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The Dingle
Primary School

DINGLE TIMES

Autumn/Winter 2022-2023

Written for children, by children.



Trips

Visitors



Events

ACTION-PACKED AUTUMN AND WINTER AT THE DINGLE

There has been lots going on at The Dingle Primary School this Autumn and Winter. Since September, each class has been busy learning and taking part in new experiences. There have been lots of trips, visitors and events which are all reported about in our school newspaper.



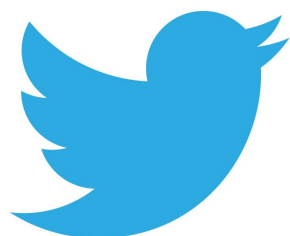
The DINGLE TIMES team...

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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FRIENDS OF THE DINGLE

HOLD FUNDRAISING EVENTS

In the lead up to Christmas, the PTA organised a grand raffle where people could buy tickets to win hampers of Christmassy goodies.

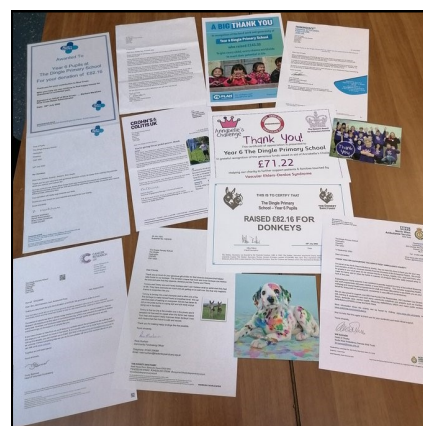


The draw was made at the Nativity performance and all of the money raised will help to pay for school projects and resources.

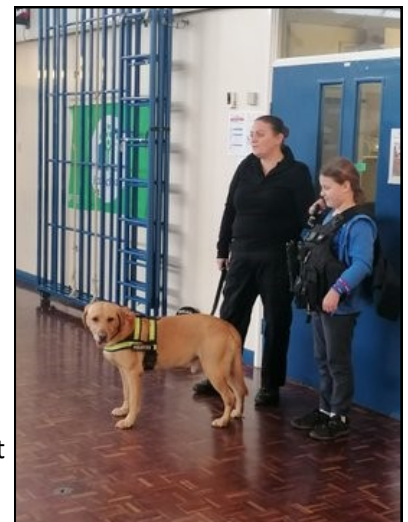
SCHOOL RECEIVES LETTERS OF THANKS

Every summer, the Year 6 children take part in an Enterprise Project.

Throughout the Autumn Term, we began to receive many letters of thanks and cards from charities that the children had chosen to support last year. Later in the year, the current Year 6 will start their project.



CHILDREN MEET EXPERT POLICE SNIFFER DOG



In November a police officer and a police dog came in and taught KS1 and KS2 how the dog can sniff out almost anything bad. The police officer was called Steph and the dog was a Labrador called Otis. He was very good at sniffing things out.

They also hid a ball with a familiar smell so he could sniff it out. The woman let the dog out to come and smell us to find his tennis ball to show us all how good he is at sniffing out things.

The police officer let different children try on parts on her kit and told everyone what they are used for. She also told them all about the sorts of things that the police use dogs for. The police dogs can sniff out drugs, firearms and money.

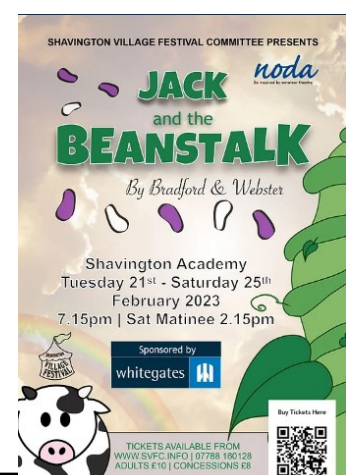
Ivy said, "It was very good and I enjoyed it."

Elisa said, "I learnt a lot and I thought the dog was cute."

Poppy O'D said, "The dog was so smart and I love Labradors."

The children will learn not to do drugs or anything bad in the future.

