

WEIRD AND WONDERFUL ANIMALS- THE AXOLOTL



The Axolotl is also known as the 'Mexican Walking Fish'. However, it is not a fish at all, but actually an amphibian (same category as frogs) and is a salamander, related closely to the tiger salamander.

- The axolotl was named after an Aztec God.
- The axolotl is a neotenic salamander, which means they stay in their young form for their whole lives (imagine a tadpole that never turns into a frog!)
- The axolotl has healing powers! If its leg was pulled or cut off, it would grow back! How amazing!
- Axolotls eat small worms, larvae and even small fish- but as they have such small (and useless) teeth they suck the food straight into their stomachs- no need to chew!
- Sadly, the axolotl is now critically endangered and are incredibly rare in the wild.

SPECIAL GUEST- Mr Hammond

Q: What do you like about this school?

A: This school is filled with the best children I've ever worked with and it has the potential to be an outstanding and very happy place to learn.

Q: What is your favourite book?

A: The Hound of the Baskervilles by Arthur Conan Doyle. It is a crime thriller and is very atmospheric.

Q: What is your favourite food?

A: Sushi

Q: What is your favourite movie?

A: War Horse or Goodnight Mr Tom

Q: What is your dream car?

A: Austin Healey 3000

Q: What did you like when you were in school?

A: Drama, Music, reading, writing and rugby.

Q: What is your favourite childhood memory?

A: A boating holiday around Loch Ness
 Bonus question: What made you want to be our head teacher?

A: I liked the history of the school and being part of a community and the children here are brilliant. I also like a challenge and problem solving.

GUILDHALL FEOFFMENT'S JAW-DROPPING MUSIC CONCERT

On the 25th November 2018, in the assembly hall; Blue Bird and Benjamin Brittan choir, recorder and guitar clubs played a magnificent music concert for our school.

By Sunni Shorter with James, Alex and Fergus.

The teachers, Ricky, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Di Blasio worked so hard and many fantastic comments were given, such as, "they're such a good group" from Mrs. Cox and even our Chair of Governors, Mrs. Thomas, exclaiming, "I am highly delighted!"

Blue Bird choir did amazing and sang their best, especially as that was their first time performing in front of a big audience. After that, there was Benjamin Britten, who are a group of Year Three to Year Six children who have performed many times -unlike Blue Birds- sung many songs that were recognized in our school and to our teachers.

Later on, guitars played a couple of songs including Rudolf the Red Nose Reindeer and Silent Night alongside recorders (and a happy crowd) joining in!



The concert showcased Guildhall Feoffment's great musical talent in the guitar and recorder clubs and in the schools two choirs!

However, there was one person in particular we noticed- Edward was singing his heart out during his solo and every other song he took part in- well done Edward! Afterwards, the recorder group, consisting of Year 3- Year 6 children, performed three different, amazing songs and everyone thoroughly enjoyed

these too.

All of the children that took part, guitars, recorders and the singers did so well and we all hope to see another new concert soon!

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DAZZLING DUXFORD

Year 4 visited Duxford Museum as part of their study of World War 2.

By Tommy, Emily, Roman and Willow



Duxford Imperial War Museum

On Friday October the 9th, Year 4 went on a trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum. They travelled by coach and explored the museum in small groups. Judging by what they said, they definitely enjoyed it.

They participated in fun activities and visited many interesting hangers. We asked 6 Year 4s some questions, including what their favourite hanger was. Most of them really enjoyed the land warfare section, which contains life size figurines, big tanks and

realistic army vehicles. There is also a small room filled with games and puzzles.

Duxford used to be a prisoner of war camp and then in 1923 it became an airfield for the Royal Flying Corps. After visiting, Eddie quoted "I love World War 2". If you have similar thoughts, maybe you would like to visit. Saffron even stated, "I will visit again!"

Duxford is on the border of Cambridge and is only 45 minutes away. When will you visit?

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COOL COLCHESTER CASTLE

Year 3 visited Colchester Castle to learn about the Celts and Romans.

By Indigo and William



Colchester Castle entrance

On November the 6th the Year 3 visited Colchester Castle which is linked to their subject of the Romans and the Celts as Colchester was the first Roman capital of Britain and the site of Boudicca's rebellion. They learnt all about the landmark and what life was like during the time of the Romans and Celts.

First, they went down slim, underground tunnels to meet a tour guide who explained what they would be doing for the day.

The children explored the many Roman artefacts in the museum and completed activities such as drama and building a Celtic 'round house'. One child's favourite event was when their group watched a historical movie based on their class topic!

We interviewed Mrs. Rinaldi, a Teaching Assistant for Dolphin class, who told us that her least favourite event was climbing down the misty well to the underground tunnels!

This amazing shopping event took place on Thursday 29th November 2018, right here at Guildhall Feoffment Primary School. There were a lot of people buying and selling all sorts of goodies. Miss Hazell, who is a Teaching Assistant in Year 1 and helped put this whole event together, told us some brilliant news- she said, "The person who won the raffle was actually my mum!"

A customer at the event had this to say, "A painting stall run by Mrs. Rinaldi, who assists in Year 3, was beautiful. A lot of people came to this amazing shopping event with smiles on their faces ready to have fun. The parents had a lot of fun buying amazing things". It would seem that everyone who came loved the Christmas shopping event and even left with some Christmas gifts.

THE CRACKING CHRISTMAS SHOP!

By Fergus and George



Guildhall Feoffment held its own shopping evening where you could pick up some cracking Christmas gifts!

THE WEST STOW DRUMMERS! By Fergus and George



On Thursday 6th December the West Stow Drummers visited Guildhall Feoffment to showcase their amazing drumming skills!

