



ICS NEWSLETTER



Winter Term 2018



ART & TEXTILES

Mrs Harvey

Our topic for the first two terms was The Art and Fabrics of Africa which was kick-started by Year 7, 8 and 9 visiting the Bristol Museum and Gallery to view an exhibition called "Fabrics Africa". It was a very colourful and informative exhibition showing the fabric cultures from countries as diverse as South Africa, Tanzania, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana, Zimbabwe and Sudan....and many more. We learned so much and were able to use our worksheets to record what we saw and completed drawings of some of the fabrics or garments we were inspired by. The exhibition also included interviews with local designers and workers from Bristol who originated from African countries.

We then went on to examine African Art and fabric culture in our lessons in more detail, and ultimately produced beautiful, colour-filled Still Life Drawings of African artefacts and fabrics, using water soluble and graphite pencils. These drawings showed our skills in mark-making, line, shape, form and colour.

In the next Module we identified some of the dye methods used to create fabrics we had seen – among them Shibori dyeing, which originated in Japan, but has been popularised and used a great deal in Africa. We all created fabric designs using this Shibori method, by folding, pleating, wrapping or binding a pure cotton fabric called calico, and dyed them using African inspired dye colours. We learned the process for cold dyeing, which we first mixed with hot water and then salt to create a solution which would make the dyes colour fast. We were very pleased with the results!

All of us spent time planning our artefact designs, recording these in our Journals. These fabrics were then used by Year 7 to make Boot-Bags, by constructing closed seams and a casing to thread cord through, which were wonderfully fit-for-purpose to either keep our football boots in, or even to use as bags for our sewing and art equipment.

Year 8 and 9 girls used the fabric *they* created to make a Wall-Hanging inspired by Africa, experimenting with straight stitches, open seams, closed seams and double hemmed casings, and are about to finish these with hand embroidery stitches.

Throughout our studies we looked at Scriptures such as Proverbs 31, about the noble wife who dyed the fabrics she used to make her family's clothing. These fabrics would have been double-dyed in scarlet, which made the fabric thick and very warm through winters, and the noble wife could be at rest knowing her family were safe. We also talked a little about what picture that created – the scarlet robes may in fact be a picture of security in our Salvation through Jesus. The wife in Proverbs could indeed have confidence about the safety of her family if they were safe in Christ Jesus.

FOOTBALL FRIENDLY

Isaac

IMMANUEL vs EMMAUS



It was Friday afternoon and we went to the field to train, getting ready for a big football game against Emmaus. We were split into two teams and we played against each other. Half an hour later we practised shooting balls at Wesley. He was really good and saved most of them but a few got by him.

THE REAL GAME

First Half: The first half it was 4-1 to Immanuel everyone enjoyed it and at half time Emmaus gave us jelly beans and we gave them oranges.

Second half: The second half we were getting a bit tired but we still persevered and we scored another goal to make 5-2 and then suddenly Molly smacks the ball hard into the goal making it 6-2. We had 5mins left and at the end of the match it was 6-2. Immanuel won!

POSTAL MUSEUM VISIT

KS2

In Topic we were learning about the history of Communication starting with God making people who are social and need a relationship with Him and other humans; then the Tower of Babel when all the languages developed, right the way through to the internet and the Iphone Xs.

As part of our topic work we found out about the development of Telephones and the Postal service. One rather rainy day Mrs. Harding's class and our class went to Bath Postal Museum which is downstairs under the actual post office in Bath. It was tiny but there was lots of information about how the post service developed. I think we all enjoyed dressing up the most. It was also interesting to find out how the post boxes changed from green to red.



We also went to Chipping Sodbury to buy stamps, post letters and to use the phone box – we phoned school and spoke to Mrs. Harding! Did you know, most phone boxes are not used for phones any more but there are lots of other uses like mini-libraries, defibrillator stations and even cafes!

ROCK UK

Rufus

Right at the start of the Autumn term Mrs. Gulliford's class and all the seniors went to an outdoor centre in Wales called Rock UK. We took the Barber's van and the Malcolm's van so travelling over was quite fun with our friends.



