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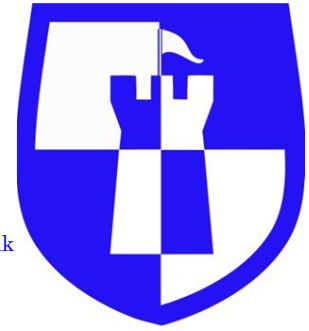
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Ancient Greek Day

By Anya Ceccarelli and Zoe Sumner

On Friday 6th January, Year 6 were greeted by Ester the Ancient Greek villager. She split our class into two groups. One group stayed with Ester in the classroom while the other group went up to the hall to see a man called Themos. He put us into city-states, we were in different states Corinth and Thebes. Then Ester's group came to the hall and we voted if Athens or Sparta should lead the war, Sparta won the vote. A short time later Themos taught us some cool Ancient Greek games. We thought the Fortuna game was the best.

After lunch, we learnt the Ancient Greek alphabet and numbers. We then had a go at writing them on a piece of paper with a quill and a pot of ink and a wax board. We then returned to the hall and did some military training with Themos. Some of us held swords and spears, we went outside and he taught us some military language like, "OZYMOZI!" and "HOPLITES!" Themos called us all hoplites as it was an Ancient Greek name for citizen-soldiers of the Ancient Greek city-states. We did a lot more marching, then our fabulous day came to an end.

We learnt a lot of interesting facts about the Ancient Greeks from Ester and Themos. We would like to say a massive THANK YOU to Timezone! It was a great day, we learnt so much.



Beauty and the Beast

By Lilly-Rae Cotterill

Yesterday Year 1 went to a theatre to see 'Beauty and the Beast' It was amazing! The Beast was very tall and I liked it when he turned back into a prince. The goblins were funny and made me laugh. Bella's sisters were also funny when they were trying to marry the prince. The end was my favourite part when the confetti came down from the ceiling and everyone was happy and dancing.

Year 2 Trip to the Theatre

By Lola Morgan and Sam Silvester

We went on a double-decker bus on Wednesday 12th January to watch 'Beauty and the Beast' at the theatre. In the show the goblins were very cheeky and made us laugh. Beauty was a cleaner and went to clean for the Beast and had to live there because she stayed too long. The Beast roared a lot and kept asking Beauty to marry him. All the sisters went to clean the Beast's floor because the goblins had tricked them. Beauty loved her cleaning so she stayed to clean the Beast's palace even though she was frightened of him and thought he might eat her.

But in time Beauty grew to like the Beast and wanted to spend more time with him.

There was a room with a wishing mirror in it and when Beauty saw her sisters through it, she went through the mirror to visit them but could not get back through the mirror to the Beast which made her upset. So on the third day her sisters told her to walk back to the palace.

When she got there she fell in love with the Beast who turned into a prince. They danced and lots of rose petals fell on to them and that was the end.

We loved going to the theatre because it was a good show and it was funny and going on the bus felt like a big adventure.

Football Match **Castlecroft v Uplands** **By Elivia Wellington**

The girls' football team played our first competitive match of the season at Uplands school on Thursday 27th January. Isla was chosen to be our team captain so she kicked off the game. The match was full of lots of good tackles, excellent passes between us and we had some very close shots at goal. Our goalkeeper, Milli did some amazing saves during the match. Isla did a fantastic run of half the field keeping control of the ball even with an Uplands player towering over her, she kept her cool and was not intimidated at all. We didn't manage to score and suffered a heavy defeat but we all enjoyed playing and had so much fun. With more training we can work better as a team and hopefully score some cracking goals.



Singing Workshop **By Erin Hickman and Georgia Russell**

On Monday 31st January we met a man in the school hall called Mr Wilcox who said we could call him Paul. He had come into school to teach years 3,4 and 5 how to sing properly. We sang lots of songs during the workshop, a lot of what we sang was repeating Paul. He'd say 'Hey' and we'd say it back to him, he sang 'Ho' and we'd sing Ho! We also learnt a lot of actions to go with the songs which made the singing a lot more fun and helped us to remember the words better. Our favourite song was 'Knee,knee,clap,clap.' And the 'Come on everybody let's go' song. It was a bit scary when Paul asked us to do a solo, lots of us didn't do it but as the workshop went on we got more confident. Paul played the guitar and made us laugh with his funny actions. He also played the djembe drum and got us to lie down on the floor and chill, then when we were relaxed he banged the drum really loud and made us all jump. We played an egg shaped instrument called a maraca and also two wooden sticks which we banged together to make a sound. It was great fun doing the workshop because we enjoyed all the songs and Paul was really funny, he made us laugh a lot. Paul could play so many different instruments which was very inspirational and he knew so many songs. At the end of the workshop we did a Conga and then Paul said Goodbye to us.

