

# The All Saints Herald

*Written by the Children, for everyone.*

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Welcome to the ninth edition of 'The All Saints Herald' – a newspaper written by the children of All Saints, for all. Over the next few pages, we aim to inform you of all the exciting clubs, trips, events and general 'goings on' around our wonderful school over the last half term.

## **Dandelions**

The yurt has arrived! A huge thank you to the scouts and everyone else who has helped put this masterpiece together; we hope to make lots of memories inside it. Laila – one of our dandelions – came up with the amazing name – Dandelions' Den, which might be placed on the door of the yurt with a wooden sign.



We have decided that there should be some rules in place while using the yurt, such as: no footwear, no going behind the fireplace, no climbing the wooden canvas, no going behind the yurt and finally no touching the canvas. If you have any more ideas or questions about the yurt come ask a Year 6 Dandelion or Ms Daniel. There will be many things to do in the yurt including board games, reading books, origami and a reflection and sensory area.

## **Eco- Warriors**

We were kindly donated two lots of £50 from the FOAS last term. That money was given to Mrs Robert's husband, who used the money to buy materials to build six wooden planters so that classes 1-6 could have a sensory garden outside of their classrooms. They were filled with soil and compost which the children donated from home.



This term the eco warriors planted the flowers and plants that had been kindly donated to us by the Montacute Gardening Club. These keen gardeners also gave up their time for free to help us to plant them. We have also created a flower bed for the Acorns.

We would like to give a monumental thank you to the FOAS, Mr Roberts and the Montacute Gardening Club; without their help we would not have been able to do this. Also, we would like to thank the parents who donated the soil and compost.

### Easter Service

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, All Saints held our Easter service. The whole school was lucky enough to go to St Catherine's church by foot and the year sixes were delighted to walk there with their Acorn buddies. Each pupil was asked to bring in a flower for our six mini crosses and they ended up blooming with colours! While at the service, our reverend (Reverend Nick) read us a story about The Three Trees.



All Saints have been practising their Easter tunes and hymns every Tuesday in preparation for this special event and it really paid off. We would love to give a massive thank you to Mrs Rees for helping us throughout these past few weeks.

Hugo (Acorn Class) said, "I loved listening to the song 'Jesus is Risen' – it sounded very nice."

Teddy (Acorn Class) said, "I think the flower crosses looked beautiful!"

Henry G (Year 1) said, "My favourite part was putting the flowers on the cross."

Evie (Year 1) said, "I brought a crown of thorns into the church and laid it on a table, it felt like I was a guard putting the crown on Jesus."

### Orchestra Concert

This term we hosted a music concert.

Many instruments were played varying from guitars to piano and drums to fifes, we even had vocals and year 4 playing the glockenspiel and flutes.

The evening was all about children showing their parents/carers what they have learnt throughout music this term. We even had people who had left the school, showing if you continue music, you can get better at what you are passionate about. Some of the children were as young as seven years old! The music concert was to raise money for the music department; we raised over £190.

Year 3 had been learning every Tuesday afternoon how to play the fife, a miniature flute, leading up to the music concert. Marlow, in year 3, said he liked learning different notes; the notes he and his class learned were A, B, C and G. "I found it quite difficult to learn a new instrument but gradually began to like it over the term – we had an exceptionally good teacher." Sophie reported.



Every Thursday a group of children, that have signed up, go to choir. This is led by Mr Wood. Many of the children enjoy going to choir and singing as a group. "At first, I felt nervous and excited but afterwards I felt proud of myself. I love choir, as ever since I was young, I have enjoyed singing and I find it fun!" Said Millie who is a part of the choir group.

We would like to thank the teachers that put the music concert together, including Mrs Roberts, Mr Wood and Mrs Coleman. However, there were many others that helped during the concert. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Rees, Shaun and Mr James. Who Taught the students how to play the instruments they played.



### Cross Country

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> of March, All Saints Church School went to Mudford Rec where they ran a cross country race. Here they ran against lots of other schools. There were 28 schools with 402 children running in six different races. This cross country was particularly special as if the children placed 10<sup>th</sup> or under, they would be invited to Somerset championships to run for their schools. Fortunately, we had two of our pupils that made it to the Regionals - Sophie from class 3 and Ronnie from Class 5. Ks1 had to run one lap of Mudford Rec and Ks2 had to run 2. We also had some close qualifiers, such as Polly from Class 6 and Max from Class 6. Well done to everyone who ran - you did a brilliant job!



