

THE

DINGLE TIMES



The **Dingle**
Primary School

Spring/Summer 2023

Written for children, by children.



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ANOTHER ACTION-PACKED TERM AT THE DINGLE

It has been an action-packed Spring and Summer at The Dingle with lots of trips, visitors, workshops and events as well as our excellent curriculum being taught in the classroom!



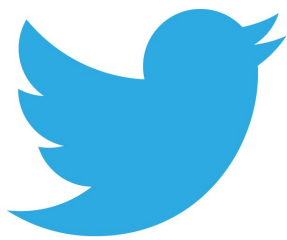
The DINGLE TIMES team...

Our team of reporters from years 5 and 6 have been working hard to complete this edition of The Dingle Times. They have given up their time at lunchtimes to report on everything that has happened at school this term.

In each edition, we try to report on sports, trips, events and daily life at school.

If there is an event, award, sport etc that you would like to see reported about in The Dingle Times, please speak to Miss Hadzik or Miss Ward.

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We post regular updates of school events and various tweets about what is going on in school.

MUSICIANS PERFORM IN CONCERTS



The school band have taken part in many performances throughout the term. They were delighted to be invited to perform in the Spotlight session of the Sandbach Concert Series in St Mary's Church Hall on Wednesday 28th June . They performed three pieces: Let Me Entertain You, Super-califragilisticexpialidocious and Pirates of the Caribbean.

There was a large audience in the church hall and there were other local schools and groups performing as well as soloists and ensembles.

The band will be performing with the school choir and all of the instrumentalists at the Summer Concert at the end of the school year.

We also had a special music assembly from Mr Barnett from Winterley Brass Band with Poppy and Maisie to promote the band for beginners. See Mrs Hayes for more information.



POETRY PERFORMANCES

In March, each class learned a poem and performed them in a special assembly in front of other classes.

The poems ranged from classic well-known poems such as Daffodils, The Owl and the Pussycat and The Highwayman for the older year groups to shorter poems such as 'Now I am 6.



Many of the children learnt their part of the poem off by heart and they even added actions or background music and sound effects to the performance. The performances were very impressive.

CHILDREN MAKE GREAT ENTERPRISE PRODUCTS

The annual Year 6 Enterprise Project is in full swing with 10 different groups all making a range of products to sell at the Summer Fair. Each team was given a £5 loan and they can earn materials from home by doing jobs or bring in materials that would be recycled to make their product. They are making a range of items that will be sold at the fair with profits going to charity.



WORLD BOOK DAY CELEBRATIONS

On 2nd March, everyone at the school had the choice to dress up as their favourite character from a book for World Book Day. Teachers joined in and everybody did the catwalk with music, showing off their amazing outfits. Some were shop-bought, whilst others were home-made. Either way, all the outfits were remarkable in their own way. All of the lessons were book-related, making the day more enjoyable and special.

Reception had parent volunteers to come to school as mystery readers over the term. There was also a book sale held by the junior door with plenty of books to buy.



PALAEONTOLOGIST VISITS SCHOOL

Dr Ian Boomer came to visit years 3, 4 and 6 on Wednesday 15th March to teach us about fossils. Ian showed us dinosaur teeth, claws, bones and poo.

Ethel commented, "It was really good, I learnt about what the fossils look like and how big they can be."

Riley said, "I loved it, I learnt a lot about fossils."

Ellie and Jasmine quoted, "Well I really liked the saber-tooth cat skull."



Edward told us that he liked looking at the ammonites.

Abigail said to us that she really liked the plants and their amazing patterns.

Dr Boomer (Abigail's, year 6, and Elliot's, year 3, dad) told us all about fossils and everyone really enjoyed it. They loved the way Dr Boomer explained it all. Mr Boomer said there was an animal nearly as long as the hall and he had gone on an expedition and had discovered it with his group.

Dr Boomer has been on a BBC programme and he's been to Japan, Canada, Portugal, Scotland, Wales, Ireland and even Spain!

CHILDREN BUILD LEGO TOWN

On the 28th February Year 2 experienced a day of building, destruction and creation for their design and technology work.

They used several techniques to create their builds. They made several creations

e.g A golf cart, themselves, buildings for a city and much more. They used a wide variety of pieces to create their models.

The bricks and instructions of how to build were provided by a group called Bricks McGee who came into school to work with the children for the day.

They all had a great time.



