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Autumn Term Update

All Saints'

On the 1st and 2nd December Reception to Year 6 from All Saints' enjoyed visiting Middleton Arena to watch Cinderella in pantomime. An enjoyable day was had by everyone.

Year 1 – 6 from All Saints' have enjoyed exciting opportunities from Touchstones over the course of the term. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed watching Jack and The Beanstalk with the Pocket Puppet Theatre. Year 3 enjoyed their Stone Age workshop. Year 4 learnt about 'Me and My Mummy' all about the Egyptians. Year 5 were looking at 'Two Queens of Power' and Year 6 learnt about 'Life in World War 1.'

Saint Patrick's

The children in Year 5 and 6 have made several trips to the library to work with, and learn from, different authors and illustrators.

On Thursday, 4th December, Year 2 to Year 6 went to watch Aladdin at Oldham Coliseum Theatre. Everyone had a fantastic time!

Year 5 children have visited Saint Cuthbert's RC High School twice during the term. On their last visit they made their own radio jingle using brand new audio equipment!

Year 2 visited Falange Park during the Autumn Term. They were identifying leaves, sketching and reading maps. They will be going back to the park again during the Spring Term.

Greenbank

During the month of November, Year 5 have enjoyed working towards their level 2 cycling award.

Year 4 have been to the Manchester Museum to explore dinosaurs as part of their topic.

Year 3 have been building shelters, fires and working in the dark as part of their theme topic, The Stone Age.

On Thursday 25th September, All Saints' pupils took part in a Geography and Outdoor Learning Day to improve their skills in geography and have a thrilling day.

Each Key Stage had groups of children moving around different classes with different activities linking to geography.

In Key Stage 1, there were three activities. Firstly the children had a treasure hunt, which linked to orienteering. Next they made maps and looked at compass points and directions. Lastly they looked at different places, for example, a forest and made music for the sounds of these places.

In Key Stage 2, there were four activities. Firstly children made 3D globes and compared them to maps in atlases. Secondly they learnt about the rainforest and each group painted a different layer. After that they took part in orienteering outside where they had to use maps to find 20 markers around school. Lastly they learnt about different currencies around the world, which countries had more money than others and then played a trading game.

Ellesse, from Year 5 said, "I liked playing the trading game because I liked asking people to buy our goods." Harry, from Year 5 enjoyed going outside to find the points on the map. Overall a fun and fantastic day.

Some All Saints' pupils learning in the outdoors.



Ambitious to Aim High!

Aim Higher week was a week that Greenbank Primary School dedicated to planning their future.

It began on the week beginning the 10th November 2014. The whole school was buzzing with excitement over all the activities and visits to come. Every year group had different visitors and a different focus.

In Key Stage One, various people who provide a public service were invited. Some of those people were the local PCSOs, doctors, nurses, dentists and paramedics. They came to share what they do in their day to day jobs. They even met a Vet who brought x-rays for the children to look at! In addition to all the visitors, Key Stage One made visits to local businesses such as the Post Office to see the Post Master and ask him all about his job.

In Key Stage Two, children learnt about the different routes that can be taken to achieve their chosen career and they also met celebrities! Year Four were fortunate enough to meet lead singer, Josh Stokes, from the well-

known band, 'The Fallen'. He shared his experience of being a performer and explained how the band was formed.

After such a busy week, The GAP newspaper interviewed the children to find out what they enjoyed the most. Mahidur in Year Six said, "I want to be a game designer." The adults also commented on the successful week. When questioned about what the children have learnt, Mr Stokes in Year Four said that, "The children found out that you need to work hard if you want to succeed."



Have a fantastic Christmas holiday and remember...Keep safe and have fun!

Bringing History to Life

Year Six pupils at All Saints' Primary school have been learning about World War One and invited pupils from Greenbank Primary School to join them on their educational journey. Mike Kennedy, a well-known historian, was invited on Friday 21st November 2014 to perform a monologue to Year Three, Four, Five and Six.

The performance was enjoyable for all ages. The show was entertaining and made all the children laugh. He brought with him artefacts that were hundreds of years old, which he had collected over 25 years. Mike let the children touch and wear some of the artefacts, whilst sharing interesting new facts. He played word association games to encourage everyone to join in and even let some children do some acting!

When the GAP newspaper team spoke to Mike Kennedy, he explained that he loved history. It was his passion. His company were often used to share historical information with others. Furthermore, he believed learning about history should be fun and said "I believe in bringing history to life."

Harry, a pupil from All Saints', said, "I liked it when Mike dropped the bomb and when everyone started laughing!"



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www.allsaintsce.rochdale.sch.uk

www.stpatricksrc.rochdale.sch.uk

Water Park Extravaganza

On Monday 24th November most of Saint Patrick's Year 6 went to Water Park in the Lake District. They enjoyed a week full of adventure that they will never forget!

The children took part in many activities. They climbed and abseiled, canoed, sailed and went on an amazing journey day.

Miss Duffy who accompanied the children said, "I enjoyed the week immensely. I worked with various groups of children and was very proud of them. They worked well together throughout the week!"

After the long tiring days the children would go back to the Water Park Centre, eat the delicious food including spicy curry, roast dinner and lasanga and get ready for the evening activity.

It was a wonderful week at Water Park. The children had a week they will never forget but were happy to return home to see the smiling faces of their family.



Courtney, a Year 6 pupil said, "I enjoyed the week because I had a chance to do different activities that I have never done before. The one thing I will remember is you can do anything if you believe in yourself."

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Climbing Fun!

On Thursday, 27th November, Saint Patrick's news team went to Greenbank Primary School to experience their climbing wall and to interview some of the Year 5 children about it.

When the news team arrived we met the climbing instructors Mr Heffernan, Mrs Emanuel and Miss Barker. First of all they gave us some great tips about keeping safe on the climbing wall and helping us to trust our partners. Then we were partnered up with the children from Greenbank and spent some time climbing. During the session we had lots of challenges to complete and played different games to develop trust and our climbing skills. We had a fantastic time!

Mr Heffernan told the GAP reporters, "The reason why we have the boulder wall at Greenbank is to build confidence and trust. The children make good progress and really enjoy

it on the wall."

All the children in school spend time using the wall, even Foundation Stage, and when they are older and more confident they go elsewhere to climb and develop their skills.

Yusuf, a Year 5 pupil said, "I love the wall. It is good to climb to the top and then look down! It's good for your confidence!"



Super Science Day at Saint Patrick's

On Tuesday, 25th November, Saint Patrick's pupils were taking part in a Science Day to help them with their science knowledge and learning.

Steve, who is a scientist, was invited into the different classes to teach them about different areas of science. All Saints' GAP Express journalists were excited to join in with the Year 5 class, learning about different creatures and what they have in common with us.

The children got to hold frogs and investigate woodlice through magnifying glasses. They learnt lots of interesting facts like a snail breathes through its shell and when a frog eats, its eyes sink into the skin and push the food down.

Other classes were also taking part in interesting activities. Casey, a St. Patrick's pupil said, "It was good when I held the creatures," Joseph from Year 5 said that he enjoyed everything he did on science day. Overall an exciting, energetic, exhilarating day.



Wild workshops will be visiting Saint Patrick's again next term to work with the children improving their investigational skills further.