If you are looking for some half term family entertainment, some of our current and past pupils are performing in Shavington pantomime over the half term week. The show is Jack and the Beanstalk. Miss Hadzik is also performing in the pantomime as Jack. Tickets are available from www.svfc.info



COOL CHRISTMASSY DAY AT THE DINGLE

On Thursday 15th December 2022, The Dingle Primary school had a Christmassy day. This included, wearing Christmas jumpers, eating a Christmas dinner, participating in the Elf Run and playing Christmas bingo, in the hall. We asked the pupils of the Dingle to get people to sponsor them for the Elf Run; this was for St Luke's hospice.

Years 2 to 6 took part in the Elf Run, on Thursday morning, where they wore elf hats and danced for the warm up. Hattie thought this was her favourite part. Ellie (a child in year six) said "It was really fun and I had a great time. The dancing was very amusing." The Christmas bingo consisted of: Heads or Tails, a game where you put your hands on your head or your tail (bottom); traditional bingo, where the children could win a selection of chocolates; and a game where you try not to get your numbers called out.

Everyone came to school in unique Christmas jumpers, some of them had: reindeer, elves, Santas and snowmen on them. Joel's jumper had three Christmas trees that lit up on touch. Savanna's jumper had a bright yellow star on it and Abigail had a penguin on her jumper. Children were required to do three laps of the infant and junior playground at their own pace. Some people skipped, hopped and talked with their friends.

St Luke's has benefited from the Dingle's donation of £1324.60 by using the money to fund new employees and help the hospice run smoothly.

Following the Elf Run, children in EYFS and Year 1 held their Christmas parties in their classrooms.



The children from Years 2 to 6 then played bingo in the hall which was lots of fun with everyone getting into the Christmas spirit. There were lots of prizes to win and lots of games.



CHILDREN DISCOVER VIKING AND SAXON LIFE

The year 5 group went on an interesting trip to Tatton Park where they learnt about The Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. Read to find out more!

Each group went to workshops and had a great experience there! All of the workshops were different and they learnt about various things: fighting, weaving, shields and helmets, food and Viking and Saxon life.

Year 5 have been studying the Viking raids and Anglo-Saxons being in Britain and this trip helped to bring it all to life for them.



Isla said, "The bracelets that we made were fun and easy!"

Heidi had this to say, "The people that dressed up as Vikings were very good actors."

Overall, the year 5s learnt a lot from the trip to Tatton park!

SCHOOL COUNCIL PAY RESPECTS FOR REMEMBRANCE

On the 11th November 2022, the school council walked to local cenotaph and did a remembrance service. During the service the councillors (and some members of the public) were a part of a 2-minute silence. They also put down a poppy wreath on the cenotaph and took some photos with it. It was a very enjoyable event because we got represent the school. Katie stated, "I really enjoyed it but it was a bit sad thinking about the soldiers."



VICTORIAN SCHOOL EXPERIENCE FOR PUPILS

On the 1st February 2023, Year 1 had a visitor who came to complete a workshop with the children about the Victorian times. All of the children who completed this workshop really enjoyed it and would love to have them come back for next year's Year 1 children.



All of the children got to dig like archaeologists to see what artefacts they could find that could tell them something about Victorian times and they found items such as old coins.



They also had a Victorian school lesson and found out about punishments used in Victorian times. They decided that school is much better now! They tried out writing on slates with chalk and some children wore the dunce hat! After that, they played with games that Victorian children would have played with.



Everyone liked playing with the toys and they thought about how different toys are nowadays!



ZOO2U VISITS SCHOOL

Zoo 2 U generously came to visit early years and Year 1 and showed some of their interesting animals! They brought in a tortoise, a sand boa snake, a tenrec, a millipede, a North American striped skunk and a barn owl!

Henry had this to say about the animals, "The millipede I held crawled on my hand!"



The children learnt all about the animals and where they live, what they eat and even had the chance to touch and stroke the animals they saw.

They took plenty of pictures and had a great time! For some children it was the first time they had ever seen some of these animals and they found out lots of fascinating facts about the animals.

Some of the children asked some excellent questions about the animals to find out more about them.



CRUCIAL 'CREWE'

In October, year 6 went on a school trip to Crewe Alexandra to learn about keeping themselves safe.

People from Gist talked to them about road safety and what bad habits can lead to.

There were many different groups there to offer safety advice such as about safety around dogs and mental well-being.

They all got to try goggles that made it look like they all had lots of drinks of alcohol. Then they learnt about power lines and to call a professional if anything looks or seems wrong.