It was quite a long drive, but the scenery when we got near the centre was lovely Welsh valleys and hills. When we got to the centre we were welcomed by Olly, who showed us into a room where we could leave our things. He also brought two instructors who were going to look after us for the day. We went off in two groups and we got to do archery first. The archery area was right by a babbling brook and we were warned not to shoot our arrows in there! It was quite tricky to start with, even though some of us had done it before. But Ed, our instructor had some really helpful tips for us and we all improved. He did some fun games with us too and before we knew it, it was time for lunch. For lunch we had shepherd's pie and salad which was tasty. Wesley went to the toilet and got locked out of the zone we were in because

you had to have a code to get back in!!

After lunch our group did indoor climbing. The bouldering wall was really fun because we got to do some challenging warm up games. After that we went onto some routes on the huge walls. We all enjoyed the climbs, especially the self-belay one where you just got lowered down by the automatic belay device. The teachers thought Kyra and Emily were the best climbers, but we all had a go and pushed ourselves.

Everyone had a great day, although it was over too quickly and I wish we could have tried out even more activities.

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Ella

Our school went to the Victorian Christmas fair in Chipping Sodbury to sing. We sang three songs. Lots of the big children couldn't come and Mrs. Hurley was poorly. We went up on a big lorry without any sides and lots of people watched us. Everyone clapped. We saw a policeman dressed up in old clothes and he was on a really funny bicycle!

POETRY CORNER

Naomi by Naomi

I am funny.
Thank you for my golden hair.
I am called Naomi
Thank you for my sparkling chestnut hair.
I have slender legs.
Thank you for loving me.
I am super!
Thank you for making me ME!

Thank you, God for the Colours of the Rainbow by KS2

Scorching lava pouring out of cracks, oozing
down the mountainside
Floating red autumn leaves, gliding gracefully
to the ground
Red hot chilli peppers fiery and burning on my
tongue
Thank you for red

Tropical mango lollies, tantalising your taste-
buds
The majestic graceful tigers blending in to the
foliage, waiting to tap-dance
Orangey red sunsets, floating across the sky in
the distance
Thank you for orange

Bright yellow glimmering sun, warming up the
planet
Yellow lemons for squeezing and making
delicious cool lemonade
Happy honey-bees hovering around the
bursting colours of the sunflower with its
golden petals
Thank you for yellow

Marvellous mint choc chip ice-cream
Wild green dragons with piercing red eyes
gleaming at me
Seaweed dancing and waving beneath the sea
Thank you for green

Bright blue skies calm and clear
Deep pearlescent blue seas, shimmering in
the sun
Ripe and juicy blueberries, bursting with
flavour
Thank you for blue

Purple sparkling amethysts, deep down in
dark caves
Delicate violets, springing up on the floor of
the forest
Heathery mountainside, with a big purple
sunset
Thank you for violet.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Various

This year, we decided on “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis for our school play. We all helped to write the script, then quite a few seniors helped to write music to go with it. There was lots of line-learning, prop-making and costume preparation in the weeks leading up to our performance and the goal of the second half of term was perfecting the play and on the last week we had rehearsals every day. The reward for Noah house was that the whole school watched the latest Disney version of The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.

In the play there are 13 named characters and 5 non-named characters without lines e.g. The snowflakes and animals played by the reception and year ones. There are also many people working backstage and musicians playing songs composed by our music teacher and the Music students on Thursday afternoons. The songs used are: The Lion and the lamb, Praise the name, Winter wonderland, Rocking robin and the ones composed by us are: Come on in to the wardrobe, Santa rap and Little snowflake (an adaption of Twinkle Twinkle little star) which goes along to the snowflake dance. In addition to this, we performed some dances during the play: Snowflake dance performed by the year 1 and reception children when Lucy first walks through the forest of Narnia before she meets Mr. Tumnus and the fire dance in Mr. Tumnus’s house performed by the year 8 and year 9s.

We were all really excited for the performance because we put so much into getting ready for it. I think everyone was very well cast and we loved performing the real thing. We finally did our live performance on Wednesday 19th December 2018 to a packed-out audience at Iron Acton Village Hall. Mrs. Joy did the face painting and it looked amazing.

There were quite a few songs and one of the funniest parts of the play is Immie coming on as Father Christmas, with a rap and jazzy sunglasses. When she did it for the dress rehearsal, we all got the giggles.

Editor’s Note:

The performance was outstanding! Well done everyone, you were absolutely brilliant and dazzled the audience from beginning to end.