NSPCC WORKSHOPS TEACH CHILDREN SAFETY RULES

Members of the NSPCC came into school and brought Buddy the speech bubble to carry out work with Year 6 about how important it is to speak out and stay safe.

They found out about different situations where children may need to speak out and get help and what to do if they needed help.

The whole school has assemblies about this as well.



PUPILS TRAVEL BACK TO ANCIENT GREECE

As part of the topic about Ancient Greece, the Year 5 children had some visitors into school to work with them for the day about the Ancient Greeks. They first spent time travelling back to Ancient Athens and Ancient Sparta to discover what life was like there and what sorts of things people did. They tried on costumes, acted out short sketches and handled artefacts to find out about life there.



In the afternoon, the children came together in the hall to find out about the theatre and traditional music and stories from Ancient Greece.. They took part in dances and drama to find out about this. They also played traditional Ancient Greek games and had chance to ask questions about life for the Ancient Greeks. It was a great day for all.

SCHOOL RAISES CHARITY FUNDS

At The Dingle, we raise lots of money for different charities. Children came to school wearing red on Friday 19th May to raise money for a charity called Annabelle's Challenge that supports children and their families who have VEDS. It was called 'Reds for Veds Day' and children each donated £1 to the charity for wearing red that day. We raised lots of money to support the charity.



MINIBEAST HUNTING AT 'LITTLE WOODPECKERS'

Reception went to Little Woodpeckers on a school visit. It is an outdoor area in woods that has lots to do there. The weather was nice and dry luckily! They had a lovely time learning about minibeasts. There was lots to do there including balancing equipment, mud kitchen, builders area, water investigations, fairy corner, rope swings, hammocks and bug hotels.



They all made minibeasts from clay and other natural materials like leaves, pine cones and twigs. They also got to toast and eat marshmallows around a campfire. This was definitely a favourite part of the day!

'SHALOM' FROM ERIC

On Wednesday 29th March, Eric Cohen (a Jewish man who had previously shown Year 6 around the synagogue in Liverpool) told year 6 about his family's traumatic experiences during the Holocaust and how this affected Jewish people and the restrictions they had to live by. He also gave an assembly to year 1 about Jewish beliefs and objects that Jews might have in their homes and in a Synagogue.

He talked to Year 6 about his family's experiences in World War 2 and how the Nazis discriminated against Jews and how we must not repeat these acts in society ever again.



RECYCLING BUS COMES TO SCHOOL

The children in Key Stage 2 spent some time on the recycling bus that came to school for the day. They found out about which items can be recycled in the grey bins and were told what happens to these items when they get recycled.

The eco warriors in school have been encouraging children to recycle and we have waste paper and old ink pens collections each week so that these items are recycled and do not go to landfill sites.



BALANCE SKILLS IMPROVE WITH BIKES

All the children in Reception have learnt to ride using balance bikes and then bikes with pedals over a week. The instructors taught them how to balance on the bikes and to glide without tipping over. They then showed them how to ride using the pedal bikes after a few days. They taught them how to stop safely as well! The children were amazing and are so good at riding now!

The Year 5s also took part in their Bikeability Level 2 training on the roads and Year 4 did Level 1 on the playground.



CHILDREN ENJOY ZOG THEATRE SHOW

Reception children went to the theatre in Crewe to watch the story of Zog. They had read the book before they went so they were familiar with the story. They went on a double decker bus which was very exciting! Zog was performed by people dressed up in costumes and using puppets to tell the story. The children had to help and join in for some of the show. It was a really good show and the children loved it.

They will read more Julia Donaldson stories in Year 1 next year.



PUPILS LEARN VITAL LIFE SKILLS

The pupils in Year 6 took part in workshops to learn some vital life skills such as first aid and sign language. First, they took part in an hour-long sign language workshop where they learnt basic words, greetings, colours and songs in British Sign Language.

The children all copied Derek's actions and put together short sentences using simple signs.



They then learnt some basic first aid about dealing with cuts and nose bleeds and how to do CPR.

PIRATES OF THE CURRYBEAN TAKES CENTRE STAGE

On Tuesday 14th March, Drama club performed Pirates Of The Currybean to their family. The play took four months to perfect and even featured a gorilla (played by Mr G). It featured children from Years 3, 4 and 5.