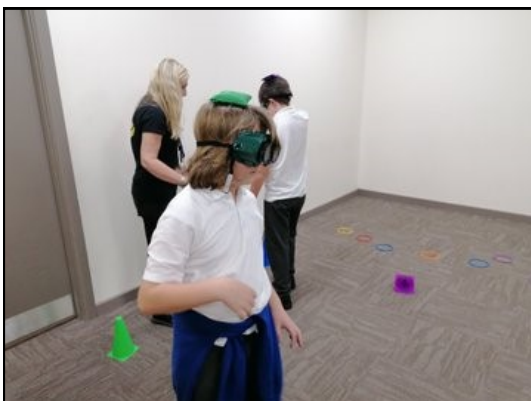
Year 6 then got to learn about online safety and to not give personal information out to strangers.

Amelia said, "I learnt about drugs and alcohol and how it can affect people."

Poppy O'D said, "I really liked the part where we got to try on goggles that made us feel drunk."

Then both classes learnt about how to keep in a truck driver's eyesight, so you don't get hurt and all of the blind spots on the truck (where the driver can't see you).

Now both classes have a safety book to learn more about staying safe around dangerous places.



Top—with the Gist buddy

Above left—electricity safety

Left—trying on goggles to see the effects of alcohol

Right—internet safety games



YEAR 3 AND 4 DISCOVER THE ANCIENT EGYPTIANS

In November 16th 2022 year3 and 4 went on a trip to a museum in Liverpool for their topic on the Ancient Egyptians. We've interviewed children from year3 and 4 about the trip and all of their positive opinions about the trip.

Patrick in year 4 commented, "We saw models of contraptions that the Egyptians would have used; it was very fun!"

Felix, James, and Alfie from year4 also said, "We loved looking around the museum and learning new things. It was very fun."

Emily in year 3 said, "Well it was really cool."

Elois commented, "It was great."

The children in Years 3 and 4 have been learning all about the Ancient Egyptians in the Autumn Term and they enjoyed bringing it all to life and trying on clothing that the Egyptians would have worn. They also found out more about mummification and the pharaohs in a workshop that they took part in.



In school, Years 3 and 4 found out all about how important the River Nile was to the Ancient Egyptians and how they used the water from the Nile for agriculture. They found out about how shadufs worked in their design and technology lessons and then designed and made their own model shaduf to try and scoop water out of a pretend river. They found out about how levers work and how this makes it possible to lift heavier weights with a smaller force.

INFANTS STAR IN WE THREE KINGS PLAY

In December, the children in EYFS and Year 1 and 2 performed a brilliant play to the rest of the school and their parents and grandparents. Thus year's nativity play was called 'We Three Kings' and it told the story of the three kings seeing a star in the sky and following it to find Jesus.

There were lots of songs in the play with dances and children learnt lots of lines to tell the story. The costumes looked brilliant too.



George Kemp's words about the play were, "Everyone did enjoy it but we think most of them were shy but gave it their all. "

Mason (an older child who watched the dress rehearsal) said, "It was fantastic and really entertaining to watch and it got better and better."

Children were camels, sheep, shepherds, servants and lots of other characters too.

For some children it was their first time performing in front of other people and they all did a fantastic job of it.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT LOCAL CHURCH

In December 2022, the school choir and year 3 pupils attended a carol concert performed at St Matthews Church to celebrate Christmas. The children went to the church for a practice in the morning and performed after lunchtime and in the evening. During the concert, we sang many traditional Christmas carols and some new carols too.

Isaac, Maisie, Amber and Abigail (year 6 pupils in the school choir) thought it was really fun and would love to do it again.



The children sang a mixture of traditional carols and Christmas celebration songs with different children telling the Nativity story in between. The church was full for both services in the afternoon and evening with lots of parents and grandparents joining in.



COPPER CHALLENGE BEGINS

The annual copper challenge has now begun. Every class has a bucket with some kind of crazy duck stuck on the front.

Children will collect any change from 1p coins to £1 coins. The money collected will be put towards playground equipment and other equipment around school.

The money gets collected every Thursday with the totals for each class and current leaders being announced in assembly each week. The winning class at the end of the challenge wins a movie afternoon with popcorn. So far it has raided over £400 with one week left to go.



