

Weekly Learning Reflections



Another week complete and we only have four school days left until the Easter break is positively whizzing by and it's amazing to think how much is being crammed into our weeks.

Jammie Dodgers, Custard Creams, Oreos and all things nice and nasty was the big news in Year 4.

UK's greatest biscuit makers, famous the world-over have much to munch over... So, Monday was B- day: Biscuit Day.

That meant bringing to school ingredients to add to a basic biscuit mix. Clutching everything from chocolate chips, marshmallows to exotic desiccated coconut and real juicy lemons, B-Day was a full-on tsunami of excitement.

Working in co-operative crack patisserie teams, the children mixed their dough before folding in their ingredient and adding a sprinkling love and generous heaps of enthusiasm.

With brim-full of generosity their children shared their ingredients with those who needed a chocolate chip or a helping hand.

The kitchen was filled with a mix of aromas ranging from caramelising toffee to rich chocolate combined with marshmallows.

Passion played a huge role in the day. Every child was proud of their creativity, ingredients and taste of their bites. I'm sure your enthusiasm for tasting matched the children's eagerness to share with you and hopefully they did not disappoint!

Open Morning

It was great to see the school hall full of so many of you. Wide-eyed the children talked, and walked through their work to giggles and smiles.

Their highlights were earnestly shared in excited conversations. The morning also gave me a chance to speak to many of you about your child and their progress.

To crown this term's learning, the children applied their learning in assessments. I am hugely proud of the children's unstinting willingness to persevere, and challenge themselves to their personal best.

Our curriculum learning took us into the wonderful world of sound through Science again. With the jaws wide open, the children watched as glass trembled and wobbled as though it was made of jelly as the pitch of a sound rose. Waiting with baited breath, the children wondered what would happen next. That is, until the glass broke in the video clip. The children learned about pitch by making a guitar with elastic bands. They investigated the relationship between the length of the elastic band and pitch.

Next, using test tubes they made whistles. The children filled test tubes with water to different volumes and blew over the top. There was fantastic discussion between the children as to why the pitch changed and it was great to see so many smiles and positive conversations taking place.

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Pupil Star of the Week - ★ Thea ★

Thea was chosen as Star of the Week with the class asked to focus on perseverance and challenge. They recognised that Thea worked incredibly hard all week, facing challenges head on and not giving up when they got difficult. Coming out the other side smiling, Thea showed what perseverance can achieve and she set a fantastic example to the rest of the class. Well done Thea, you deserve to be a star, keep up the fantastic effort!

Teacher Star of the Week - ★ Reeva ★

This week I have chosen Reeva as my Star of the Week. Similar to Thea, Reeva has shown great perseverance and challenge. She has approached her learning with a determination to succeed and despite finding some things tricky, not once did she contemplate giving in. Reeva has persevered and persevered and as a result can be extremely proud of herself and the week she has had. You've had a brilliant week Reeva, keep up the super work!

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I hope you all have a lovely weekend,
Mr Castell