



Class Cherry Summer Half Term Newsletter



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The children have worked tremendously hard this past half term, focussing on their preparation for end of year assessments. The effort and determination have been evident throughout and they deserve a well earned rest! Hopefully this delightful summer weather will continue.

Have a lovely break,
Mrs Wheatman

Olympic Values

This term we have been running a system of merits and rewards based on the Olympic values: equality, excellence, inspiration, determination, friendship, courage and respect.

There are four teams in the school, and if you show one of the Olympic values, you will get a merit card and will be able to put a marble in your team jar. At the end of a week, a couple of people collect up all the marbles and announce the scores during Friday's community assembly. The team with the most marbles receives the Olympic mascot teddy for that week.

By Ben C.

Olympic Games

In every class, pupils have been allocated into different Olympic teams. The teams' names are: Ainslee, Pendleton, Adlington and Keatings. Each team, in a certain year group, took part in different paralympic events. The year 5's event was Goal Ball. In this game you have to wear a blind fold so that you can't see the ball, and you need to try and stop it with your body. Because you can't see the ball, it has a bell in it so you can hear it instead.

The year 6's paralympic event was Seated Volley Ball. In seated Volley Ball, you need to have the right grip on the ball and to be able to accurately pass the ball between your team mates as you cannot move around. You have to hit the ball over the net.

It is a very special year for Great Britain as the Olympic Games are in London. Everyone here hopes we will win some of the events.

By Tom and Aaron

Clubs

This half term we have had a range of sports clubs including cycling for year 6s, cricket for upper key stage 2, and landscape art.

In science club we have been carrying out lots of experiments including making our own lava lamps, using oil and water and food dye. We also made our own simple telephone system using tin cans and string. We also had chance to open pens to investigate how ink can be separated in chromatography. For a special treat Catherine opened a glow stick which can be dangerous but we wore special safety goggles. We learned about chemo luminescence and bioluminescence. Science club was great fun!

By Isobel

Diamond Jubilee

We have been celebrating the Diamond Jubilee to congratulate our Queen for a very successful 60 years on the throne. We learnt about the Queen's life when she was 50 - 60 years old. We looked at pictures and found information about her. We also prepared an assembly presentation about her life from 1978-1986. In class, we made and designed ties and fascinators to wear in our Jubilee Garden Party.

By Ben



Olympic Topic Activities

This term we have been doing lots of work on the London 2012 Olympic Games. We have looked at famous London landmarks and how to reproduce them using a range of different media, including water colour, pen, and artists' pencils. Learning the different techniques was interesting. Our finished pictures looked very effective.

We also looked at the different opening ceremonies of the last few Olympic Games, and had to debate our favourite ones. As well as all of this, we learnt about the Ancient Olympic games and compared the modern and ancient events.

By Nathan



Ring Round the World Project

This term we have been doing an opera project. It is run by EPOC (English Pocket Opera Company), who have come in twice to run opera workshops. At the start of the workshops we did a fun warm-up. The first workshop was a play with all the opera songs in. At the second workshop we practised a few songs, but mostly we worked on creating our own song about South Africa as each school that takes part has to choose a country to sing about. It took a long time to do but it was fun (see below). Next half term we are going to go to West Road to sing all our songs.

By Catriona

