

# Tockwith

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



Before our Easter holidays, it was awesome to see Mr Crilly and our brilliant bands in the school hall to play in front of the rest of the school, and their parents. The year 5 and year 6 bands performed some fantastic songs and we all rocked out with them!! Many thanks to the talented and confident young people who played and sang so well, and to Mr Crilly for his work teaching them to play the instruments and sing. Job well done all!



Children in Y3 and 4 celebrated their Greek topic by coming to school dressed in spectacular outfits. The children carried out their morning lessons and then managed to walk down to church in their tunic's, toga's and cloaks and practice for their Easter service before coming back to school. The afternoon involved tasting different Greek foods, including tzatziki, olives, pitta bread and some humus. The children learnt about archery and practiced some in class (just like Apollo) and finished the day off watching some Ancient Greeks on Horrible Histories



Forest Schools has really transformed this half term and the reception and Year 1 children are loving using it. It's a great space for the children to be able to explore the natural world whatever the weather. We are continuing to develop it and will soon be making way for a den area and a mud kitchen. Many thanks to all the offers of kind donations to help kit it out.

This term some of the things they have explored micro-habitats and used bug viewers to have a closer look at insects and their features. We have also learnt about what a plant needs to grow and the different parts of a plant. The children have been so enthusiastic and have learnt being in our forest school area. We even have learnt a new song to sing going and coming back from forest school which the school and staff love hearing each week!



We were delighted to invite parents, carers and grandparents to our Easter services at Tockwith Church. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 put on an incredible performance, reading their poems about Easter and Spring and singing some beautiful songs including Spring Chicken and the Seed Song.

Children in Key Stage 2 re told the Easter story through the eyes of significant characters present. Year 3 told the story from the donkey's perspective, year 4 were Peter and the Garden of Gethsemane whilst year 5 told the story from the Roman soldier's viewpoint. Year 6 finished with the perspective of Mary. Thank you also to the teachers and support staff to the time that they have put into the practices.

Sandwiched between the performances, we held the Easter lunch at school. We welcomed over 100 parents, carers and siblings into school to join their children for lunch. It was delightful to see parents, carers, grandparents and siblings in the school hall with the children enjoying the Easter food. Many thanks to Mrs Hobson and the catering team for the delicious food and service



On the last day of term, it was great to welcome so many parents, carers, grandparents and friends to Tockwith Primary for our PTFA Easter Fair! The children were so excited for the chocolate tombola as well as the Easter craft stalls and the many different stalls set up to entertain the children. The parents were all too happy to enjoy the cafe with delicious cakes and hot drinks for all!

The rainbow raffle also proved to be very popular. The Easter egg hunt also proved to be a success with over 100 children taking part. The money raised hasn't yet been counted but we will let you know in due course how much was raised. Thank you to those who attended and contributed. If anyone wants to find out more about the PTFA, or would like to be involved in the planning of any future events, please contact the school office at [admin.toc@ebor.academy](mailto:admin.toc@ebor.academy)





Children and staff then enjoyed a much needed two week Easter holiday before returning to school on 8<sup>th</sup> April feeling fully refreshed and eager to start the Summer term!

Since being back at school, we have had All Stars Cricket visit us in school and provide a taster session to our children in year 1 and 2. Year 2 loved their session with Joe from All Stars Cricket. The children quickly picked up the rules and were quick to get started on a competition trying hard to score as many runs before the fielders returned the three balls. Great to see so much team spirit to cheer each other on and work together to field quickly and effectively. At the end of the session Joe shared a video about All Stars- lots of eager children keen to join sessions.



It was lovely to see so many parents and carers join us for the parent consultation evenings where we get to talk about the children and how they are progressing in school.

#### Upcoming Events

6 May

Bank Holiday – school closed

7 – 24 May

Y2 Quizzes

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| 13-16 May | Y6 SATS Week                             |
| 22 May    | Y3 Overnight Camp in School & Activities |
| 23 May    | Y5 Overnight Camp in School & Boating    |
| 24 May    | School Closes for Half Term              |
| 3 June    | School Reopens                           |