

WHADDON NEWS



What better way to round off the Christmas term than with a delicious Christmas dinner, a party filled with dancing and games, then a visit from the big man himself?

We would once again like to say a huge thank you to the parents and FOWS who gave up their time to organise, prepare and serve such a fantastic lunch.

Merry Christmas to you all!





Learning Outside the Classroom

Muddy Boots Day

On Friday 12th October Class 2 were lucky enough to be invited to Great Horwood for 'Muddy Boots Day'. We joined Hazel class for the day and took part in lots of different activities. First we explored Great Horwood's amazing conservation forest area by playing "1, 2, 3, where are you?" - a favourite forest school game for both classes. Class 2 taught Hazel class some other outdoor games, then we did some outdoor art and sculpture work. After a break, the whole school and Class 2 joined together. We lit a camp-fire and had a fantastic time singing songs. After lunch together, we met the Great Horwood chickens and had a welly throwing competition. A great time was had by all!



Forest School Sponsored Walk

The morning of 'The Great Whaddon Forest School Sponsored Walk' dawned bright, crisp and autumnal. The children came well prepared with good boots, pocketfuls of enthusiasm and bucketfuls of endurance. Throughout the walks the children passed the time by telling each other jokes, spotting autumn, identifying bugs and birds, and jumping in puddles. The children all had a fantastic attitude to the challenge. Tired feet and weariness were helped, of course, by a mid-walk chocolate digestive stop and Miss Swain's and Miss Cartwright's dogs. The children were incredibly compassionate towards each other, cheering each other on. They showed plenty of determination throughout the walk and congratulated each other once the walks were finished. We are so proud of them and would like to say a huge thank you to all families and friends for their fantastic generosity. The children are already enjoying new bird feeders, tools and a giant bag of marshmallows at forest school. Further new equipment will be arriving in the spring term. See photos below.



Learning Outside the Classroom



Diwali

On Wednesday 7th November Mrs Wright led the whole school in an afternoon of Diwali celebrations. The afternoon started with the children coming in from lunch to find Mrs Wright dressed in her beautiful wedding dress; there were audible gasps! Mrs Wright told the story of Diwali involving Rama and Sita and explained that Hindus celebrate Diwali every year as a festival of light.

The children took part in three activities during the afternoon; Mrs Wright taught them some dances to Indian music; they made some coconut laddoo sweets using coconut and a lot of condensed milk; and they created colourful Rangoli patterns on giant paper (we were sadly prevented from covering the front playground in chalk patterns by the seasonably rainy weather).

At the end of the afternoon the children gathered to talk about what they had learnt and enjoyed, while sampling their laddoo sweets.



Panto Trip—Peter Pan

A fantastic time had by all! We are especially proud of Sam and Lottie for their stage appearances!



World War 1 Centenary

To mark 100 years since the end of World War 1, the children in Year 1 and 2 have been learning about the War and about life in 1914.

Through the story of a fictional soldier called Arthur (from the book 'The Little Hen and the Great War' by Jennifer Beck and Robyn Belton) the children were able to explore different aspects of the war and to think about what it may have been like to leave home and go to war.

Some of the activities the children have taken part in include: creating a farm from 1914 in our outdoor area, acting out jobs on the farm, (such as drawing water from the well or ploughing with horses); considering how Arthur felt when he had to decide whether or not to go to war; re-creating sepia-toned photographs of soldiers using paint and charcoal; designing and making medals for Arthur and other heroes; creating a memorial to the Casualty Dogs that served during WW1; creating large collaged poppies to display for Remembrance day; and making and eating carrot cookies, a rationing recipe with little sugar but a lot of carrot. To finish off the topic the children learnt a bit about the Christmas Day Truce through role play.

We were very lucky to have David Spencer and Denise McLellan with us for two afternoons. David served in WW2 and both he and Denise brought their knowledge of WW1 to share with the children. The children particularly enjoyed looking through David's periscope and learning about the rat problem in the trenches!

The teachers have been very impressed with the children's enthusiasm for and interest in this topic, as well as their thoughtful and considered responses to some of the challenges faced by soldiers.



