

Caen Community Primary Newsletter

Monday 4th December 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, many thanks to all those who helped put on the **PTA Christmas Fair** and all of you who came and supported the fair. We had a great turnout and the raffle for the hampers proved extremely popular with some very happy winners – including a very delighted Mrs Sargent! The weather held and we started off with Mrs Lapish and the school choir singing and opening the fair with three of their Christmas songs which sounded lovely. A very big thank you to all who donated time and items for the fair and raffle.

On Friday we were contacted by Pancreatic Cancer UK thanking you all for raising just over £550.

Throughout last week I was observing the classes with partner teachers and what was wonderful to see across the school were the excellent learning behaviours from the children in all classes.

Earlier in the week Mrs Lapish and Mrs Hewitt took a selection of the **choir** to the Rotary Club's Memory Café in the village. James Benning, our link with the club, said they sang beautifully and those at the café really enjoyed and appreciated the visit. Well done.

Also on Wednesday the teachers in charge of **maths** from most of the Braunton primaries (inc. Marwood and Georgeham) and Mr Pittman from Braunton Academy came to Caen for a meeting about developments in maths and progression from primary to secondary. Mr Pittman and a colleague are also visiting this week to see Y6 in action in Mrs Rivenburg's class. Next Thursday Mrs McAuley and Mrs Robinson will make a start on a similar process for English across the schools.

Last Thursday afternoon it was **Mrs Smith's assembly**. It was all driven by the children and was an absolute joy. It was on their arctic topic and they read their own poetry, rapped acapella and informed us brilliantly about arctic animals and the effect of climate change. They finished off with a class song written and led by Isaac on the ukulele and they all performed the chorus. A wonderful moment and we hope to put the song on the website soon.

Y2 were visited by Dr Cox, Orla's mum, who came in to help with their science as they are learning about humans and animals, specifically hygiene, exercise and eating the right mix of food. She brought in some equipment like a stethoscope and really helped enhance the children's learning. If you feel that you have knowledge or skill that would benefit the children/ school please do come forward.



Stars of the week

Well done to:

Livai Vuki, Kush Bailey, Archie Dickens-Liell, Ollie Irwin, Mia Freeman, Jack Strutt, Molly French, Annabelle Rush, Isaac Gregory, Fergus Johnstone, Kian Richardson, Dylan Stringer, Libby Keatley, Max Dyer



There have been some lovely **homeworks** brought in recently and I shall take some more photos and put them onto our 'school news' section on our website this week. YR have been designing their own houses, Y1 have created some wonderful 3d Branton villages, Y2 have made amazing Tudor houses for their Great Fire of London topic and I have seen some great 'hostile environment' projects from Y5.

Please remember to make sure your children have coats as not all do come with one and we do get frequent squalls (and it is December).

This week we have the YR nativity, Y1 'balanceability' and the transition choir are performing on Wednesday evening. We will be having our Christingle services next Tuesday (12th December) at St. Brannocks. KS2 will go in the morning and will be there for 10am. KS1 will go in the afternoon and will be there for 2pm. KS1 will also be holding their carol concert then as well. If you are able to help with walking please see your child's teacher. Reception and nursery are arranging for Rev. Anne to come here and do a small Christingle session with our youngest in school. Seeing as we had such a successful drive for the North Devon Food Bank for Harvest we are asking for donations to be brought for the Christingle service – in date dried and canned goods please. Lastly, it is Christmas Dinner day next Wednesday (13th December) and children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers should they wish. Please let the office know asap if your child(ren) would like a dinner.

Kind regards,

Mr Page