Guildhall's own Mrs. Glasswell is a member of the group and had this to say, "I was nervous before we performed as I didn't get to go to a rehearsal but I still enjoyed it. The group actually go busking a lot and even got into the semi-finals of Bury's Got Talent!"

We can see why! We all enjoyed it and thank the West Stow Drummers!

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ALIENS, AT CHRISTMAS?!

By James and Willow



The Year 2s put on a very special Christmas performance.

During the build up to Christmas, on the 12th of December, Year 2 performed their Christmas play. Many students and teachers contributed to this magnificent play and everybody enjoyed the magnificent production. The teachers had changed the play from previous years to make it more exciting and the actors were bold speakers who were not scared to perform in front of the whole school. Overall, they did a really good job.

Every one walked into the assembly with smiling faces awaiting the performance that was to come.

As the children walked onto the stage, you could see how much

detail and determination the children had put into the performance.

The lights dimmed and whirring noises could be heard before four aliens arrived from out of the space pod and went onto the stage! They had been stranded on Earth until they fixed the spaceship! The first people they met were some school children preparing for their Christmas play and the aliens asked them what Christmas was. To explain, the children performed the traditional story of how Jesus was born. Everybody was included in the many songs they sung and everybody had a line. When they wore the costumes you could not tell who each child was, the props were also magnificent and they were made by the teachers and children themselves!

Some members of the audience shared their opinions with us.

Mr. Jennings told us that 'they did great for their age group and the props were brilliant' and we even had an interview with the governors who said, 'We really liked the angels and the spaceship'. Finally, we even had an opportunity to interview with some actors themselves! One of the starring roles (Mary) said she really enjoyed the speaking and singing and that the teacher she felt had helped her lots was Mrs. Cornwall. We had another interview with a Shepherd and he said he enjoyed the singing and when they do it to their parents it will be even better than the performance we watched!

Huge congratulations to all the children and teachers of Year 2 for a brilliant Christmas performance!

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THE BIG SPONSORED SING!

By Alex and Amelia P



Guildhall Feoffment students sang Carols for a whole school day to raise money for the school's Art Fund.

On the third of December, all the children in our school sang Christmas carols which ranged from 'Christmas Calypso' to 'Kings Came Riding from the East'. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Di Blasio organized the carol sponsor to raise money for the school's Arts Fund.

The children gathered in the school hall, a year group at a time, to sing their hearts out! When we interviewed Mrs. Di Blasio, she said, "I thought that we all worked incredibly hard and were full of energy!"

She also explained that she really enjoyed the decorations and hats everyone wore but wished there were even more! She added, "maybe we could do better next time but it was brilliant!" Finally, she commented that she was impressed with how focused

we were even though we had jingle bells to use during the songs!

We want to say a big thank you to Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Di Blasio for all their hard work and energy throughout the day. Each year group was singing for an hour each, but they were singing all day!

After counting up all the sponsorship donations, we raised over £4000 during the Carol Sponsor! It was a great achievement for the school, and I don't think anyone thought we could raise this amount of money for the Art Fund before we started! The Fund will allow us to book and enjoy occasions such as trips to the Theatre and other events throughout the year. So we want to say thank you for sponsoring your children. We are so glad that we have raised all that money and we live in such a kind and giving community!

We hope to raise as much next year-or maybe even more!

Do you think we could?

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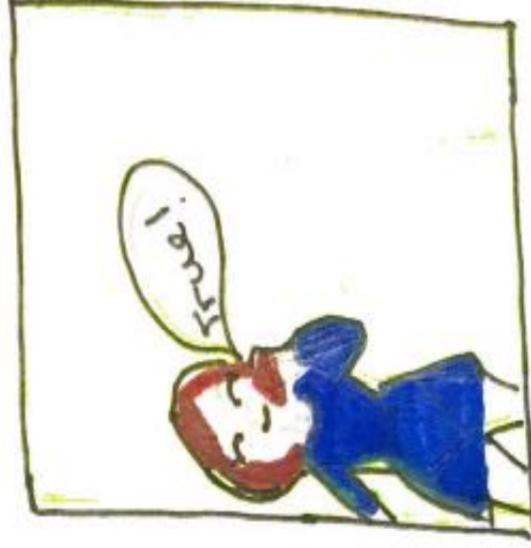
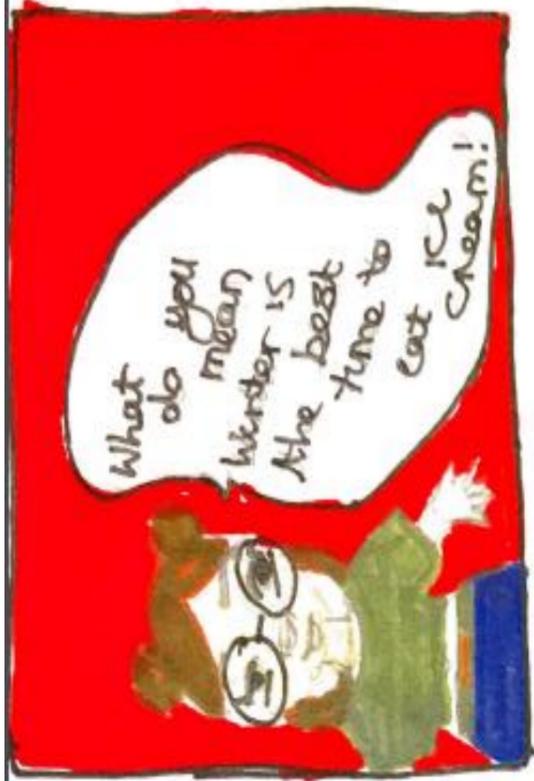
*A Christmas cartoon, by
Sunni*

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Reindeer Presents Santa Snowman Christmas

A Christmas word search by George.