



FISHBOURNE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



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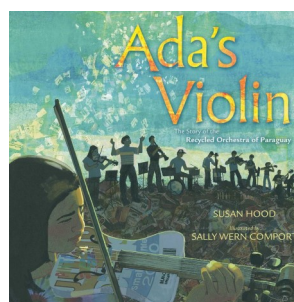
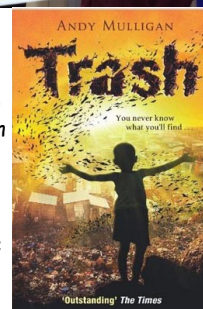


We're off... on our next exciting whole school learning experience! There was a brilliant buzz around school on Monday morning as the children arrived, many having noticed the airport signs that had popped up around Fishbourne over night! A huge heartfelt thank you to all our families for supporting us by ensuring all the children arrived in school on Monday with a passport and hand luggage. We loved seeing all the different designs, brilliant attention to detail and the children's priorities in packing their hand luggage! The day got off to a fabulous start with the support of Chichester College who brought five of their fabulous Travel and Tourism students to help us man our busy airport. The children checked in and collected boarding passes before passing through security and passport control. Mrs Wickings welcomed the children aboard (fresh from San Francisco... what a hero!) and Peter McKeever (our amazing Clerk to Governors) piloted our planes safely to three long-haul destinations. After take-off they enjoyed refreshments served by the flight attendants and munched away while watching some of the inflight entertainment. Our passengers watched their landing in Paraguay, Rio and Manila- using this as a valuable opportunity to see something of the country from the air before disembarking and heading off for the start of their adventures. I am sure you will join me in thanking the brilliant team of volunteers who came together to make the HOOK such a memorable one. This is the first whole-school Geography based learning experience. The ultimate aim of the geography national curriculum is to inspire a curiosity and fascination about the world and its people that will remain with the children for the rest of their lives. In our last newsletter, we talked about teachers having the privilege of being 'cultivators of curiosity'. Please do take the time to let us know whether we have been successful and your views. We would love to hear from you!

Our younger children in Year 1 and 2 have new pen-pals who coincidentally emailed after their flight to Rio de Janeiro. Samir and Samira have been in daily contact with our children to tell them about where they live and what it's like there, and asking what it's like in England. We have been learning ways to describe where we live so that we can compare and contrast the City of Chichester to Rio de Janeiro using correct geographical terminology to describe some of the human and physical characteristics of where we live. Later, we will be entering the rainforest and comparing it to the city to help them become more aware of different locations around the world.



Our oldest children in school are using Andy Mulligan's book, *Trash*, to challenge their perceptions about life in parts of the Philippines: *Raphael lives on a dumpsite, eking out a living sifting through rubbish. One unlucky-lucky day, he makes an extraordinary and deadly discovery. Now he and his two friends, Gardo and Rat, are wanted by the corrupt forces that run the city and will stop at nothing to get back what they've lost. From the slums to the mansions of the elite, it's going to take all of their quick-thinking and fast-talking to stay ahead. And to stay alive.* Their learning takes them from an all inclusive five star hotel to Smokey Mountain rubbish dump. During this learning experience, the children will be uncovering a different side of life in the Philippines and using it to deepen their understanding of the interaction between physical and human processes. In their End Goals, the children will be going into role and writing letters from children in Smokey Mountain to children in England, sharing their geographical understanding.



Meanwhile, children in Year 3 and 4 are in Paraguay and being inspired by the true story of *Ada's Violin*: *Ada Ríos grew up in Cateura, a small town in Paraguay built on a landfill. She dreamed of playing the violin, but with little money for anything but the bare essentials, it was never an option.....until a music teacher named Favio Chávez arrived. He wanted to give the children of Cateura something special, so he made them instruments out of materials found in the trash. It was a crazy idea, but one that would leave Ada—and her town—forever changed. Now, the Recycled Orchestra plays venues around the world, spreading their message of hope and innovation. The children have been tasked with promoting the orchestras upcoming world tour by producing a factual information leaflet, communicating what it is about the orchestra that makes it so unique and giving the readers a geographical understanding of Cateura.*

Do look out for these learning experiences appearing in your child's learning journal at our Learning Review meetings which take place in the week following half term. Sign-up sheets go up on Monday outside your child's classroom!

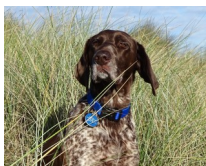
In other news around school:

It is with real sadness that we let you know Mrs Bayliss will be leaving Fishbourne School at October half term to take up a position in a special needs school closer to her home. Mrs Bayliss has been at Fishbourne for a fifteen years, working with a great many of our children both in and out of the classroom. She will be greatly missed from our learning community but we wish her all the very best as she goes on to new adventures, closer to home.



