

## School Newsletter March 2017

### Around The World



This term at school, we have been learning about nations and people. On Fridays we have been going on a “World Tour” and each Friday we learn about a new country. Sometimes people come in to teach us about a country.

We have found out lots about Sri Lanka, Turkey, Australia, Jamaica and Italy to name a few.

We learned about the currency, food (I loved the Turkish delight), clothes, music and famous landmarks. Some children did research to find out more about the geography and history and we got to do lots of crafts.



We think it would be great to do a real World Tour as a school trip, but Mrs. Gulliford thinks it might be a bit difficult to organise!

### Anglo–Saxons and Vikings



This term in history at Immanuel we have been discovering all about the Anglo–Saxons and Vikings. We learnt many things but one fun activity was making Viking bread and butter. The bread was crunchy because it had a lot of flour in it and making the butter made our arms tired because we had to roll and shake cream in a jam jar for ages. They tasted delicious!

### Food

This term the year sevens have been doing food tech and we have cooked lots of different things. As well as this, we have been looking at how to cook safely and the different skills that we needed.

The first thing that we made was cous cous salad. We also found out about making sure that the surfaces were clean before we began and how to handle knives safely. Other things we made were Thai green curry, Sweet Potato curry and Chocolate brownies, which we all enjoyed. When making the Chocolate brownies, we learnt about the importance of Fairtrade and the workers being paid fairly as well as weighing carefully.

[Editor’s note: I hope you girls realise how much you torment your teachers each Friday morning? The smell of your cooking is so wonderful it makes us all feel very hungry indeed! Be sure to keep cooking and enjoy it.]



## Religious Education



In RE we have been learning all about Judaism. It has been an interesting lesson finding out about the similarities with Christianity. There is so much in common, but Jews do not recognise Jesus as the long awaited Messiah.

We first found out about the story of Abraham, the father of Jews, which tied in with our bible assemblies.

On the second week, we learnt about the Shabbat, which is like our Sunday but is on Saturday. One of the differences is they are much more strict and their day is more ceremonial.

On the third week looked at the differences between Shabbat and why it is set apart from the rest of the week.

During the next week, we learnt about the Jewish weddings and all their traditions like the way they smash a glass cup in a napkin after the vows. It was interesting seeing the differences between a Christian wedding and a Jewish wedding.

We also found out about the holocaust in WW2 and how terrible it was to have been a Jew then. Another time we found out about Hanukkah, the Jewish equivalent to Christmas. It is also known as the festival of light, a symbol of God's provision. We made delicious, sweet tasting, challah bread. Finally we will be finding out about Passover.

We have really enjoyed this topic.

[Editor's note: How tragic that the Jews have missed the most important event in history: The coming of Messiah, Jesus. Pray for the Jewish people that they would see Jesus for who He is.]

## Year 7 History

In History, we have been looking at medieval times from 1066 (we did the Norman invasion last term) until 1485. We discovered that there was a system of authority, called the Feudal system. Also, there was a similar system for the church.

After that, we looked at the Black Death and the Cause, Courses, Cures and Consequences of it! Next, we looked at the Peasants Revolt. This links in with the Black Death because, lots of the peasants had died in the Black Death, meaning that those who survived could be more choosy about their job choices and for the first time they started thinking about questioning the Lords and Barons. There was also a very unpopular Poll Tax which made the peasants unhappy. Eventually they gathered together and stormed to London, demanding change from the young King Richard, who promised to help them (but then ignored his promise!)

Next, we looked at the Kings of England and also a priest called Thomas Becket. At first he was really good friends with King Henry II then they fell out...well that's another story!

Another thing we learned about was Magna Carta. Now we have a long essay to write during the holidays.

We have really enjoyed history and found out some interesting facts.

## World Book Day



On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March, it was world book day (actually, it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March, but we celebrated the next day).

On world book day you may come to school dressed up as your favourite book character so I came dressed up as Robert the Bruce. I wore a kilt and mock chain mail. My sister was the spider that was in the cave Robert the Bruce hid in (read it, it's great!).

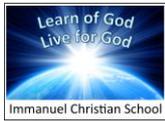
One of the world book day activities was to guess who each other had dressed up as from their props and costumes. Just before lunch, some of us made book sandwiches the front cover was made out of white wrap and the pages were made out of ham, cheese, lettuce and pepper. We also made bookworms out of grapes. I thought it was perfect timing because we made them before lunch!

Other children did storytelling, or wrote a book like the book with no pictures (the book with no pictures makes the reader say silly words). At the end of the day we sat in a circle and some of us had hot chocolate and a teacher read the real book with no pictures. This always makes us laugh so much.

### Head Teacher's Message

A big well done to all of you for everything you have achieved during this busy and productive term. Some of these are obvious, for us all to see: swimming awards, cross country medals, excellent maths test scores. Some are not so obvious: growth in patience, persevering through a challenging task, being servant-hearted. Big or small, seen or unseen, we can be thankful to God for helping us in all these achievements.

Thank you all for a really enjoyable Mother's Day Tea. This year I was invited to take part as a Mum and had a wonderful time. The event had an international theme in keeping with our topic. The



decorations were super, the baking was exquisite, the waitress very attentive and the entertainment delightful. Molly prepared a fun quiz - well done to Clara Dowling, Tara Malcolm and Fiona Barber who just scraped ahead with 1 point! Also a huge thanks to Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Bretton and Mrs. Hurley for lots of hard work behind the scenes.



I've really enjoyed looking at the first five books of the Bible in our Assemblies and bible lessons this term. It's been amazing to be reminded of God's Great Plan – His plan to break in to the misery and mess caused by sin and to save for Himself a special people. How wonderful that we each have the opportunity to be part of that special people.

I hope you all have a restful Easter break and look forward to a sunny summer term.

Mrs. Gulliford

### 2016/17 Term Dates

- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 26<sup>th</sup> May
- Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June – Fri 14<sup>th</sup> July

### Notable Dates

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Foundations dug for the new floor  
13<sup>th</sup> April – Monthly prayer meeting  
11<sup>th</sup> May – Monthly prayer meeting  
8<sup>th</sup> June – Monthly prayer meeting  
26<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Day at Emmaus School  
Summer holidays – Second floor erected in the school building

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