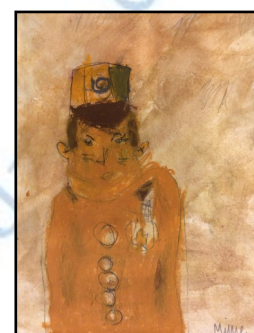
The well on the farm



Trying on hats and helmets



Ploughing with horses



Sepia toned 'photo'



The English trench



The periscope



Receiving a medal



Back to the trenches after Christmas Day football

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Venue
2nd January	INSET	All day	Whaddon School
3rd January	School reopens for children	8.40am	Whaddon School
9th January	Y1 trip to Synagogue Y2 trip to MK Hindu Association	AM	
10th January	Cookery club begins	3pm-4pm	Whaddon School Hall
16th January	Whole family Collective Worship	2.40pm	Whaddon School hall
16th January	Hands up for Jesus	3pm—4pm	Classroom 2
28th January	Year 2 Gymnastics Competition—Details to follow		
15th February	Half term begins	3pm	
25th February	School reopens for children	8.40am	Whaddon School
27th February	Parent Teacher meetings— Parentmail form sent out: 21st December. To be completed by 2nd January	9am—6pm	Whaddon School
27th February	Hands up for Jesus	3pm-4pm	Classroom 2
29th March	Y1&2 Cricket Competition—Details to follow		
5th April	Easter break begins	3pm	
Wednesday 24th April	School reopens for children	8.40am	Whaddon School

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS

SPRING TERM 2019	Wednesday 2 January	Friday 15 February
	Monday 25 February	Friday 5 th April
SUMMER TERM 2019	Monday 22 April	Friday 24 May
	Monday 3 June	Wednesday 24 July

TERM TIME BANK HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Monday 6^h May 2019 – May Bank Holiday

Monday 22nd April

INSET DAYS 2018/19

Wednesday 2nd January 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July

Wednesday 24th July

Year 1 and 2

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the
christmas truce

On christmas day
in the trenches
there were some
soldiers, they
decided to be
friends. One brave
soldier came out
and they shot at
and shot at. They
decided to be friends
and played football.
They made their
jackets into goals
with sticks that
poke up. They
shared chocolate
and sweets with
each other.
One soldier said
it was a good match.



It was sad in the
next day because
they had to fight
when they were
friends.
They didn't want
to but they did
even though they
were friends.
So they fought.

News Report on the Christmas Truce
By Harrison

Year 1 and 2

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FOOTBALL in the TRENCHES

On Christmas Day something strange happened in the trenches in France.

First ~~germs~~ ^{soys} sang
silt nite then all the
soys sang silt nite. Next
a germ soldier put out his hand
and said would you play foot
ball ^{with} us and some soys played
foot ball ^{with} him.

after that they shed chocolate
and shook hands. Finally
that captain told them
to go back to their trenches



Report on the Christmas Truce

By Amy

Year 1 and 2

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The Christmas Spirit!


On Christmas day some German and English soldiers were playing football on No Mans land in France.

It was a cold/snowy day but the wonderful sun lit up the whole sky with light.

Just then the men in the trenches started singing. It was a wonderful sound of music.

As soon as they stopped singing one brave soldier came out of his trench with his hands up and his hat off.

All the men started shouting



chocolate!

The last thing they did was play a game of football. They had lots of fun scoring goals. Unfortunately as soon as the game had ended every one went back to their trenches.