Cross Country **By Ruby Uren and Josh Wyke**

On 2nd February, Castlecroft Primary School participated in a cross country race at Fordhouses Cricket Club at 4pm. This was our first cross country race in 2 years, so we were all very excited to compete. There were 4 teams, (2 boys, a girls and a mixed team.) The boy's team finished their relay race in 1st place, the girls came 7th. The 16 of us all enjoyed taking part in the races and we were very grateful to be chosen to represent our school. We are looking forward to our next race.

Black Country Living Museum Trip **By Saskia Campbell and Bobby Dodd**

Year 5 went to the Black Country Living Museum on Thursday 3rd February. When we got off the coach we saw a film about the museum, we also saw lots of black and white photos showing life in the olden days. First we went into the old fashioned school, St James's. The girls went into the classroom first followed by the boys. The teacher, Mr Griffins who we had to call 'sir' had a cane in his hand. We had to show Mr Griffins our hands to make sure they were clean. Mr Griffins told Maddie off as she was wearing nail polish, he told her to write 100 lines 'I must not wear nail polish.' She didn't really! We learnt our 12 times table and Mr Griffins said "If we didn't there would be consequences." After the school we were split into two groups, Harry's group and Lilian and Rose's group. These were names of people who we had to find out about at the museum. Harry's group went to Harry's house which was one room with a kitchen and a dining table. Outside there was a shed with a bucket underneath a wooden plank with a hole in it for a toilet. Lilian and Rose's group went to Lilian's and then Rose's house, we had to compare the two houses. Rose's house had an upstairs and Lilian's only had one room, which was very common in the olden days. Rose's house tilted to one side as it had a mine running under it. We went into a street that sold lots of different things that people needed for their everyday life.

There was a dentist, a sweet shop which was next door to a bakery, a hardware store which seemed to sell everything even an old tin bath which most people had to use. There was a chemist which rolled all its own tablets. In the sweet shop there were all old fashioned sweets which we could buy. Aleighza bought a sherbet with a lolly pop which made her tongue and teeth go blue after she had finished.

We played lots of old fashioned games, like rolling a metal hoop over the cobbled street and catching a wooden ball in a cup. While we were playing we saw a horse and cart go passed.

We also went on a Victorian bus which we had to run to catch, we all went on the top deck for a better view.

Finally, we went to spend the rest of our money in the gift shop.

We all had a fabulous time at the museum learning lots of interesting facts about the Victorian times.



Football Match Report **Castlecroft v Springdale** **By Elijah Webb**

We had an away match at Springdale school on Tuesday 8th February. When we arrived we started off by doing some warm up drills. Castlecroft kicked off the match and we were playing well as a team with a lot of chances at goal and our passing was exceptional.

We eventually scored a goal during the first half only to have Springdale equalise a few minutes later. We were feeling good but tired at half time but were still raring to go.

Second half kicked off with Springdale scoring 2 goals, one of their goals unfortunately slipped through Kai's legs. We had plenty of shots at goal but unluckily none went in.

The final score was 3-1 to Springdale. It was a tight match with end to end play. Overall it was a great game and for some of our team it was their first competitive match. Looking forward to the next match where we will continue doing our best and hopefully we will win the next game.

Art Week **By James Bolus**



For our school's Art Week we studied paintings by L.S. Lowry. Most of his paintings were of everyday life like a street scene, outside a factory, at a football match. Lowry painted with only five colours; red, blue, yellow, black and white in most of his paintings and all his figures were very thin with big boots, so the matchstick people in his work are easy to recognise.

When Lowry was out and about and he saw something that interested him, he would sketch it on whatever he had to hand like a napkin. He would draw the picture and then give the drawing to children who were around. If you were one of the lucky children and had kept the scrap of paper it could be worth over £1,000 now.



Year 5 made a whole class collage which was really big and looked great when we finally finished it. We also did some watercolour painting, sketching and we made some clay figures



which were very tricky to make all the different body parts separately and then stick them together with water and hope that they would all stay together in one piece and stand up.

At the end of Art Week we had a school exhibition of all the classes work which was very interesting to see what everyone else had made. The art work was so different but all very creative. I'm sure Lowry would have been very amazed at what we had all created.

