



News from Stoke C of E Primary School



by Nayland

The Golden Mile

This term we are taking part in 'The Golden Mile' programme. We are taking time out of the afternoon to walk or run around the playground counting the number of laps we do each session. A lap around the netball court is approximately 60m. Our aim is to try and walk the distance between school and Lands End! Whether running, walking or a mixture of both, it is great exercise in the middle of the afternoon.



Green Fingers



This new club, which combines ECO club and Allotment Club has got off to a great start. Mrs King (and her husband) moved the planters from the allotment to outside of the wildlife area, so that we have an easier water supply to hand and children can benefit from cultivating vegetables and considering and learning about sustaining wildlife. The club runs on a Monday between 3:30 and 4:30. There are still a few places left. If your children are interested, please speak to the office or drop them a note.

Harvest Festival

The harvest food contributions were made into parcel with a greeting from the children and delivered by Silver Birch to the older folk of Stoke by Nayland and Polstead. This is a school tradition that has been happening for more than 25 years! We receive some lovely thank you notes expressing how good it was to meet the children and how polite they were.



Roman River Festival Musicians to School

Earlier this term we had a professional cellist visit the school to play to us and talk about playing in an orchestra. The children (even the nursery) were enthralled by what they heard. Some of them even had a go at conducting. Oak class also went to the church to listen to a full orchestral rehearsal.



Remembrance

We decided to commemorate the ending of WW1 with our own assembly assisted by Revd. Mark. Children in Year 5 and 6 had written some very moving diaries from the perspective of a soldier in the trenches. Some excellent historical research went into these as well as using some high quality English skills.

Some of these were read in our service along with prayers. We remembered all those affected by conflict, on whatever side and also gave special thought to those who serve in the Armed Forces today.



Foreign Languages Day

It was time again to celebrate the languages and cultures of other countries and this year we 'visited' France, Italy, Germany and Canada (Quebec). The day of learning included tasting food, making information postcards, singing songs, learning some key language and even doing our PE warm-ups in French. We also had a traditional French Café, run by our year 6 pupils, speaking French with confidence, as other pupils ordered pain au chocolat, croissant, brioche and jus d'orange. A particular well done to Evie M and Charlie S, our year 6 French ambassadors.



And Finally.....

Welcome to Bailey, our Educational Support Dog..

He has been getting to know us this last half term and will officially start work in January. He is already very popular with all ages, but will also work with some specific children when needed.