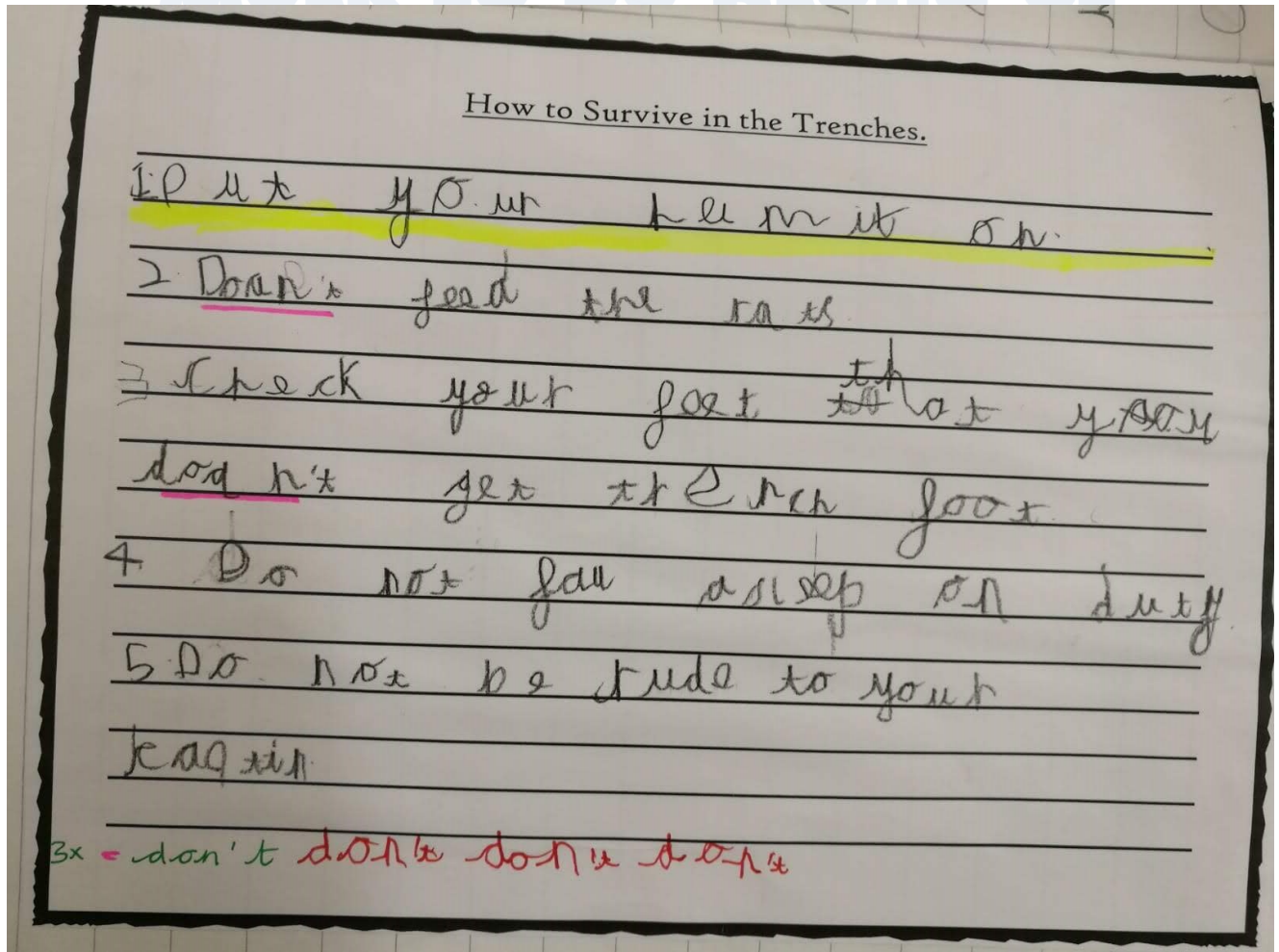
one soldier said:
"It was a really great game to play in."

News Report on the Christmas Truce

By Catrin

Year 1 and 2

Work to be Proud of



Trench Rules

By Henry H

Year 1 and 2


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On Christmas day the German and English soldiers were playing football. It was in the trench.



In the trenches the soldiers were having a good game and scored goals with each change.

Then they played football and the football match was good.

The soldiers were very happy and played football in the trench. They were very happy and played football in the trench.

News Report on the Christmas Truce

By Archie S

Year 1 and 2


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FOOTBALL in the TRENCHES

On Christmas Day something strange happened in the trenches in France.

First they sang Silent
high and everyone join in
Next the say came up and they
needed to play foot ball
Then they played foot ball. After
that they had there choe lot. Final
them went to there choir.



Report on the Christmas Truce

By William