



School Newsletter March 2018

School Clubs by Tilda

In craft club we have been doing mosaics. The first week was great because we went outside with safety goggles and gloves, then used stones and hammers to break up some tiles and old plates into bits. We had a smashing time!

Once we had made a design we spent the next few weeks gluing the smashed-up tile pieces onto plates or tiles with grout. I just made a pattern but some made pictures. When some of us had finished we made a joint mosaic with underwater creatures and in the middle we wrote "ICS craft club" in buttons.

While Craft club is going on some children have construction club. The first challenge this term was to make a protective helmet using k'nex. Rebekah's was really good! Then they made bridges, which had to go over from one table to another and hold weight. The final challenge was to make a fairground, which took a few weeks. Isaac used the remote controller, so his merry-go-round actually went round.

On Mondays after school some of us go to Wapley Woods to do den building. We decided to make a camp, with lots of dens around and then a place in the middle too. We found a good spot to build where there were loads of old branches and also moss, which was good for making the dens more waterproof and camouflage. Time always goes really quickly when we are in the wood. The last week after the snow there was lots of water in a channel and we ended up damming the water and playing in the channel more than den building!



Stanshaws Court Nursing Home by Naomi and Ezra

We went to a nursing home on Friday with Mrs. Harding. At the nursing home I read to a lady. The nursing home was sunny too. I went with my mum in my car. It was nice that we could sing to them, I think they liked that.

The nursing home was two storeys high and it is white and has a porch. I helped an old lady make some paper flowers. Then I read a book to another one. I read her Garfield! Then we sang them some songs from World War II, one of them was "It's a long way to Tipperary". One of my friends was reading to a lady who fell asleep while he was reading!

At the end we gave the old people bookmarks we had made in school.

Plan, Do and Review by Leah

On Friday afternoons this term we have been doing Plan, Do and Review. This is when we write in our books what we want to do (Plan), then we go and do it (Do). If it doesn't work out how we planned we can change it a little bit. At the end we talk about what we did (Review). Tilda, Naomi, Tallulah and I wrote and acted out a play called "Under the Sea". I was a seal, Tallulah a swordfish, Naomi was a dolphin and Tilda an octopus. We made costumes and dressed up too.

Isaac is working on a Spitfire PowerPoint; Charlie did an animation and Rufus and Ezra are still doing an animation using plasticine and the doll's house.

Mill on the Brue by Rufus



On the first day of term we went to an outdoor activity centre called Mill on the Brue. We were staying there for 3 days! When we arrived we took our bags into our dormitories – there were two dorms with bunk beds, one for boys and the other one for girls. When we finished putting our clothes into our drawers we went to our delicious lunch. We were given jacket potatoes with cheese and beans.

After lunch we went outside with our instructor, Matt. He had pink, blue and purple stripes in his hair! He took us to a climbing wall and we were allowed to belay each other. On my second turn I got to the top. When everyone had had two goes Matt commanded us to come with him.



Over the next few days we went from one amazing activity to another, including rifle shooting, egg drop, night walk, crate stack, canoeing, tower jump, the zip wire and more! They were all excellent and I especially liked the zip wire, although I was nervous before I did it. We got to go twice! The food was really good and the only thing that was hard was trying to get to sleep in a dorm with 7 others. We all had a brilliant time away and learnt lots of new skills. I wish we could do it again!

World War II by Tallulah



We are learning about WW2 in topic but we are also linking it with our music because we sang a song called “You take a big brown spud” and sang it at a nursing home.

On the first day of term we had two visitors who came with their massive WW2 collection and talked to us about a spy called Violette Szabo – they had some real guns and pieces of kit from the war and it got us all interested in the topic straight away.

We’ve learned lots of things about WW2. One of them was about Anderson shelters, so we built some of our own, decorated and painted them. We also dressed up as evacuees and pretended we were being sent to the countryside, plus we had suitcases and gas masks.

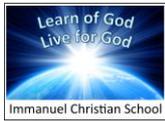
Victory in England party and Mother’s Day Tea by Charlie



On Thursday 22nd my class did a mother’s day tea. We did it in the theme of VE day celebration because we have been learning about World War II.

On the day we got to do loads of baking and craft. We made union jack flags and a big victory sign with triangular paper with red and blue letters spelling ‘Victory’. I baked vegan carrot scones and we also made sandwiches, cakes, cakes and more cakes, including Victorian sandwich (Tallulah’s note: Which was a cake, not a sandwich!).

We put tablecloths and plates on the tables. The older ones made flower arrangements. When our mums came we asked them what drink they would like and what they would like to eat. At the end



we ate the leftovers and we sang some WWII songs. We also did some Lindy-Hop dancing which was really cool.

Swimming by Isaac

Every Tuesday we go swimming and sometimes at the end of term we go for our next badge. The week before the end of term we got changed as usual, had a shower and then we had to wait by the pool for our teacher. We got in to the pool and warmed up and the teacher, Charlotte, told us to go on our fronts but we got tired out and then we did our backs. We had to keep going and finally we got our badges.

I got my badge which was 100m and so did Esther and Tilda. Rufus got his 200m as well. Then we had a shower and got changed and went back to school. After our lesson the other group have their lesson and George got his 5m. Tallulah and Iyannah both got 10m and then the last week of term Charlie and Ella got their Duckling 3 badges.

The Medieval Banquet by Iyannah

Mrs. Gulliford's class have been learning about Castles on Fridays. They had a medieval banquet and we got to join in too. It was such fun! We did lots of dancing. First one was when the boy has his hand on top of the girls hand and you walk forward. Then we learnt a dance where you are in a circle and the music gets faster and faster. My mum and dad were there too. There were tablecloths and goblets and lots of food we made for it. Wow! It was really fun.



Food Tech by Rebekah



This term the year 7 and 8's have been busy cooking and learning about healthy eating. It is a great life skill to learn and we have all enjoyed it.

The first practical lesson was making Frittata – an egg and vegetable dish. We were allowed to choose which vegetable to put in ours. They were all a great success and received positive feedback from our parents. During the term we also made soups, short crust pastry, bolognaise and fruit and vegetable muffins.

We have also had to do written tasks about healthy eating and cooking.

World Book Day





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- Mon 16th Apr – Fri 25th May
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