

Pre-Prep News

The Foundation Stage children have once again been extremely busy. The term started with a visit from Scunthorpe Museum, who brought a selection of toys from 500, 100, and 50 years ago. The workshop enabled children to explore, play with and compare the toys. They spotted many similarities and observed how the toys' complexity and colours changed over time. Some of the Victorian toys were quite hard to play with and the wooden dolls from 500 years ago were not as cuddly as our dolls are now! The workshop was enjoyed by children, teachers and parents and we hope to invite the Museum back for more educational workshops. The Winter Festival was a great success again this year, and helped to



raise money for our ongoing garden project. The children made salt dough hangers and magnets to sell, along with some very delicious gingerbread men and cookies, which went very quickly. Games, such as guess the name of the penguin and snow men skittles, were lots of fun and kept everyone entertained. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents taking part. This event was soon followed by a week long topic to celebrate Chinese New Year. The children made a variety of items to celebrate this colourful and very noisy festival. The children also watched a DVD about how a little Chinese boy,

living in England, celebrates Chinese New Year with his family. This really brought the festival to life for the children, in a context they could relate to. Children then helped to



make Chinese lanterns from jam jars decorated with different coloured nail varnish. Thank you to all mummies and grandmas who donated a huge variety of colours. The week long celebration ended with a Chinese New Year party in the Masters' Room, where children danced 'The Dragon dance', with the large dragon they had made; while the other children played Chinese music, with a variety of percussion instruments for them to dance along to. After that, we acted out the story of the animals racing to have the New Year named after them. Children wore animal masks and raced each other, which was a lot of fun!

The Pre-Prep carnival celebration, on Shrove Tuesday, allowed children to see how carnival is celebrated all over the world. We looked at the masks and costumes worn at the Venice carnival, and the crazy outfits worn in New Orleans. Children made masks, instruments, beads and delicious donuts to celebrate.



We paraded through both the Senior and the Prep School, to show off our costumes. We made sure

we made lots of noise to frighten away Winter and let Spring take its place.

During the middle of March, "Fire week" gave us the opportunity to teach the children about fire safety in the home. We discussed hot and cold things in the house, and items that we should not touch and that could hurt us or be very dangerous. A story called the "Birthday Cake Mistake" let the children see the dangers of playing with matches and what to do if there is a fire. Children checked if we had fire detectors and extinguishers at school and we discussed what to do if there is a fire. It was fun to see lots of little Fire-fighters at school! They learnt about fire safety, dialling 999, remembering their address and then received a certificate at the end of the week, after completing a Home Fire Safety Survey at home with their parents. The most exciting event of the week was a visit from the Humberside Fire and Rescue Department, who give a talk on fire safety and showed us their fire engine!

The Pre-Prep team would like to say a huge thank you to all Parents, Guardians and Grandparents, for all the support we received once again



from you all this term. We are looking forward to the Trinity Term., where there will be lots more exciting learning opportunities for the children.

Happy Easter!

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Fire Week in the Pre-Prep Department