Forest School is underway again with our friends at Chichester Forest School. Each class in school will have six afternoons in the Secret Garden during either the autumn or summer term and each year they will experience a different season in the garden. In the summer of 2018, a family with strong connections to our learning community approached us to offer support for our ongoing Forest School work by making an annual donation towards the cost of our provision. 'Gareth's Legacy' was created and each academic year this very special gift will be marked with a whole school Forest School session taking place in our school grounds, culminating in a special assembly where shields of achievement will be presented to five children who have showed tremendous development in one of our learning behaviours: courage, determination, reflection, collaboration or positivity, specifically in the outdoors setting. Do have a look on our school website for more information about 'Gareth's Legacy' and we will look forward to sharing with you more in the summer term about the impact this gift has had on our children.

Kassie, our PAT dog is now settled into her weekly routines and we really look forward to her arriving on a Wednesday lunchtime and spending the afternoon with her. It's been an absolute privilege to see the impact she is having on a group of readers who are devouring the wonderful story of 'One Dog and His Boy' by Eva Ibbotson. Kassie is getting to know each of the children involved in the project and she has a rather magical way of celebrating their achievements. Look on our website for more information about PAT dogs!



As you will know, we have been consulting with families about our next fundraising project and news about the project will be shared at our next meeting on Thursday 8th November at 7.30pm in the staffroom. Everyone is very warmly welcome to attend. Do come and join us!

Our Worship Team planned and led the Harvest celebrations in school with the support of Mrs Rinaldi and Mr Cutting. A huge thank you to all those families who came to join us, for the very generous donations of food and to Rich Lush from Chichester District Foodbank who gave a really interesting talk about what happens to their donations after they leave the school. Looking ahead to the rest of the term, please do put the date of Remembrance Sunday in your diary and do try to join us at Fishbourne Church to join with the local community to mark this significant date. We would love to see as many of our school families in attendance as possible. The children will be contributing to the service.



We do love to get feedback about our school community - both the positives and suggestions about how we can improve our provision. This week, we have received several lovely emails from families about the learning happening around school:

'Well done Fishbourne... my girls came home buzzing today after the hook.'

'Can I pass on my thanks for all the wonderful effort that went into the flights today. Both my girls had a wonderful time... it was lovely to hear the effort and thought that clearly went into this.'

Being able to share this feedback with the teaching team is lovely and we are very grateful for your encouragement. The teaching team at Fishbourne work incredibly hard to plan bespoke learning experiences for the children which will cultivate their curiosity, nurture them as learners and deliver the national curriculum in relevant, irresistible ways. We don't play it safe at Fishbourne, we swim in the deep end.



Dates for 2018

- 8th Oct: Where in the World? Whole School Learning Experience
- 10th Oct: Open Afternoon for new families
- Tue 30th Oct: Learning Review Meetings 3.30-6pm
- Thu 1st Nov: Learning Review Meetings 3.30-6pm
- Sun 11th Nov: Remembrance Sunday - all welcome in church to join in marking this occasion
- 12th Nov: Whole School Learning Experience - Choose Respect!
- Fri 16th Nov: Neon Disco (FOFS) - letters out soon.
- Fri 7th Dec - Christmas Market (for children only)
- 12/13 Dec: Nativity Play (Year groups 1 and 2)
- Tue 18th Dec: Christmas Carol Service at church (children only)
- Wed 19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day and Carols around the tree

INSET Days for 2018/2019

Friday 2nd November
Friday 15th February
and Friday 24th May

We want our work to add up to something, something big! Positive feedback is a great motivator and encourager and gives our teaching team a real lift! We celebrated World Teachers' Day in school with doughnuts delivered to classrooms by children saying THANK YOU to their teachers for making a difference.



Working in partnership with you is something we believe strongly in. Our next Cuppa and Chat is on Friday 9th November at 2.30pm. This is an informal opportunity to pop in and share your feedback, views and suggestions over a cup of tea. So many good ideas have started in these sessions and made a huge difference to our school. Do pop along if you have a spare moment and don't hesitate to ping an email if you can't make this event.

After half term we will be launching a new weekly award in school. You will be aware about our concerns about falling attendance at Fishbourne and the impact this has on all the children's learning. We will be celebrating the class with the highest attendance each week in school. A half termly reward will be given to the class with the highest overall attendance. We will continue to issue termly attendance letters which will give you information about your own child's attendance in school too.



It has been brought to our attention that a number of children in Key Stage 1 have been playing in the car park before the playground gates are opened in the morning. This is unsafe for so many different reasons. Please can we ask you to ensure that the children are with you on the path, waiting for the gates to be opened at 8.45am. Thank you!

It doesn't seem possible this half term is drawing to a close next week. We wish you all a very happy half term break and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 29th October. Don't forget that on the Friday of the first week back after half term is an INSET. We look forward to sharing with you what we have been up to during the day in our next newsletter.

Kindest regards,

Naomi Day and the team

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