

## School Newsletter October 2015

### Art (by Molly)

This half term our topic has been communication. In Art we looked at cave paintings. It has been really fun. Firstly we made our own cave painting paint brushes. We used leaves and feathers (and even hair).



We also made our own paints. We tried using blackberries, mud, stone, beetroot and lots more. Making the blackberry paint was one of the fun things we did. We squashed the blackberries with our hands. They all turned pink.

We have focused on drawings of animals. We tried drawing bears, birds, woolly mammoths, horses, bulls and deer but everyone's favourite animal was the Sabre Tooth Tiger. We had a go at using charcoal to paint.

On our paper (that we dabbed with teabags and scrunched up, to look old), we tried painting without paintbrushes. We painted pictures with our brushes, the feather ones worked best. We used our paint.

Our final thing was painting a massive picture. It was a really long piece of paper. We all took part in it. We were telling a story so (for example) one of us drew a tiger chasing a man and the next person would show the man hiding. As we were doing our big picture the little ones traced all of our hands and made a big hand painting picture. Unfortunately some of the paints got mouldy. They were very smelly.



### Outdoor Play & Learning



Over the past few months, we have used some of the money given us by a school in the Netherlands to enhance outdoor learning and play opportunities. Mr Kington (along with several helpers) built a play house on the field. This has been many things in the children's imagination including house, castle, and fort. Today it is a café serving delicacies such as mud pies. Mr Kington is currently working on a play kitchen for the FS/KS1 outdoor area.

Also Mr Barber has made a raised bed and planter which the children enjoyed planting up. The colours have brightened up the playground and the Ks1 outdoor area.

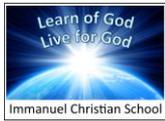
A few weeks ago our netball posts arrived and almost every playtime Miss Burgess is found playing netball/basketball with a group of eager children.

### ICT (by Imogen & Miyah)

In school we have been doing ICT on a Monday. It has been fun because we have been learning new things that we didn't know, e.g. making tables, learning how to insert different pictures.

One of the first things that we did was learning how to keep safe on the computer, e.g. web browsing and using emails safely. We made up rules for e-safety and keeping safe on the computer.

We also learnt how to justify because we didn't know what it did.



## Assemblies

Our assembly theme this half term has been prayer. We have thought about the Lord's Prayer.

Next half term we are thinking about communicating God's word.

On Fridays we are looking at the life of Daniel.

## History



In history we have been looking at how writing has changed over the centuries in order. The first thing we did was look at the cave paintings (paintings in the cave on the wall); we made our own cave paintings in art. Secondly we learned about petro glyphs (carvings on rock telling a story) and carved our own story out on rock.

Next we looked at pictographs (pictographs are paintings telling a story. The pictures are each scene). We wrote a story in pictographs in our book.

Afterward we did cuneiform, the ancient language of the Samaritans. Most of their language was made of straight lines and triangles. We filled out a sheet in our book.

A week later we learned about hieroglyphics (the ancient language of the Egyptians). We found out about the Rosetta stone and Jean-François Champollion who interpreted it.

Finally we learned about the printing press and how, because of it, people in England know the same language. Also as people could get cheap books, they were reading the same language. *[Editors Note: Next half term we look forward to finding out about changes in communication from where we left off, (William Caxton's printing press) to the present.]*

By Dan & Rebekah



## Cross Country (By Rufus & Isaac)

In September last year (2014), we started Cross Country in Westerleigh field. We do running, jumping and sprinting. We run 2 ½ laps on Monday night. It is fun, unless you get puffed out at the first bit.

We practice because of the races this year. They start in November and end in February. We are going to run in the younger boy's race.

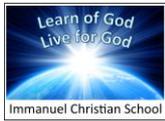
## Sound (by Tilly & Iyannah)



On Fridays, KS1 and FS have been investigating sound. As part of this they made an outdoor sound wall.

We played bongos and normal drums. It was fun. I like it. There were cymbals. I go and play the drum.





## Welcome

Welcome to our new staff (see below) and also to Juliana who has joined us this term.

## Attendance

Attendance this half term has been an amazing 99.5%. Well done everyone!

## 2015/16 Term Dates

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 5<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June – Tues 19<sup>th</sup> July

## Notable Dates

- 4<sup>th</sup> November – School visit to the Film Festival.
- 6<sup>th</sup> November – Luke Hall MP will be visiting the school.
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – Joshua Monteiro will be leading the school assembly.
- 12<sup>th</sup> November – School prayer meeting at 7.45pm.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November – First cross country race at KLB at 10am.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November – School open day from 11am to 1pm.
- 5<sup>th</sup> December – Second cross country race at KLB at 10am.
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – End of year Thanksgiving Service at 7.45pm.
- 16<sup>th</sup> December – Children's end of term event.

## Staff Changes

This term we have been joined by Karen Hurley on Wednesdays and Thursdays, Vivian Gulliford on Mondays and Tabitha Burgess five days a week. Their work in the school has been greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the children.

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