Art Week was a lot of fun and finding out about new artists is always very interesting.



Orienteering Workshop **By James Bolus and Isla Jones**

On Monday 28th February, Year 5 went to Smestow Academy for an orienteering workshop. We did multiple activities involving teamwork and communicating. We were put into four different teams to face off against each other in various games. We did 'Coloured Spots' which is where the leader puts down spots on the floor and without touching the floor they must step across to the other side but if

a spot had even part of a foot on it, it would be taken away.

'Matching Pairs' was a game of about 30 cards which were placed faced down and each team had to turn over 2 cards at a time but only one player from each team could play at once. It was the team with the most matching pairs that won.

We played 'Sequence Numbers' in this game different strips of paper with a number from 1-20 painted on it were placed on the floor and each player from your team would touch the numbers in order and whoever was the quickest, won.

In 'Investigation Cones,' cones were placed around the hall with a letter and a number on. We were all given a map and had to find each letter and write them down in order and then make the longest word out of all the letters.

We had a fun afternoon and were all really tired at the end of the workshop.



Bird Watching **By Jacob Clarke**

In Year 1's science we went out by the school field to do some bird watching. I saw a crow, some magpies and some wood pigeons through binoculars. It was so much fun and I really enjoyed it.



Pasta Making **By Ava Crosbie**



On the 1st March which was St George's Day and also Pancake Day, Year 3 made pasta. First of all, we made a tower of flour on the table and made a hole in the middle. We then cracked an egg with a knife into the hole in the flour and mixed together with a fork. When the flour and egg were mixed together we used our hands to mush the mixture up into a little ball. We got flour all over our hands. We then rolled the ball out flat with a rolling pin.

We took the pasta home so we could make whatever shaped pasta we wanted and have it for our tea. I made twirly shapes and then squished the middle bit with a fork to make another fancy shape. I

cooked my pasta in boiling water with my Mum's help. I put some ketchup on my pasta, as that's how I like it. It was delicious.

It was a very messy activity but so much fun to do. We were all so happy to be able to make our own pasta.

World Book Day in Nursery **By Albie Crowther**



When it was World Book Day I dressed up as Gecko Boy. It was a lot of fun dressing up and seeing my friends dressed up too.

My Mummy came into Nursery and read 'Zog and the Flying Doctors' to me and my friends. It made me feel really happy to see my Mum in Nursery. My favourite bit of the story was when Zog banged his nose. My Mum also brought in a Zog toy for us all to see.



World Book Day

By Isla Myatt

Last week was awesome!! It was World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March and I had lots of fun. The whole school, including the staff came as their favourite book characters. Everyone in my class dressed up in really cool outfits. There was the white rabbit from Alice in Wonderland to Super Heroes, it was so much fun looking at everyone's outfits.

We did all World Book Day activities in the afternoon. We started with a World Book Day quiz, there were lots of questions about our favourite characters. After that we did a competition where we had to draw our favourite book character and write why we liked them. If we finished that we moved on to a word search and that was really fun. We finished off the day with some colouring. It was a brilliant day and flew by really quickly. I'm already excited for next year and planning my outfit.

Football Report

Castlecroft v The Royal School

By Mason Brain Josh Wyke

On Wednesday 2nd March our Boy's football team travelled to The Royal school for a competitive match. Josh was the captain with Mason as vice-captain. The game started with The Royal being in control of the ball for most of the first half, we defended well stopping them going into the lead. Second half got underway with The Royal scoring the first goal of the match. But not long after Josh scored an equaliser, from then on it was a very tight game with both teams fighting for that winning goal. The match played on with a final score of 1-1.

We all played well as a team and were very proud of the result.

Football Report

Castlecroft v Warstones

By Kai Spittle

Castlecroft played Warstones school at football on Wednesday 9th March. It was a very evenly matched game. The final score was 4-1 to Warstones. I do believe that they deserved to win as they were the stronger team on the day, it was a good game and we did play well.

We just needed to control the ball more and not keep losing the ball to the opposition and not get so worried about our defending.

I enjoyed playing because I made a few great saves and the outfield players played a cracking match especially in defence.

Polish Café

By Ben Stephens

On Thursday 10th March we all went in our classes to the Polish café. In class we were given a passport which we drew our faces on, put our names and ages on and our address. We had to have these passports to get through passport control where Mrs Bradbury stamped our passport so we could go to the Polish café, if we spoke polish she gave us two stamps. We all said "cześć" which is hello.