Rohan's favourite part was when the gorilla sprinted on stage. That made people jump out of their skin. Maddie loved being a parrot because when she got to talk to pearl (the mother). Isla stated "I loved being Slack (a comedy sailor) because I loved saying the jokes." Jack's favourite line was 'O she's quite good at this 'because it was quite a funny joke.

Drama club is planning to perform another play, next year, but the play is yet to be confirmed.

It was about the pirates and the sailors who fought against each other then realised they shared one leader- Captain Swaggersword. Mr Dowel (a year three teacher) directed and ran Drama club. Jemima S -a stand-out performer- said "My favourite part was scene four when I was kidnapped by the pirates because in that scene, I had to be very fierce and demanding. I like that type of character, so it was fun to play that part."



CHILDREN EXPERIENCE

STONE AGE LIFE

The children in Years 3 and 4 went on a trip to Tatton Park to take part in activities about the Stone Age and found out what life was like in Stone Age times.

They looked at some of the tools that people would have used and their houses and how they were built. They also found out about what their daily life was like and what sorts of activities they would do like hunting for food and cooking.



BLUE PLANET TRIP FUN

Year 2 went on a trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium to find out about life under our seas and oceans. They were shown lots of different creatures that live under the sea and found out about what they eat and how scientists can find out about them.

They saw some divers in the tanks with the animals.



Everyone enjoyed the trip and they found out lots about the sea creatures. Some of the creatures were much bigger than they thought they would be!

PUPILS VISIT WAR MUSEUM

On March 9th Year 6 went on a school trip to The Imperial War Museum in Manchester to learn more about WW1 and WW2.

They had worksheets and went around the museum to find information to fill in the worksheets and in between there were short films of what happened in both world wars. Some were about different animals that were used and different people's experiences.

Sophia said, "It was really good and I learnt lots more about the war."



Gabi commented, "It was amazing and I would go again!"

Georgy said, "The most interesting part was the planes and the uniforms they wore."

There were different smells in the trenches like mustard gas, chlorine and trench foot. There were cars, Fighter jets, Tanks and other vehicles and equipment from the wars to see.



SANDBACH SCHOOL PERFORM FOR PUPILS

On 22nd June, pupils from Sanbach School and Sixth Form came in to school to perform some music for the pupils in assemblies.

They told children a bit about their instruments and their inspirations for playing and how playing together was like being in a sports team. Their playing was very impressive!



CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

To commemorate the King's coronation, the Dingle Primary School had a picnic lunch on the field and everyone came to school wearing red, white and blue.

The school also bought three new benches that were unveiled on the day to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III and the middle bench is engraved with the king's name and the date of the coronation. Each bench has the shape of the union flag in the centre of it and they are on the playground for all children and parents to use. The children also found out about the king's life and his family in their lessons.



PEP THE POET

ENTERTAINS CHILDREN

We were really lucky to have Pep the Poet come to our school to visit us. He worked with the different classes to talk about what poetry is, read some of his poems and helped to write our own. The children performed some of the poems he had written with actions and joining in with him. Some of the poems were very funny and had us all laughing lots! He said we were "the best school ever".

At the end of the day, children and their parents had chance to buy some of his poetry books and he signed the books for them.

Lots of children bought the books of poems—especially the ones that they had found really funny.

His visit has inspired some children to write their own poetry and perform it in a funny, animated way.



CHILDREN ENJOY 'GRUFFALO' EXPERIENCE AT SEASIDE

The children in Year 1 went on a trip to Blackpool to visit The Gruffalo and other Julia Donaldson characters at a new centre there.

They heard stories, danced, sang and played with the characters in a magical Gruffalo world. The children also had an ice cream on the sea front afterwards and saw the sea and some of the seaside attractions in Blackpool.



Year 1 had been reading lots of the Julia Donaldson books earlier in the year so they loved seeing the characters brought to life.



SCHOOL COUNCIL RUN BOARD GAMES CLUB

After carrying out surveys in each class, the school council decided to run a board games club on Friday lunchtimes for lots of different year groups each week.

The members of the school council ran the club and set up different board games for the children to play. A different year group attended the club each week. Lots of them learned how to play games that they had never played before like chess and traditional group games. They are now looking into changing school snacks.



MUSICIANS PERFORM WITH HALLE ORCHESTRA

Each June, The Dingle takes children to play their musical instruments and sing songs with the Halle Orchestra at The Bridgewater Hall in Manchester as part of The Love Music Trust's 'Come and Play with the Halle' concert series. The children learned pieces to play on their instruments and songs to sing along with the orchestra and they also listened to the orchestra play. Lots of parents came along to watch the concert and they were very proud of their children's performances.



