

2016 - 2017

Eyres Monsell Annual Review



Curriculum

We have had lots of exciting curriculum activities and events this year. From Dinosaur week, to Chocolate Week, from hatching ducklings to visiting the University of Leicester, children at Eyres Monsell have had lots of experiences this academic year. Every term we have updated parents on our topics, so parents knew what everyone was doing.

Topics this year have included Superheroes, Witches and Wizards, Greeks, Roald Dahl, the Wizard of Oz, Science Week, Toys, Journeys, the Seaside and lastly our Diversity and Leicester Carnival Weeks, to name a few. We have had a Maths Puzzle Day, Fossil Day and teachers have started 'dynamic reading', sharing some of their favourite stories, poems and books to interest and encourage everyone to read more. Y2 also visited Leicester Tigers as part of the Authors week project.

Children have been working hard this year, to improve their Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and their reading. We were delighted to see our results in reading and phonics improve in our National Tests as a result of the hard work. We have introduced new initiatives such as our new Maths Toolkits which were positively commented on, in our recent HMI inspection. We also introduced a Science Fair, with some amazing Science Projects on display like exploding volcanoes and model hearts!

We have also been developing our outdoor curriculum, with Mrs Seagar and Mrs Butcher working hard this year on their Forest Schools training and leading sessions such as Den building and our Summer term 'No Pens Day'. Y2 also did an art topic on Wild Art, using objects around us to make art! Our Carnival theme was a great success with children learning about what makes us and Leicester Special and celebrating all of our differences which make us special and unique. Mrs Hill's favourite week was Chocolate Week, where we had chocolate making demonstrations and children enjoyed a chocolatey Easter treat too! We had visitors from Leicester University deliver sessions as part of Science week on fossils, volcanoes and rocks!

We also had a Money Week where children learnt about the importance and value of money. Children from Y2 to Y5 have had the chance to learn an instrument, including steel pans and ukuleles and have had opportunities to learn different dances linked to topics.



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Physical and Mental Well Being

This year we have been introducing children to the importance of being mentally healthy, as well as physically healthy. Children had the opportunity to learn Yoga and mindfulness as part of our Stress Awareness Week. We also took part on Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and children were introduced to strategies to help stay mentally healthy. Mrs Abdeladim (Crick) and Mrs Hill (head teacher) completed training to become Resilience Champions and developed the new 'I am Worth It' programme, where children have been taught tips and skills to be resilient!

We have continued working with RELATE counselling, to support pupils and this year, some pupils in Year 5 and 6 worked with Coventry University on the ThinkSmart Programme. This was aimed at helping children to develop their self-esteem, resilience and build positive images and attitudes.

We were delighted to welcome Joe Roebuck, Olympic swimmer, to the school, who led sporty workshops to inspire our pupils, maybe one day, EMPS will have our own Olympian! We also welcomed Jack the Skipping Man, who encouraged children to try skipping as a way to keep healthy. We had lots of parents and children participate in our sponsored walk this year—thank-you if you joined in. In Life—Skills all children from FS2 to Y6 have had the chance to learn about healthy eating and nutrition and cook some tasty food, Yummy.

We have had lots of sports clubs and tried some new sports like Boxercise in KS2. We competed in competitions against other schools in sports including Tri-Golf, Athletics and Football and became Tri Gold Champions, of Leicester West Primary Schools. Four children gained medals in the Area Athletics—a great achievement! Children have learnt a range of sports and we have welcomed Leicester Tigers, Leicester City and the FA to the school to lead sports sessions. We have also had a sports coach working with Years 3 and 4 this year. Y6 completed their Bike-ability training, so they know how to ride safely and Year 5 and 6 had a visit from the Betty Bus, as part of their Sex and Relationship Education.

We have encouraged more outdoor learning, with gardening, Forest Schools and introduced the 50 things to do before you are 11 and 3/4 years old, so children get to have fun and learn outside. Year 6 also learnt emergency first aid! All of our work on sports have meant we achieved the School Games award for 2016—2017.



