



Long Melford Church of England Primary School

Autumn Term 2018

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

Happy 123rd Birthday Long Melford Church of England Primary School – On 3rd September 2018 our school had it's 123rd birthday!



Splat Quack Go! – At the beginning of September, some of our children, parents and staff entered a Mud Run to raise money for a new piece of equipment for our playground. They were all fantastic! To support all their efforts, we held a Fitness Day in school. Everyone took part in Just Dance, Keep Fit, PE and the Daily Mile including our nursery! We had a great day.



Painted Stones – One of our holiday challenges was to paint a stone. Mrs West organised a treasure hunt on the green on a Saturday morning to find all the painted stones. She then gave a clue to help people find the special Hare Stone. She had copied the Hare Stone from the Hare stained glass window at Holy Trinity Church.



Macmillan Coffee Morning – No sooner had we settled into the new term, 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 we held a cake sale which was just what we needed at the end of a Friday!

Messy Church – With Rev'd Lawson and Holy Trinity Church, we have run two Messy Church sessions this term. One in September and one in November. The craft activities were very popular as were the dinners!



Sudbury Gymnastics Club - In September we began to visit Sudbury Gymnastics Club. Each year group spend one afternoon per week for six weeks at the Gymnastics Club being coached by the Sudbury Coaches. This term Year 6 and Year 4 have been lucky enough to go.

NSPCC – In September we worked with the NSPCC on keeping our children safe. The NSPCC talked to all our classes, held workshops for years 5 and 6 and held an Online Safety Course for parents.



Book Fair – In October we held our annual Book Fair. The money that we raised went towards our new Rainbow Bingo Reading Challenge! This has proved to be very popular in KS2 and we hope to roll it out to KS1 in the new year.

Harvest Festival – We held our Harvest Festival at the beginning of October. We worked with Holy Trinity Church to collect food for the Storehouse Foodbank.



Maths Day – In October we all took part in the Maths Day and then held a Show and Tell Assembly at the end of the day where the whole school shared what they had done. Some classes had a problem to solve that was linked to their topic and others linked it to art.





Rule Break Day, Disco and Hangout – Just before half term, with the help of FLUMPS, we held a Rule Break Day. Children were able to break up to four rules including coloured hair, wearing nail varnish, squash in their water bottles and cake at playtime! Rule Break Day was finished off with a Disco and Hangout.



Woodland Trust's Green Tree School's Bronze Award – During October the school celebrated achieving the Woodland Trust's Bronze Award. Our children, Forest School Club and the new Eco Club have worked hard to help the school achieve this award during the last six months. The school are now working to achieve the Silver Award.

Colchester Castle – Peake, Anning and Tesla Classes had a very interesting visit to Colchester Castle as part of their Roman topic. The favourite part of the castle for Peake Class were the vaults!



Guy Fawkes Competition – In November the annual Guy Fawkes competition was judged. All the guys were placed on the bonfire at the Long Melford Big Night Out. The entries were fantastically creative!



Remembrance – On Thursday 8th November we took part in the Suffolk Schools Remembrance Service. At 11 o'clock poppy crosses were laid on the grave of everybody who died during World War I and who is buried in Suffolk graveyards.

During the week before Remembrance we had been creating our tribute to the 107 soldiers from Long Melford who were killed during World War I. The Tommies were displayed on the walls of the Church, each with a hand-made red poppy. The display was a fitting tribute for those 107 people who gave their lives 100 years ago. During the Service and Parade on 11th November, many people commented on the Tommy display.



Shoebox Appeal – This year we collected shoeboxes for the Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal. A number of families donated shoeboxes which were taken to the collection point in Clare.



Anti-Bullying Week – The theme for anti-bullying week in November was Respect which is one of our Christian Values. We started the week by acknowledging that we are all different and unique by wearing odd socks. The theme was developed to explore the meaning of Respect. The older children looked at the importance of showing Respect online.

Parliament Week – Democracy is one of our British Values. During Parliament Week we looked at different things such as debates and developing debating skills and why elections are important. One of the Sharman Class debates was 'Should gaming be restricted to one hour a day?' As you can imagine, it was an interesting debate!



Children in Need – This year we held a Melford Has Talent show as part of our Children in Need fundraising. Everyone wore spots or pyjamas and were able to have spotty face paints. Along with some of our parents, we watched some of our children showcase their talents during the afternoon. They were fantastic!

Duxford Imperial War Museum – During November Sharman and Ramanujan Classes visited Duxford Imperial War Museum. They had a very interesting visit linking maths, science and history.



Hedge Planting – Eco Club planted new hedge plants during November. The new plants are at the bottom of the field and will hopefully provide a screen for the wall and a new habitat for minibeasts.



Enterprise Challenge - During November our classes held an Enterprise challenge. The aim of the challenge was for each class to run stalls during the FLUMPS Christmas Fayre. The winning class had a cinema afternoon with drink and popcorn. The school became a hive of industry; business plans were written, items were made and decorated. All together the five classes made over £400 profit and the winning class was Sharman Class - who won for the second year running!





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Switching on the Long Melford Christmas Tree Lights – At the beginning of December we took part in the service to switch the Long Melford Christmas Tree Lights on. Daniel and Rose did a fantastic job of switching them on.

Year 4 Clarinets – The Year 4 children have been learning the clarinet this term. They have made good progress and can play five notes. They performed a concert for their friends and family.



Year 5 Cornets – A small group of our Year 5 children are learning the Cornet. They have been working very hard and will be performing at the Christmas Carol Service.

Sports Competitions – We have taken teams to a number of competitions this term – Athletics, Basketball, Football and Girls Football. Our teams have worked hard and did their best. Our Athletics team qualified for the area finals.



Nativity - During December our Nursery and Fox Class presented a Nativity to their friends and family. The hall was very crowded but our children showed that they were confident in their roles.

Stable Manners – Tesla, Anning and Peake Classes performed a Christmas Musical called Stable Manners. They undertook three performances, learning songs and dances as well as their script. The children enjoyed their performances.



Christmas – As well as our performances we have had our Christmas Dinner where the staff served the children dinner at the tables.

Sharman and Ramanujan Classes went Carol Singing at Melford Court and Steeds Meadow. Our children were made to feel very welcome and sang really well, We have had a pantomime from a visiting pantomime company. The pantomime was Aladdin and it was very good.



Our children have had Christmas parties. FLUMPS came to the parties dressed as Elves and gave out mugs that the children could colour. Everyone loved the mugs! Father Christmas also visited the Nursery Party to hand out presents.

It has been a busy term, but also a term where there has been lots of learning taking place!

Merry Christmas

From

All of Us

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