LEARN TO PLAY...



Children in years 1-5 had an assembly showing them which instruments they can learn to play at The Dingle. Next year, any children in years 2-6 can learn to play an instrument.



If you would like more information, contact Mrs Hayes or get an info pack from the school office. You can visit www.mfsf.org.uk to find out more.

SUPERB SPORTS DAY

At the end of May, The Dingle held their annual sports day for the whole school.

The children came to school in a t-shirt in the colour of their team: Asia, Africa, Oceania, Americas or Europe.

They took part in lots of different races for their teams and points were awarded for first, second and third place in each race with the points adding up for each team.



The children in KS2 took part in the morning and started with a parade for each team along the track to their team music before then starting the races. They had a long distance race as well that everyone could enter.

In the afternoon, the EYFS children took part in their first sports day along with KS1. They had running races, sack races, skipping and egg and spoon races.

The red team, Americas, won the KS2 sports day with Asia, the yellow team winning the KS1 and EYFS sports day.



CHILDREN ENJOY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE RESIDENTIAL

On the 19th April 2023, the year 5s went on a school trip to Conway Centre in Wales. It took about 2 hours 30 minutes to arrive at the centre. They were put in groups for their first activity, which for many was mountain biking. They were later shown their rooms where they would sleep for the next 2 nights.



The children spent 3 days at the Conway Centre and took part in activities such as canoeing, raft building, low ropes, high ropes, mountain biking and climbing. They had meals with their friends and enjoyed spending the nights with their friends in their dorms.

In the evenings, the children took part in a night line activity and had a campfire with marshmallows and singing. They all had a great time and learned new skills and became more confident to tackle things and overcome their fears.



CRICKETERS REACH COUNTY FINALS

Both of our teams reached the county finals (Level 3 competition) this year after winning lots of matches in their local Level 2 tournament against other schools. The teams had been training at lunchtimes with the NAR coaches and many of them play cricket for Haslington Cricket Club as well. The teams played extremely well against tough competition and lots of the children developed their bowling, batting and fielding skills well during the tournament.



Q&A SESSION WITH CREWE ALEX PLAYERS

The Dingle pupils were very fortunate to be given the chance to interview some of the Crewe Alex players at school. They asked thoughtful questions and found out more about their training and sport.



On Mondays after school, through February and March, The Dingle formed three teams called the A, B and C teams. The competition was very tricky. One player called Will S said, "It was very fun representing my school in a sporting competition." On those days lots of wins happened and unfortunately those odd couple of games came to a loss but all the players agree that it was lots of fun and they were all good games. Although a loss is a loss all players shook hands and walked off with a smile on their faces.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY LEAGUE TAKES PLACE

Lots of pupils from The Dingle competed in the Sandbach Partnership Cross Country League this year. They went to different schools to run in the races and were awarded points for where they finished in each race. These points were then added together for each school after each race to determine the winning school. Lots of the children ran really well and some children even got an individual medal for their performances.



NETBALL TEAM TAKE SILVER POSITION IN LEAGUE



The Dingle netballers have had a successful season this year. The A Team were invited to represent the school at the Level 3 competition earlier in the year before the Sandbach League started. They all played very well there.

Over the last few months, The Dingle entered an A Team and a B Team into the Sandbach Netball League. The A Team played extremely well and finished as runners up in the league.

The B Team had a rotating squad so that lots of children got chance to represent their school in the netball league. The netball played in high 5s so that all children get to play in each different position and learn new skills and develop skills for shooting, passing and defending. They also learn the rules of netball and where on the court each player is allowed to go.

Dingle Sport

TOWN SPORTS TRIUMPH

It has been a busy, successful term for The Dingle Primary School's athletes. They have been training hard for the Sandbach Town Sports and the Crewe and Nantwich Town Sports athletics competitions.

The Dingle team won the Sandbach Town Sports and finished runners up (out of 32 schools) in the Crewe and Nantwich Town Sports.

The Year 3 children also won a trophy for being the best Year 3s at the Crewe and Nantwich event.



They team collected a big trophy for the Sandbach Town Sports and remain undefeated since the event began.

There were track and field events at both competitions including sprint, hurdles, beanbag pickup, skipping, sack race plus javelin, discus, long jump and high jump.

Everyone competed to the best of their ability.