Each tub has a funny rubber duck on it like these

BRASS MUSICIANS PERFORM TO PARENTS

During the Autumn Term, all of the children in Year 4 had a weekly lesson to learn how to play a brass instrument. They learnt about note lengths and rhythms and sang the rhythms first before learning to play them with different notes on their brass instruments. Some children played cornets and others played trombones. At the end of term they gave a concert of what they had learned to play to their parents and the children in Year 3.



Some of the children have opted to continue to learn to play their instrument and have lessons on a Monday lunchtime.

SWIMMERS MAKE HUGE IMPROVEMENTS

Over the Winter, the children in Years 5 and 6 have been attending weekly swimming lessons at The Lifestyle Centre in Crewe. Year 6 went in the Autumn Term 2 and Year 5 went in the Spring Term 1. Many children were very excited about going to practise their swimming skills and it helped them to gain confidence in the water and improve their swimming.

What some of the year 5 students said;

Favour; "I think it is very interesting and I like it because it boosts my confidence of swimming."

Miracle; "It was very interesting. I was so glad to enter water in real life."

Alex; "I" felt excited and I really liked it."

Isla; "When I was swimming I felt relaxed and it is really fun when you get used to it."

PUPILS RETRACE THE GREAT FIRE OF NANTWICH

In November and December year 2 went to Nantwich Museum to find out about the Great Fire of Nantwich. They went there because they were learning about the Great Fire of London. They walked around Nantwich to see the buildings from Tudor times and then looked at artefacts in the museum. We interviewed some children from the year 2 classes.



Minnie said, "We learned about what happened during the Great Fire of Nantwich."

Maja commented, "We learnt about how they pumped water out of the pump machine."

George said, "It was good and really fun."

Evie told us, "Nicolaus Brown started the fire."

Year 2 learnt a lot from their trip to Nantwich and they enjoyed it.



PUPILS SHARE STORY-TELLING

As part of National Story-telling week, children across the school joined up with another class to share stories with each other. The teachers also all swapped classes to read to each other's classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories with each other and listening to new stories. At the end of the week there was a book sale after school to parents.



CHILDREN VISIT PLACES OF WORSHIP

On the 31st of January Miss Hadzik and Miss Hancock's classes went on a trip to Liverpool to a synagogue (a Jewish place of worship) for their R.E. work and to the gigantic Liverpool Cathedral.

The first stop was at the synagogue. They were met by a man called Eric who showed them round.

The boys had to wear a special cap called a kippah unless they had brought their own. They had to wear it for respect unlike the girls.

They learnt what everything inside was called thanks to the very funny guide, Eric. He showed them objects that Jewish people would use in their home and showed them what everything was inside the synagogue and what it was used for.

"It was fun. It was better than I thought at the synagogue and Eric was very funny!"



The names of items in the synagogue were:

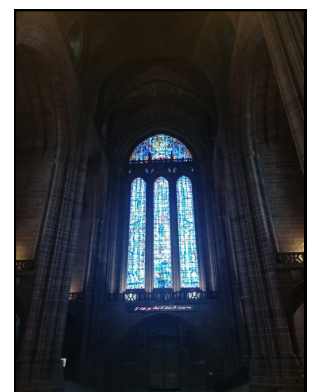
- . the Bimah, a small stage that Jewish prayers were sung
- . the Torah, a scroll of Jewish hymns
- . pointer, a small metal pole with a very small finger
- . the eternal light, a lamp (usually a fake plastic candle) used to say god is always with you
- . arch a 'wardrobe' for the torah scrolls

After the synagogue, the children visited Liverpool Cathedral which was huge!



The children looked at the stained glass windows and art in the cathedral and then took part in a workshop about the Eucharist.

Many children were amazed at the size of the cathedral and the size of the stained glass windows.



CHOIR AND BAND ENTERTAIN AT CHRISTMAS EVENTS

On Tuesday 6th of December the band went to Hollymere, a week later, (on the 16th December) the choir went to Hollymere as well. On Wednesday 14th December, the band and choir sang and played for their fellow pupils in two assemblies in the afternoon to share a selection of Christmas music. Each year group joined in with different Christmas songs and even some staff members played their instruments too.

Earlier in the term, the choir went to perform in Sandbach at the Tree of Life concert.



When we went to Hollymere, the people were very happy. Poppy's favourite part was that she got to have a clarinet solo; Alex's favourite part of going to Hollymere with the band was that the residents were very welcoming and kind to us - they even gave us some chocolates and a drink at the end. Esmé was pleased to see the people of Hollymere enjoying themselves because you don't often see elderly people thoroughly happy.

