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All Saints'

On Monday 2nd March, Year 5 and Year 6 attended the Phones4U Arena in Manchester for the annual Young Voices concert. We practiced hard learning all the songs and dance moves and had a fantastic time singing alongside Lucy Spraggan, MiC Lowry, Tom Billington and Urban Strides.

We have been working hard raising money for different charities this term. We held a yellow day for Marie Curie Cancer Care, where we all had to wear something yellow. We also planted daffodils. Then we 'made our faces funny for money' for Comic Relief. We had great fun painting our faces and coming to school with our different looks.

Saint Patrick's

Lots of children have been to Rochdale Town Hall to sing, dance and perform as part of the Rochdale Music Festival. They were all fantastic and highly commended!

Year 5 recently went to Saint Cuthbert's RC High School to make their own television advert about Saint Patrick's. They used lots of IT equipment to create their magnificent clip!

During Lent the children have been raising money for Saint Joseph's Penny. They have organised lots of different stalls and games to raise as much money as possible.

There have been many different clubs for children to attend during the past half term including football, handball, dodgeball, dancing, basketball and Spanish. Busy, busy, busy!

Greenbank

Year 2 have been the latest year group to enjoy competing and getting very muddy during tag rugby sessions.

The Greenbank Choir represented the school in the IPLCN Song Festival.

The Year 4 are eagerly awaiting their overnight stay at Moorland Home as part of their topic, Vikings and Saxons.

The Netabll team are looking forward to a competition next week. Good Luck!

On Thursday, 5th March, 2015 All Saints' celebrated National World Book Day. They wanted to learn about different authors and improve their Literacy skills.

Each class had a particular book which was their theme for the day. Foundation Stage read fairytales, Key Stage 1 looked at Winnie the Witch and the Magic Carpet, Year 3 focused on the BFG by Roald Dahl, Year 4 read Don't Kiss the Frog, Year 5 looked at the Legend of Captain Crow's Teeth and Year 6 looked at Jungle Book.

The children arrived in school in their themed costumes and did lots of activities during the day including making a magic carpet, making elephant masks, maths work and lots more.

The children at All Saints' said that they thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day. Tambir said, "I really enjoyed reading the Winnie the Witch book!" Joshua from Year 6 enjoyed dressing up as different animals.

All children really enjoyed this special day and would love to experience again next year!



Some Year 3 children dressed up as the BFG

Creative Collaboration

On Tuesday 17th March 2015, some of the Year 5 children from Greenbank Primary School went to Rochdale cricket club. At first the children thought they were going to play cricket, but they were chosen to take part in a presentation about the tunnel. These eight fabulous children were chosen because they have loud, clear voices and were confident to stand up on the stage, in front of several other schools.

In our presentation we talked about what we had done in creative arts week around school. Foundation worked on prepositions and Year 1 went on a trip to go on a train through a long, tunnel. Year 2 did something much messier... clay models! However the children in Year 3 decided to right the missing chapter...what happened to Jack? Why did he turn to stone? Year 4 made faces, just like the illustrations in the book that show magical animals hiding in the trees.

Meanwhile, Year 5 took photographs of places around school and then manipulated them to make it to look like a tunnel. They also changed the story into a poem. The children in Year 6 wrote their own stories of the magical lands through the tunnel.

After the group had performed their presentation they were rewarded with a biscuit, a sticker and a nice cup of orange juice. Once back at school, the three teachers that took the children to the presentation (Mrs O'Donnell, Mrs Prichard, and Mr Heffernen) said they could all have three smiles each! Acacia said, "It was terrific and we all had a great time."



The children enjoyed presenting their work.

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

FITNESS AND FUN AT GREENBANK

Greenbank pupils are taking part in lots of exciting after school clubs. They have started more clubs so pupils can be healthy, active and have opportunity to take part in a variety of sports.

Most days after school, pupils are given opportunity to take part in different clubs such as football, netball, fencing, archery and street dance. Some coaches from all over Rochdale are invited in to take the clubs as well as some of the staff from the school. After practising in the clubs they are entering different tournaments and matches.

The street dance club had proved very popular and they are learning a dance to Uptown Funk by Mark Ronson and Bruno Mars. Sumaira from Year 2 said, "My favourite part was doing the funky dance." Whereas, Zaim enjoyed doing handstands.

It sounds like Greenbank have had a fantastic time in their after school clubs and will look forward to doing athletics, martial arts and volleyball next term.

For more news about our schools, please visit our websites:

www.greenbank.rochdale.sch.uk

www.allsaintsce.rochdale.sch.uk

www.stpatricksrc.rochdale.sch.uk

Three Cheers for the Eco Team!

The Eco Team at Saint Patricks have achieved The Green Flag status. The team, of 14 children across school, have worked hard to obtain the award.

Saint Patrick's Eco team are very proud of their club and follow their Eco Code, which is displayed around school. They take pride in their roles and responsibilities, with the older children taking on the role of Head, Co. Head and Treasurer. Laura said, "You know you're helping your school and the community."

Their responsibilities include, checking that lights are switched off, emptying the recycle bins and looking after the school garden and the bug hotel.

In addition, the team help organise and run events across the school and have raised money and awareness for good causes such as; Fairtrade Fortnight, litter picking and Switch Off Fortnight, as well as persuading children to walk to school.

The Eco Team keep a scrap book of their achievements and the children enjoy contributing to and sharing their work with others.

Well done to all the Eco Team, keep up the green work!

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FAMOUS FLORENCE VISITS ALL

Key Stage One from All Saints' had a special visitor during the spring term. Florence Nightingale travelled forwards in time to let the pupils know about her life.

Key Stage One have been completing a topic called 'Famous Five'. They have looked at five famous people throughout history. One of these, Florence Nightingale, came to visit and work with the children.

Firstly they completed a hot seating session, where they asked Florence lots of questions about her life and the Crimean War. Next they completed a drama of the journey to Turkey to work at the Scutari hospital. Lastly they completed role play of her jobs that she would have had to undertake at the hospital. They learnt lots of facts about her personal life and how she helped the soldiers during the Crimean War.

The children all enjoyed the morning but they especially loved role playing Florence's various jobs. After Florence's visit, they completed follow up work such as portraits, making fact files and researching her life. An enjoyable morning was had by all.



Singing... We're loving it!

On 3rd March 2015 the coach departed for the Young Voices Concert at the Manchester Phones 4U Arena.

Before the event the pupils were busy practising songs and dance routines to All You Need is Love, Wait for Me and Lets Go Crazy and many more.

When the school choir set foot in the Phones 4U Arena they saw thousands of children from many schools. First they had to rehearse for more than four hours to be ready to amaze their audience. After a short break they were ready to begin.

The amazing concert started at 7:00pm. The performance lasted for two hours and the children enjoyed singing with thousands of children from different schools and watching the stars perform.

Callum said, "It was very dark when you were performing in the Arena and you could only see flashing lights which made it magical!"

The teachers had an incredible time too. Miss McCreavey said, "It was a wonderful experience, I really enjoyed it and so did the children!"

Overall, the children from Saint Patrick's really enjoyed going to Young Voices and they all want to go again next year!



St Patrick's RC School