At the café we tried loads of different kinds of food from Poland. I had salami, 'chleb' which is polish for bread, cheese which is 'ser' and 'kabanos' which is like a very thin sausage but it wasn't spicy.

I really enjoyed going to the Polish café because I tried different types of food which I don't have at home.



Animation Workshop

By Ibrahim Ali



When Year 4 walked into class on Tuesday 15th March there were iPads on our tables. Mr Ashton was in our class to teach us how to do animation, he asked us what we knew about animation then showed us that animation was making little changes to pictures so they appear to be moving when put together. We went onto Purple Mash on the iPads to do some animation.

After lunch the classroom had been changed around and there were little figures on the tables that had moveable parts so we could make our own short film.

Our film was set in a castle and we used a king, queen, knight and a dragon to create our film. The king and queen were living a happy life until the dragon came along, the queen ran back into the castle and left the king as he hadn't seen the dragon. The dragon ate the king and then a knight came to fight the dragon. The queen came back outside as the knight had scared away the dragon. When the queen saw what had happened to the king she was very upset. I enjoyed our animation workshop as it was lots of fun learning how to create a short film.

Cross Country

By Elijah Webb

On Thursday 17th March 14 children from our cross country team went to The Grammar School to compete against about 10 other local schools to try to qualify for the City Finals race which was being held on the 23rd March. The girls raced first with Milli coming in 2nd place. Next it was the boy's race and Daniel finished 6th. At the end of the race we were all given a cookie and a drink of water as a treat. When the places were announced Castlecroft had finished in 1st place overall. We all cheered, we had enjoyed competing, it was a short but fast race and we all did very well.

Comic Relief

By Willow Crane and Annie Dickens

Comic Relief Day was on Friday 18th March. Our Comic Relief Day is very special because we came to school in our own clothes and we had a talent show.

We showed our talents to our class then we voted for the acts we wanted to represent our class in the achievement assembly. Year 3 chose Annie, Aurora, Daisy and Beth who did a cheerleading routine to the song 'Cheerleader.' Freya sang 'Nothing Holding Me Back.' Harlee hola hooped and Barnaby, Stanley, Jacob, Ryan and Roxy performed a circus/magic show. We were very proud of all our acts, who performed really well. The whole assembly was very funny and entertaining. We also ate some cakes which we had brought in to raise more money for Comic Relief, they were very yummy!

The day was a lot of fun and we raised £405.30 for lots of different charities.



Dinosaur Disaster!

By Bronagh Butterworth



A few days ago we had a big egg sent to us to look after, but when we came into Nursery today the egg had cracked and a dinosaur had escaped!! There were footprints on the carpet and Miss Smith had taken a photo of him going out of the door. The dinosaur was very small; I think he had gone to find a new snuggly place to live. If I see him I will be able to say hello in dinosaur, which is Raaargh!!! Aria is going to ask her Mommy to print off some photos of the dinosaur and put

them on the lamp post to try to find him. Evie thought she saw the dinosaur going into the library.

Zico's Dad had dug a hole at the bottom of his garden and Zico thinks he is living there as he thought he saw him when he was bouncing on his trampoline. Rubeen thinks he's at his house and will take a photo of him if he sees him.



#LotsOfSocks

By Millie Pearce

Monday 21st March was World Down's Syndrome Day so to support it everyone came into school in odd socks. I wore my orange sock and my purple sock. It was crazy to wear odd socks to school but I felt awesome. I was wearing odd socks just like all my friends.



Maths Challenge **By Leila Hill and Cooper Smart**



Seven children had been chosen from Year 5 to represent Castlecroft in a Maths challenge. Mr Dimmock and Mr Beddall drove us to the Girls' High school on Tuesday 22nd March. When we got there we were given our sheets with our table numbers on, then we were directed to the school hall. We ate our lunch as soon as we were in the hall and were asked if we wanted a biscuit and juice.

Then we went to our tables and they told us what to do and we started the challenge. The different stations we went to were; dominos, broken calculator, make 24, tangrams, pentominoes, Curly's cycling shortcut and card sorting. The instructor then showed us a magic trick which blew our minds!!!

After that we were told that we had come in 3rd place. We were given a certificate and prizes. We had our photo taken and then we left the Girls' High to come back to school. The challenge was so much fun!!!!

Cross Country City Finals **By Cameron Bailey and Tommy Chalstrey**

On Wednesday 23rd March, Castelcroft Cross Country team ran in the City Finals at Aldersley Stadium. We ran about a mile, quarter of it was up hill. The girl's race was first, we all heard the whistle and the girls battled past us and we cheered them on. The race was hard as there were lots of turns. Out of 15 schools the girls finished in 6th place.