### Picturing Easter

To celebrate Easter, we have had a fun art day interpreting Easter pictures. Each class made a large piece of artwork to be displayed in the library. Every piece of art represented a scene in the Bible. As well as this, each class made a smaller piece of artwork representing another image about Easter: Class 6 created Jesus riding on a donkey to Jerusalem and made Easter gardens from things in the forest area - representing the scene of Jesus' tomb and his cross.

Next in Year 3, for their big painting, they did Judas and Jesus kissing, as a sign of betrayal. They also made silhouettes of crosses in a sunset.

In year 5 they have been making collages of Jesus with tissue paper and 3D paintings. Class 4 made 3D sculptures of the garden a Gethsemane with things they found in the forest area.

Class 2 made bags of coins which represented the bribe that Judas took.

Year 1 made a table of the last supper with Jesus. They also made, for their large painting, a cross with a yellow background, to represent a sunset.

Finally in Acorns, they painted a cross with sponges and made Easter cards and a stain glass window.



Thank you Mrs O'Donnell for arranging the activities we all had a lot of fun!

## Yeovil Town Football Coach

Every Thursday, Rob - our YTFC coach - takes all the year 5s and 6s in the club up on the field or on the playground to play football. We usually start a session by doing a warmup and then partner work in 4s or 2s. After we have warmed up our body, we start by getting into 3 teams with 2 on the pitch - who ever loses that match will come off and the team on the side lines will come on. Depending on how many people there are, the coach Rob will join the team that has the lowest and play with them. When we play, if it is someone's birthday, they would be able to be a team leader for that session.



On Monday and Thursday year 4 had Rob come in and do tournaments, drill, running drills, football and lots of fun games. They all love it when everyone plays fairly and they say that you must use ALOT of perseverance. Rob is a great football coach we hope to be seeing him at our school again - thank you so much Rob for coaching us this term.



## Year 5-kickboxing

Recently year five have been learning kickboxing with a specialist kickboxing coach coming in to teach them during P.E. on a Wednesday. Kickboxing is a full-contact sport based on punching and kicking. Kickboxing originated in the 1950's to 1970's. The coach has very kindly offered to come in in her own time for free to teach the year 5 pupils. So, a Massive thank you to Vicky for this - we really appreciate it.

The year fives told us that they enjoyed the sport and the teacher was lovely; they say thanks for all the time she has put in to doing this. They have been doing this sport inside and occasionally outside depending on the weather with lessons happening for the past few weeks.



This sport is fun to do. The year fives especially enjoy learning new moves with kickboxing pads. Benefits for the future are self-defence and it is fun to show friends outside of school what you have learnt, although, not on each other!

Some of year fives favourite moves are:

Jumping

Front kick

Knee strike

## Year One's trip to Windmill Farm

On Thursday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, Year 1 went to Windmill Farm, and met lots of different animals like pigs, cows, and lots more. There they did lots of different activities like finding out the reason it is called, Windmill Farm (it is called this because it used to have a large windmill and it got stuck by lightning around 400 years ago). When they went, they got to stroke the lambs! We asked a few children what they liked the best: "I liked the pigs because they made lots of funny noises."

Maxwell (Year 1)

"I liked seeing the lambs because they are so fluffy, and we got to stroke them!" said Ruby (Year 1).



"I learnt that pigs tails go curly when they are happy and straight when they are sad." Said

Jack (year 1)

They also saw a Combine harvester, tractors, and how wheat is processed through all the different bits of machinery.

Also, a massive thank you to all the staff that made this trip possible like Mrs Bell, Mr Wood, Miss Daniel and Miss Westcott also a bigger thank you to Windmill Farm - the children enjoyed it so much and they came back with massive smiles on their faces!

## World Book Day 2024

For World Book Day this year we have selected Narnia - from The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe - as our theme. For this, Mrs. Wescott made a lion out of just paper, paint, and cardboard; Mrs. Bowditch painted the entrance of the school, and Mrs. Harding and Mrs. Brooke made fantastic decorations for the library. One of the activities we did was reading the height of Mrs. Bowditch, where each house read as many books as they could every week until world book day. Red 1<sup>st</sup>, Yellow 2<sup>nd</sup>, Green 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Blue 4<sup>th</sup>.



The whole school authored a book based on around the world in eighty days, each class wrote a different country going up the school and to the librarians. After lunch, we had an exciting photo of the whole school, and then one of all the teachers together. We had some amazing, unique costumes from all the children. Some matching and some solo.

Thank you to Mrs. Wescott, Mrs. Bowditch, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. Holt, and the librarians for all your incredible work on world book day.