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*1 John 4:7 Let us love one another, for love is from God.
Learning together and worshipping together*

Dear Parents/Carers,



It was a spectacular end to the Spring term with the Class 3 production of the Easter story. What a talented group of children we have who shone so brightly, singly eloquently and confidently both as a class and in the numerous spellbinding, goosebump-inducing solos. Lines – with difficult vocabulary – were delivered with expertise and enthusiasm so that the audience followed every word. Miss Goff, Mrs Underwood and Mrs Glassonbury did an amazing job of putting this together with the children to enable them to understand the Easter story as well as develop literacy, music and personal skills. The room was full of parents, children and staff with rightly proud hearts.

All of our children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the World Mathematics challenge in which children across the world compete against each other online. All the children did an amazing job, showing how strong their maths skills are. I am so proud of them and of their teachers who have enabled this level of success. Out of tens of thousands of children in each year group, McKenzie came 134th in the country and has received a special recognition trophy for his excellence. Year 6's as a group were our highest placed cohort coming 99th in the WORLD and 26th in the country which is phenomenal!! Year 5 were 161st in the world and 29th in the country and our Year 1's - who cannot stop telling everyone how much they love maths – 208th in the world and 30th in the country. What a fabulous and exciting celebration of maths!

Our Tushingham VIVA's – Vision influencers and Value advocates (who are our School Council and Ethos Group) - have been busy leading worship and pupil voice throughout the year. They have recently led a worship focusing on anti-bullying to extend the activities from Anti-Bullying Week in November. They have also led worship on promoting positive mental health during Children's Mental Health Week and a worship promoting inclusivity plus a worship celebrating History Month. These representatives from each group are one way that children's views are represented and they offer their opinions (and that of their classmates) to staff to help inform us.





Joe overcame his nerves at the Bishop Heber Science Fair and spoke confidently and knowledgeably to the judges and science teachers about his project on Spider's Webs. It was a fabulous experience and he was amazed at how much attention his poster attracted with comments of, 'Well, I didn't know that!'

The Tennis coach from Hollies tennis club in Whitchurch came into school and inspired our children to enjoy tennis. At the request of our children, he will be back in the summer term. On our school website, there is a 'Clubs in our local area' page <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/clubs-available-in-our-local-area/123409> which signposts to clubs your children may like to be involved in. Please let me know of any other clubs that I can add to this list. The latest addition is girls football training at Wrexham FC (there is training for boys too!)

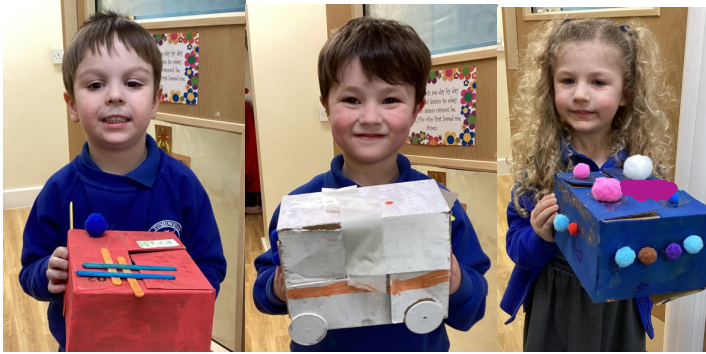


Our link with one of our local farms – Yew Tree farm – meant that Classes 2, 3 and 4 experienced lambing but also the visit to the farm was connected to what the children learn in each year group in science and PHSE eg habitats, food chains, sustainability, food miles, land use, selective breeding, organic farming. The visits really engaged the children and we are looking forward to developing links further to enhance our curriculum in conjunction with LEAF Education <https://leaf.eco/education/leaf-education> whose aim is 'to equip future generations with balanced and informed insight into food production, farming and the environment.'

Class 1 have watched caterpillars grow and turn into butterflies which is a remarkable experience for them. They were so excited to release the butterflies so they could go free.

The Work Showcase was a wonderful evening where again pride was overflowing. It is so good for our children to reflect on and be proud of, what an amazing job they do, working so hard, day in day out. I know that it is a treat for parents to be able to spend quality time looking at their children's work both in books, in the classrooms and around school.





In Art lessons, Class 1 have been junk modelling making emergency vehicles (among many other things!). They are so creative. Class 2's Lion art and puppets - which matches the text they have been reading – makes their classroom really sunny. Class 3's Matisse collages and Class 4's Frida Kahlb Mexican portraits show how artists are inspiring creativity in KS2.

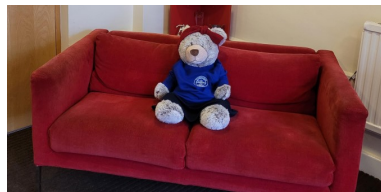
There was a visitor from the NSPCC to talk about web safety and keeping safe online in Class 4 and keeping safe online booklets were also taken home. Please see the e-safety section of our website <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/page/e-safety-parent-information/69936> for how to keep your children safe online at home.

The Police also visited Class 1 to talk about Stranger Danger.



We have welcomed a new Governor onto our Governing Board – Mr George Stanyard – who brings a wealth of skills and is a part of our local community. We look forward to working with him to ensure our school is of the highest quality.

Our new Tushingham Teddy – Grindley - sits proudly in the entrance ready to say 'good morning' to Class 2 on their way in.



Finally, it was great to see some fantastic performances in the year 3/4 sports hall event – we won the paarlauf and the children were total superstars in the relay. More talent on show and proud moments!

I am looking forward to enjoying all the excitement of the Summer term! Please see the calendar for events that are coming up <https://www.tushingham.cheshire.sch.uk/events> including Toddler Teddy Bear's picnic, Coronation events, Class 3 residential, Class 4 Adventure Activity Day, Ethos Day, Sports Day, Summer Fair, Deanery Sports, Languages Day and Science Day at Bishop Heber and the Leavers' activities.

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