There were about 110 boys running in the boy's race, another hard race but Castelcroft finished in first place. We all cheered and were so proud of our performance.



Mother's Day Celebration **By Connie Deaves**

On Tuesday 29th March Reception did a special assembly for our Mummy's and Nans. My Mummy was at work and my Nan had covid so my Daddy came instead to our 'Mother's Day Celebration.' In the assembly we sang 'Mummy I love you.' and 'This is the way Mum combs my hair.' We also said a Mother's Day poem and all read out something special that we had said about our Mums. I said "I love my Mummy because she plays with me in the morning." Everyone clapped at the end of our celebration assembly, I felt so proud and felt like I was getting a medal.

After our assembly we had cakes and a drink so it was a bit like a tea party. Daddy chose the chocolate cake and I had the biscuit one. I loved our special celebration and was so happy my Daddy came but I gave the flowers to my Mummy.



The Animal Man

By Lyla Chetta

The animal man called Sam came to visit Year 1 and 2 on Tuesday 29th March. He had a skunk, lizard, tenrec and a tarantula. Sam came to our school as we were learning about animals in science.

My favourite animal was the tenrec, it had brown fur and a scratchy back. Sam showed us two lizards and we got to touch them.

Me and some of my friends in Year 1 held the tarantula. It was a little bit scary and it felt tickly on my hand. We all really enjoyed seeing Sam and the animals.



Dogs Trust

By Aleighza Bailey and Saskia Campbell



On Friday 31st March at 9 o'clock, a person from the Dogs Trust came into Year 5, she started off by telling us how to be safe around a dog. We had to solve a mystery as to which dog had bitten a boy called Tommy, but we found out at the end of the test that it was Tommy's fault that he had been bitten because he didn't give the dog enough space, he was crowding the dog and had made it dance.

Next we pretended to be a dog by wearing a yellow hat and two black ears with whiskers, I was a dog and Toby had to pet me in the right way. Dheren had to stroke Saskia on her side.

Year 5 was very pleased to have the Dogs Trust come into our class because we learnt a lot about dogs. The lady also went into Year 1, 2 and 6 to tell them all about dogs too.

Ukraine Day By Sophie and Evie

On Friday 1st April we came into school in blue and yellow and donated £1 to support the people of Ukraine to help keep them warm and fed. We also brought in clothes and toys that we didn't want any more, as well as food and toiletries to send to families and children who have had to flee their country because Russia and Ukraine are at war. Our donations were taken by a group of people from Telford to Poland to people who have had to leave everything behind and have nothing at all. It was interesting learning about Ukraine in school but also very sad.



Netball Match Report

By Zoe Sumner

On Thursday 31st March the Year 6 girl's netball team played a home match against Woodfield Primary School. Both teams were accompanied by family and friends who came to support. I was the team captain for this game. Unfortunately, we lost 6-3 to Woodfield. Playing this game was an amazing experience, a great opportunity to learn and improve on our skills.

Castlcroft Girls' Football Match

By Anya Ceccarelli

On Wednesday 6th April the Year 6 girls' football team played a match at home against St Andrews Primary school, I was captain. We started off well with Castlcroft scoring 2 goals by Ruby and Zoe. In the second half St Andrews managed to equalise by scoring 2 goals but then Erin, Milli and Zoe scored another 3 goals for us. So the final score was a winning 5-3 to Castlcroft. I was really happy how we played and that we won the match. Thank you Mr Morgan.

Castlcroft Girls' Netball Match Report

By Erin (Captain)

On Thursday 7th April Castlcroft girl's netball team went to Bantock school to participate in aa away netball match. We started off the game really well but they had a very tall team, after 2 quarters of the match we were losing 10-0. In the third quarter Elivia scored a good goal. We all really enjoyed playing the match even though we lost 16-1. Big thank you to Mr Morgan for organising it for us.



Easter Egg Hunt

By Wynter Distant and Archie Lines

We had an Easter egg hunt at school on the last day before we broke up for our Easter holiday. We found lots of egg in our little playground which had been hidden by the Easter Bunny, we know it was the Easter Bunny because Archie found some of the Bunny's fluff in the playground. The hunt was a lot of fun because we found lots of Easter eggs in some really good hiding places. We were allowed to eat one chocolate egg in school and then took some with us to eat at home.

