

Eyke C of E Primary School



This term KS1 have received visits from many people who help us: dentists, vicars, postwomen, nurses and policemen have all popped in to talk to the children about their jobs although the highlight was most definitely the visit from a paramedic and his ambulance. The siren turned many a head both at school and in the village and the children had the opportunity to explore in side, sit in the driver's seat, measure their heart rates and try out the stretcher. KS2 had a Brilliant Beginning at Dunwich and have spent the term studying both the history and geography of the area.

We have also spent a lot of time focusing on the Remembrance Celebrations. Each child at school made a poppy from recycled, weather proof materials with which we decorated the church. We have now placed the poppies in our Reflective Garden and held a second service of Remembrance in the open air.



One of the highlights of this term has been music at school. Our choir is going from strength to strength and this term they worked with Aldeburgh Children's Opera. Weeks of rehearsals and committing words to memory culminated in an incredibly impressive performance of The Little Prince at the Jubilee Hall. Our school choir performed three pieces by Benjamin Britten as part of the opera which included a professional orchestra and opera singers. 14 children have also started to play the violin and viola this term. We were incredibly fortunate to have been bought 14 instruments which will make music teaching sustainable at school. Last Friday a string quartet from Snape Maltings played for pupils and parents in our Celebration Assembly – a fantastic introduction to classical music.

This term the Governors have spent a morning in school monitoring Marking and Feedback and Handwriting. As well as looking at books, they spent time talking to our pupils who proudly told them about our new handwriting scheme LetterJoin and showing them their cursive script. The children also explained how feedback is given to them by the teachers and how and when they do their response marking.

The term has ended calmly but with everyone in the festive spirit. After school on Friday 7th December many of our pupils and parents joined teachers and members of the community for the All Saints Christmas Tree Festival. It was a magical service in our little church surrounded by many trees decorated by members of the parish, including our school tree. Our school choir sang beautifully. This week KS1 will be performing their Nativity which promises to be a show stopper – Lights, Camel, Action tells the Christmas story from the perspective of a camel.