



Harrowbarrow School

Newsletter

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Marvellous Mayan Masks



As part of their project learning about the ancient Mayan civilisation, Class 3 made these incredible death masks.

We will let you decide if you think it has improved the look of the class!

Staffing Update

Earlier this term, teaching assistant, cleaner and lunchtime supervisor Michelle White left us. Michelle had worked with us for a number of years and we thank her for all her contributions over this period; we will miss her. Internal appointments have covered most of Michelle's roles but we are delighted that Brendan Thomas will be joining us after half term as a new lunchtime supervisor.

It is with some sadness that we say farewell to Hilary Walker this week. Hilary has been part of the fixtures and fittings in Class 1 for 21 years. She has been part of the early years team that has given Harrowbarrow reception children such a good start to their school life. We will greatly miss Hilary but wish her all the very best for her retirement. We are delighted that Stacey Vinson will be joining the Class 1 team after half term as Hilary's replacement.

We also look forward to welcoming back Tom Ottewell-Taylor after half term. Tom will now job share with Abi Flashman, teaching Class 1 from Monday to Wednesday, with Abi teaching the rest of the week. We thank Abi for giving Class 1 such a great start this term and know that she and Tom will be a super team moving forward.

Finally, congratulations to Laura Littlewood who got married last week. She will now be known as Laura Davenport but won't mind if anyone forgets.

Achieve Believe Enjoy



In the Mayan culture, people were buried with a death mask, which was intended to protect the wearer on their journey to the afterlife.

The children enjoyed coming up with their own designs.

Smelly Science!

As part of their science, learning about herbivores and carnivores, Class 2 dissected poo this week to identify the diet of the animal it belonged to. Don't worry, these were fake poos made by Mrs Charlesworth out of oats and coffee granules. Inside the poo she had hidden feathers and plant matter to help children understand what the animal had eaten and how to categorise it. We don't have any photos to share, which might be a good thing as they looked very realistic!



Buckland Abbey Trip

Class 4 recently visited Buckland Abbey to learn about the life of former resident Sir Francis Drake. As an explorer, Drake was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe.

As well as a tour, the children participated in a workshop which included looking at artefacts. Here, Toby tries on a reproduction 16th century ruff, as worn by Drake and gentlemen of the period.

Dates for your diary

- 20.10.23 - School closed to pupils for staff training
- 24.10.23 - PSA pub quiz at Honeycomb Arms
- 30.10.23 - First school day following half term
- 31.10.23 - PSA Halloween dressing-up day and bake off (details to follow)
- 1.11.23 - Class 3 trip to The Box