS

Year 5 have been very practical in their Science lessons, exploring air resistance with parachutes, water resistance with paper boats, and the effectiveness and use of levers with everyday classroom resources.

OWLS

Year 6 have had a busy month! We have been thoroughly enjoying applying our scientific, historical and technological learning to our computing lessons to devise, create and test Ancient Greek inspired machines. We first explored how levers, pulleys and gears have helped human development, since their invention by the famous Archimedes, and applied our new understanding to solving a possible scenario. This included carrying trading resources up mountains, lifting heavy building materials up to the Acropolis and even lowering a sacrifice down to a mythological beast.





Mr Burges was really impressed by the way the children applied themselves in order to solve problems and overcome barriers. Some of the outcomes were very novel!



Owls Class were also lucky to be invited to Woodbridge School to take part in Spanish and Mandarin workshops. The tutors amazed them with magic and fun lessons to develop cultural and linguistic understanding. It was also very nice to see how impressed the Mandarin teacher was with the children's prior learning in their modern foreign languages lessons- she had to think on her feet to stay ahead of them!

FOOTBALL FRENZY

The year 3 and 4 girls had an exciting opportunity, playing a tournament beside ITFC's Portman Road ground!

They thoroughly enjoyed the experience with Jasmine Boon saying, "I enjoyed playing football against other schools, playing beside Portman Road and we won four games!"

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CLOSURE

On Wednesday 7th December, after school club will be closed, in order for all school staff to attend statutory training. We understand this could cause a problem to some of our families, but hopefully we have given you enough notice to speak to family and friends, to organise alternative childcare for this day.

VALUABLE ITEMS & LABELLING

Please refrain from sending expensive items, such as lunchboxes, water bottles and designer coats into school with your children. Children are not always careful with their belongings and school staff cannot be responsible for lost or damaged items. We seem to have a flurry of parents looking for missing school jumpers. All uniform items must be clearly named, so we can return lost belongings to the owner as soon as possible.

SAFEGUARDING

If you need support over the Christmas holiday, please contact Customer First on 0808 800 4005, as school emails will not be regularly monitored during this time.

READING

All Year 2 to Year 6 children have completed a STAR Reader Assessment on the Accelerated Reader website, and have a reading book which is correctly pitched for their ability. The majority of children have started completing comprehension quizzes based on their reading book and the response from the children is positive. Please encourage your child to read at home for between 20-30 minutes every day. This can be reading aloud to an adult but can also be reading independently to themselves.

Children will be reading during the school day and will therefore need their reading book to be kept in their school bag, so it can be carried between home and school.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to book your child's hot lunch on ParentPay. Even if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals or Universal Free School Meals, a meal must still be selected on the system, in order for it to be ordered in the school kitchen.

From Monday, the school office will be making a phone call to all parents who have not booked their child a meal that day.

ABSENCES

A polite reminder to phone the school and report if your child will be absent from school, when they are unwell. If you know they will be off school for a few days, and have notified the office, you do not need to call on the mornings of the subsequent days.

MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Our Open Morning on Monday was a success and the Senior Leadership Team were kept busy showing prospective parents around the school, in anticipation of starting next September.

As part of the modernising of our school building, we have replaced all the display boards in the corridors and public areas. These boards make the school smarter in appearance and it will save money in future, as we won't need to buy backing paper and border!

We look forward to seeing families at the FoMS Christmas Fair this Saturday (11am-1pm) and at the Christmas Light Trail on Monday and Tuesday next week.

Caroline Richardson

Important Dates

Monday 5th December
Christmas Light Trail (4pm- 6pm)

Tuesday 6th December
Christmas Light Trail (4pm- 6pm)

Wednesday 7th December
No After School Club (Closed for statutory training)

Monday 12th December
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production (10am)

Tuesday 13th December
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production (2pm)

Wednesday 14th December
Whole School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 15th December
KS2 Carol Concert (2.15pm)

Friday 16th December
Last day of Term

Tuesday 3rd January
Start of Spring Term

