



Sundon Lower School

Half Term School News - Spring (1) 2023

Welcome to the first issue of our School News. This will be sent at the end of every half term to let you know what has been going on in school.

Swan Class

In Swan class the children tasted some delicious Chinese food to celebrate Chinese New Year. They ate noodles, rice and a tasty vegetable stir fry.

Tabitha: "I liked the noodles."

Eisa: "It was so yummy."

Leo: "My favourite was ... everything!"



Swan Class WOW Work
Ebrahim and Enzo

Dove Class

This term, in Dove Class, we are learning about materials in Science. We had a look at magnetic and non-magnetic materials and went on a material hunt around the class. We then created a 'Catch a fish' game. We used cardboard to cut out a fish shape and put a paper clip on top to make it magnetic. After, we used different size magnets to see how many fish they can catch. We explored a question: Do all magnets have the same strength?



Jason: "You have to use different magnets to see how many paper clips you can pick up."

Ellie-May: "I was excited. It was lots of fun."



Dove Class WOW Work

Haytham and Davina

Owl Class

Caz from Herts Museum came and led the morning.

She began by talking about rubbish. How we can find out a lot about how people used to live by searching through their rubbish.

The children learnt about how archaeologists work, digging up the past.

We found out that a Roman house had clay tiles, they used coins with a Roman Emperors head imprinted on it. There was a lady living in the house who lost a carved bone hairpin and a child of about 8/9 years old who had leather shoes. We learnt that they had painted walls and mosaic floors because the children unearthed painted plaster and tesserae. They drank wine and used clay pots to cook with as we found a handle to a wine storage jug and a shard of pottery that was blackened by the fire. We also found sheep teeth, therefore we deduced that they must have eaten meat.

After all our discoveries we had a Roman battle. Half the class were enlisted into the Roman army, the other half were Celts.

The result of the battle was very sad for the Celtics, as they could not stand up against the very disciplined and organised Roman army. All the Celtic army died as they refused to run away.

After playtime the children were able to handle some of the artefacts and do some close observational drawings.

Owl Class had a wonderful morning.



Jeevan: "I liked winning. (When we had a battle. Romans against Celts)."

Taylor: "I liked giving my shoe away (we did a blanket archaeological dig, and one of the finds' was a child's shoe that was made of leather. It was compared to a size 11/12 modern shoe)."

Saffiya: "I liked everything!"

Nyle: "I liked having two swords by the end of the battle."

Arjun: "I liked being a general in the Roman Army."

Bella: "I liked being in the Roman cavalry."



Owl Class WOW Work

Lydia and Arjun



Nut Allergies

Please note that we are a school with a managing allergies policy as we have children with nut allergies/intolerances. Please do not send anything in lunch boxes or into school that may contain nuts so that we can keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Library News

Well done to all our winners of the Christmas reading challenge. They enjoyed squash and oreos in the library while enjoying 'Fox in Socks' by Dr Seus read by Mr Kingham!

"It was sooo much fun." - **David and Tabitha - Swans**

"It was really fun - we laughed a lot and ate cookies." - **Taylor - Owls**



LOLies Awards

The LOLies Award is run by Scholastic books to choose the funniest children's book that has been published in the past year. In school, we are sharing the shortlisted picture books with everyone and asking them to vote for the one which they think is the funniest. If your child hasn't seen the books yet, they will soon! Once everyone has voted, we will send our results into Scholastic and I'll let everyone know who our School winner is. These are the books on the shortlist:



Values Tree Mural

We were delighted to welcome Vicky into school this week, a local artist who has painted a beautiful mural on the wall inside the main school corridor. It serves as a constant reminder of all the values that are so important to all of us here at Sundon Village School. We were particularly pleased when a group of children came out of the hall, halfway through the painting being completed and completely spontaneously began to clap to show their appreciation (our value at the time!) Please do come and have a look at it next time you are in the school.



The artist worked really hard and it looks beautiful.”

Sofia - Owls