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Enrichment

We have continued to add new events and activities this year, that go beyond the standard curriculum. Mrs Tuckwell's reading cafes were a great success for our pupils and families in FS1, FS2 and Y1. Over 140 parents and children attended our Bedtime Reading evening session.

Children had the opportunity to visit the Peepul Centre Theatre, for a Christmas Pantomime and Y3 visited The Curve to see a Roald Dahl play of The Twits. We had an artist visit us for our Diversity topic and make carnival masks and costumes with the children and lots of visitors such as the library services, Police, insects and reptiles, the Toy Museum, the Betty Bus, the Puzzle Company, Nenette Shriver (chocolatier) and ThinkSmart. We have had trips galore including (to name some) the Zoo, Farm, Conkers, Beaumanor Hall, National Water Sports Centre, Foxton Locks, Knighton Park, Big Bang Show in Birmingham, Leicester Synagogue and the local Church, 360 play and Leicester University. Y5 participated in the Loving With Laughter City Event, which culminated in a performance at the Y Theatre.

A group of children worked on a city Maths Project and visited Leicester University to see the finished numbers project. Children in Year 6 also had the chance to visit Leicester University and see what life would be like going to University, as part of a languages day and also visited their Dinosaur fossil! Mrs Applebee-Lewis introduced our first Chocolate Bingo session for Easter, as part of our chocolate week, with lots of lucky winners! Children have also worked towards raising money for charities, such as Comic Relief and Save the Children this year.

Life skills has been a great success again, with children learning a wide range of skills including French, cooking, sewing, co-operative play, how to stay safe, Forest Schools and Makaton (sign language).

There have been lots of opportunities for children to get involved in leadership roles, including School Captains, School Council, Eco Schools and our new Digital Leaders Programme. We have had lovely assemblies with the Christmas productions a highlight. There has been lots of clubs including Computing, Art, Phonics and many sports clubs too and our extreme reading competition saw some great entries!



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Last but not least...

We have been developing the school environment this year, firstly with the completion of the new KS1 building and a new KS1 playground. We have seen the resurfacing and re-decorating of the KS2 playground, providing new activities for the children. We have added some amazing reading images in the school recently, to celebrate our love of reading and have even more things happening over the Summer holidays. See if you can spot some of the changes in the new academic year!

Congratulations to our Digital Leaders, who completed their ChildNet training and have supported children in their classes with their computing skills and knowing how to stay safe online. Well done to all of our pupils who have won awards across the school year, including Star of the Week, Writer and Mathematician of the week and Learning Heroes. Well done to our Y6 pupils, who achieved a National Arts Award, following their work since Year 5 on the music percussion project.

Well done to our children who have **100% attendance for the WHOLE YEAR** (at the time of writing these were): **Joseph Barker, Corey Beatty, Macie Bremner, Amalie Dunkley, Faith Gallagher, Riley Hudson, Alexa Ingram—Abbott, Jenna Ingram-Abbott, Szymon Jankowski, Kwame Mantey, Malwina Marach, Unathi Ncube, Lyam Pedzeni and Connor and Cameron Phillips.** This is a great achievement!

Congratulations to Mrs Butcher's class, who received the most class attendance certificates across the school year and well done to the Blue house, for receiving the most House points. Congratulations to Mrs Applebee-Lewis' class, who won our *Grow your fiver* project with a profit of £47.88.

Thank-you to pupils who have taken on roles this year, such as our school councillors and our School Captains, Angel and Eleanor. Our school councillors have worked hard with projects such as Freezin' Fridays, which have been a great success as part of their playground project.

Please use the links on the website for learning over the Summer holidays. Children have also been set MyMaths homework and every child has received a Summer diary, to write about their Summer adventures.

We would like to wish all of our families a happy and safe Summer holidays.

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