

## Long Melford Church of England Primary School

Everyone has been working hard at Long Melford this term – it has been busy!



**Rainbow Club** – This term we started our After School Club which runs from 3.15 to 6.00pm each day and is led by our LSAs. It was named Rainbow Club by the children who attend it and is proving to be very popular, especially when the snacks are crudities with hummus or toasted crumpets! We are very excited as Rainbow Breakfast Club will start in January.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – No sooner had we settled into our new classes, when FLuMPS (Friends of Long Melford Primary School) organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Parents enjoyed coffee and cake and children had biscuits and squash. At the end of the day Mini-FLuMPS (our children who help at FLuMPS events) ran a cake sale which was just what we needed at the end of a Friday!



**Maths Art Day** – We all took part in the MAT Maths Art Day and then held a Show and Tell assembly at the end of the day where the whole school shared what they had done. This term we have been building on our times table knowledge. It is quite normal at the start of a maths lesson to walk around our school and hear 'The Final Countdown' or 'Eye of the Tiger' coming from classes as the children practise their tables. A large number of our Year 2s can now answer correctly 60 multiplication and division questions relating to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables within two minutes! Whereas a number of our Year 5 and 6 children can answer 60 questions on a range of times tables in no more than 50 seconds!

**School Remembrance Service** – On 10<sup>th</sup> November we welcomed Lady Hyde Parker, members of the British Legion, Rev'd Lawson, members of the Parish Council and the District Council as well as members of the USAF, Police and members of Melford Court for our annual Remembrance Service. Year 6 performed poetry in the hall before we went outside for the Exhortation, Silence, Laying of Wreaths, prayers and the releasing of doves to symbolise peace.



Our children then talked to the members of the British Legion about what it was like to be a child during World War II and to the members of the USAF about what it was like to be in the Air Force now. All our visitors commented on the quality of the discussions that were held with the children and how impressed they were with the respect that they showed for the traditions of Remembrance.

**Children in Need** – This year our male staff were again challenged as part of our Children in Need fundraising. Everyone wore spots or pyjamas and were able to have spotty face paints, but the challenge was 'I'm a teacher, get me out of here.' Our male staff were blindfolded and had to taste 'different' foods, eg mealworms, snails, chocolate covered Brussel Sprouts.

**Shoebox Appeal** – Once again this year we collected shoeboxes for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal.





**Enterprise Topic** – During November our classes held an Enterprise challenge. The aim of the topic is for each class to run stalls during the Long Melford, Olde Christmas event at the end of November. The winning class has a cinema afternoon with drink and popcorn. So popular was it last year, that even the teachers joined in this year! The school became a hive of industry, business plans were written, items were made and decorated. All together the five classes made over £580 profit and the winning class were Tesla Class who, using their Victorian Topic as inspiration, cooked little Christmas cakes and iced them. They also made Victorian Christmas decorations to sell. Needless to say, the teachers, with their idea of selling selfies containing staff dressed as elves, fairies, snowmen or turkeys, came last!!!

**Author visit from Julia Golding** - Year 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to have a visit from local author Julia Golding. Julia gave a presentation about her new book 'The Diamond of Drury Lane' as well as an engaging game to help inspire ideas for writing a story ~ involving a variety of hats and suggestions for exciting plots!



The children then had the opportunity to ask Julia some questions. Ranging from *'what's your favourite book that you have written?'*, *'if you were re writing one of your books again, what would you change?'* to *'what or who inspires you to write?'* In response to *'what do you do if you get writer's block?'* Julia's top tip was to take a break (and go for a walk!!)



**Victorian Day** - The children in Peake, Anning and Tesla Classes had a visit from 'History on a Page'. They had a very busy day as they prepared 'the Big House' for Christmas. Jobs involved scrubbing the floors, precisely laying the table in the dining room, polishing the silver and making endless pots of tea and cucumber sandwiches (with the crusts off!) for the Mistress of the house! During the afternoon we prepared a variety of acts for the entertainment of the guests. This included acting out a Victorian melodrama, singing songs, performing acrobatics, dancing and even a strongman contest!

The children were all dressed authentically and they all had a superb day.



**Nativity** – Our Nursery and Reception Classes presented their Nativity play to an audience of over 100 people this week. Parents and Grandparents felt truly caught up in the Christmas story by the time that they had finished their play. The children were fantastic – especially bearing in mind some of them were three!



**Are We Nearly There Yet?** – Not to be left out, Tesla, Anning and Peake classes performed their production to three audiences. The acting and dancing was fabulous and the singing was superb.



**Carol Singing** – Ramanujan and Sharman Classes have been Carol Singing at Melford Court and Steed Meadows. Many of the residents joined in with the carols and complimented the children on their singing.

We have a busy end of term with a pantomime, parties and our Carol Service still to go, but .....



Look who dropped in to our nursery this morning!

*Merry Christmas  
From  
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At Long Melford Church of England Primary School*