



## Long Melford Church of England Primary School

Long Melford C.E. Primary have had a very busy term! We pride ourselves in giving our pupils the opportunity to take part and immerse themselves in a range of activities.

### Sports



Many of our members of staff and pupils have a passion for sports and we regularly have after-school sports clubs and enter teams in local and area competitions. This term, our pupils competed in the regional swimming gala, Sportshall athletics, girls football, EFL Cup Competition at Ipswich Town Football Club and Pyramid basketball. Every half term, a class attends Sudbury Gymnastics Club where they have had the opportunity to be trained by gymnastics coaches and use the Club's equipment. This term it was Year 1 and Year 3's turn; the children absolutely loved it and learn many skills! Potter class have also been taking swimming lessons at our local pool each week.

### Sports Relief

We had a fantastic day! We all dressed in our favourite sports kit or in red clothing and immersed ourselves in a variety of physical activities throughout the day including a whole school 'keep fit' class lead by Mr Morton and Mr Vale-Smith. Everybody got involved on the playground and found it quite hard-work and a little chilly but we had lots of fun! Just dance sessions and the Daily Mile were other highlights of the day.



### World Book Day



A colourful array of home-made costumes were on show on our World Book Day at our school. The day started with a school assembly where we were all able to talk to each other about our favourite books and characters. The highlight of the day came when the teachers read their favourite stories, songs and rhymes to different classes.

### Music

Tereshkova Class and our Play-on group have been practising hard on their clarinets throughout the term. With the expert guidance of Mr Rowe, our children have been learning a number of clarinet pieces. This culminated in a music concert where we and pupils from Hartest CE Primary School performed to our family members and the rest of the school.



## **British Science Week**



To mark British Science week, pupils immersed themselves in a variety of science experiments and engaging activities. These included: designing and building rockets, Forest School nature study, understanding how boats float, and investigating micro-organisms. Visitors from Foxearth Meadows kindly visited our school and delivered a mesmerising lesson about micro-organisms. Children used microscopes to identify and classify creatures from marsh water. It was both fascinating and surprising to find such diverse life. The week finished in a school science fair where our investigations and interactive displays were presented to our family members.

## **Our community**

We are proud of our village and are involved in community life in Long Melford. Year 4 and 6 took part in a litter pick around the local area and helped recycle what we found. Every half term, we join with our village church to run 'Messy Church' where games, arts, crafts and a meal is enjoyed. One of the highlights of the week is our 'Open the Page' assembly. Nikki Dixon presents a Bible story with a group of pupils using props, costumes and instruments. Once a week, we all take part in the popular 'Walk on Wednesday' to encourage adults and children to leave the car at home and walk to school. Recently, it has been very moving to see the large number of rainbows on display in the community to show support to everyone during this difficult time.

As the term draws now to a close, we can reflect on a busy and enriching period of learning. Although the school is now quieter, we remain open to key worker children and continue to work closely with pupils and parents to ensure learning continues at home. Our strong school community is reflected in the messages of support.



This week we were given trays of violas when the local garden centre, Cherry Lane, closed. Our children in school have made Easter cards and little viola pots for just over 100 elderly residents within Long Melford.