Throughout the Spring and Summer there will be many more opportunities for the band and choir to perform.

PORRIDGE MAKING IN EYFS



Early Years made porridge in January by following instructions and they then tried it to see if they liked it. Nearly everyone said they liked the porridge!

They read the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and talked about how Goldilocks ate the bears' porridge. They used a story map and props to retell the story.



When making the porridge, children talked about how the oats absorbed the milk to make them get bigger and softer to eat. They didn't like the look at the dry outs and nobody wanted to eat those!

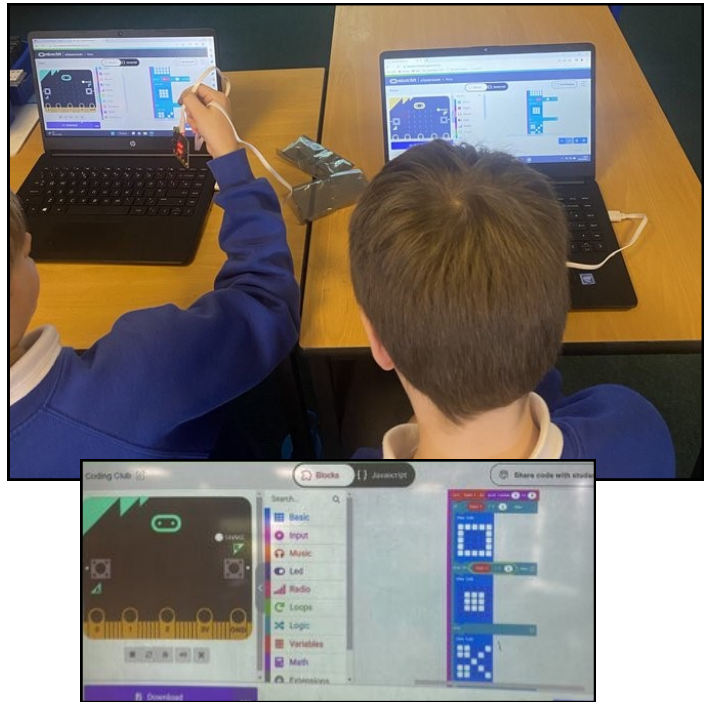
CODING FUN

In an afternoon a visitor came in to teach year 5 and 6 how to code a microbit. Then they got taught how to connect the microbits to the laptops. It was on the 21.10.22 to help us to code the microbits.

We coded the microbits to make different songs, games and words on the LEDs. Children had to code them for when you press A or B or A and B together to make them do different things.

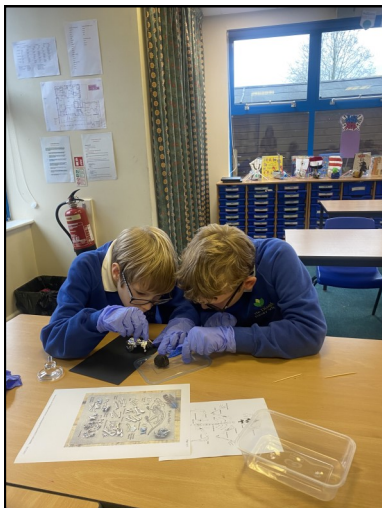
When you put them to a light source they would blink and make a sound. Katie said, "It was exciting and fun". Mason said, "It was brilliant and a new experience."

Callum said that it was an amazing experience. Now some people do coding club. They do more things on the microbits at lunchtime on Wednesday.



DISSECTION DAYZ

On 12th October year 6 dissected a heart and lungs. On November 16th year 6 also dissected some owl pellets. They did these dissections for what they were learning about in science. When they dissected the heart year 6 were learning about the circulatory system and when they dissected owl pellets they were learning about fossils. Some of the children in year 6 were interviewed about what they thought about the dissections.



Madison said, "The heart dissecting was my favourite."

Haf commented, "The owl pellets were my favourite!"

"It was very interesting because we got to learn about what owls ate and what a heart really looks like." Maisie explained.

Katie told us, "The heart and lungs felt a bit like chicken fat."



"It was fun because we got to learn about the heart," Zane said.

Year 6 learnt a lot from these lessons, which occurred in the year 5/6 practical area and Miss Hancock and Miss Hadzik's classrooms.

COOKERY CLUB MAKE TASTY TREATS

Some of the Year 3 children were chosen to take part in cookery club this year. Each week they get together, on a Thursday after school, in the school kitchen and make meals that they can eat. Mrs Halliday, a Year 1 teacher, runs cookery club.

They have made all sorts of delicious food such as parsnip and apple soup, paprika chicken and cranberry biscuits. Each child has to weigh out the ingredients and follow a recipe to make the dish.



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

NAR coaches have been coming in to run sports clubs at lunchtimes such as different sports activities with ks1, cricket with year 5 boys, girls' football and training for play leading for y6.

Netball for every year has been growing in popularity as all years enjoy it.

Catching practice has been going on at the side of the school where you throw a tennis ball at the side of a big wall and a rebound net. Football has also been going on at the school field for who gets in the A,B and C team.

The school council have also started running a board games club for different year groups each week following the success of their craft clubs last year. As well as this, some children have set up clubs such as art club and craft club to run for other year groups at lunchtimes on different days. There is always something going on each lunchtime at The Dingle to get involved with!

DINOSAUR HATCHES IN EYFS

Early Years found a dinosaur egg in school. They put it in water and observed it. The egg cracked and the dinosaur slowly grew and hatched out! It was very exciting to see it hatching and try and guess what it might be.



The children in EYFS learned all about dinosaurs and found out how special scientists called palaeontologists find out about dinosaurs by digging up their skeletons. The children made dinosaur skeletons and tried out a dinosaur dig!

SCHOOL SUPPORTS CHILDREN IN NEED

At The Dingle we try to support many charities through the year. In November, we held a non-uniform day for Children In Need where children came into school wearing spots or Pudsey items.



The money went to the national Children In Need campaign to support projects across the country for different children and some went to a local children's charity that provides for children who would otherwise not have everything that they need.

FANCY FOOTBALL AT SANDBACH

In the Autumn term the A,B and the C team faced a night of goals, tackles and saves.

A team

This team consisted of James S, Joel R, Will S, Ellis S, Freddie D, Logan B and Alex A.

According to James they played really well especially on the left-hand side.

They scored lots of incredible goals with one of their games ending in a whopping score of 5-0!!!

B team

This team consisted of Edward B, Oscar W, Massie H , David Z ,Poppy L , Alfie N , Logan B, Alex A and David Z.

According to David Z they performed really well due to them winning most of their games and a last minute goal by David Z to make sure the opposing team doesn't succeed there victory in the second game making it a draw between the two sides.



Above: Photograph of the Dingle A Team at Sandbach United's ground.

Below, left: Photograph of the C Team after their matches at Sandbach United.

C team

This team's players included Riley H, Mason S, Callum J, Kius W, Hayden H, Joshua H, Will B, Jacob A, Oscar P and Leo P.

According to Mason M, Kius W and Oscar P they performed well considering there were some really tough opposition. The first game ended in a 1-0 loss due to a late fumble in the net. The second and third match ended in 5-0 losses due to there being some really tough opponents.

The league is still in progress so there are many more matches still to be played. There will also be other tournaments for the football teams throughout the year.



Dingle Sport

NETBALLERS PLAY IN COUNTY FINALS

The boys and girls who played in the County Netball Finals, triumphed as they came second against Scholar Green, Quinta Lions and Quinta Tigers. Their team included Maisie, Poppy L, Poppy O, Freddie, Joel, Will and Esmé, their first match was Dingle Vs Scholar Green, which ended five zero to the Dingle. Their second game, which was very close, ended two zero to Quinta Lions. Finally, the Dingle beat Quinta Tigers two zero. The end result was Quinta Lions winning a gold medal, the Dingle winning a silver medal and Quinta Tigers and Scholar Green both winning bronze. Poppy O stated "It was really fun because I got to play with my team." Freddie really enjoyed playing netball against children the same age as him. Will quoted, "It was enjoyable and worthwhile because I got to improve my skills, spend time outside of school with my friends and represent the school in a sporting event."



The Sandbach league is starting on Wednesday 9th of February, we have high hopes doing well in the league.

If you are interested in playing netball outside of school, there are lots of local teams that you can join. Ask Mrs Done or Mr Cox for more information.