

25th April 2024



The Grange Times

Acer



Acer Class were very excited last week to go a residential visit to the Caldecotte Xperience in Milton Keynes. We learnt how to shoot arrows at a target in archery, built a raft using rope, bits of wood and plastic barrels, climbed the climbing wall and went around the lake in a canoe. Some of us stayed the night with our friends. We all did things we had never tried and felt nervous about doing, even the teachers! We had a fantastic time!



Josh: On Thursday I made a raft with logs barrels and rope it floated on the lake

I did not get wet. The other team got wet and fell in. My favourite part was the food.

Hamza: I enjoyed doing the activities, I liked the archery the most. I didn't play video games. I went there with my friends. I had a good time with my friends.

Harry: I went to Caldecotte on the bus with my class friends. I had a try at archery. I liked archery. I found it easy jeff helped me I used a bow and arrow. I went on

a canoe on the pond.

Aaron: I enjoyed archery. In archery I shot the arrow at the target. I built a raft. For dinner I had a hot dog and for breakfast I had toast. In rock climbing, I was singing "pull, pull, pull the rope". I paddled in the lake in a canoe. I shared bunk beds with my friend Arthur.

Alex: I loved archery. I popped the balloon on the target and got 20 points. In raft building, I fell off and got my feet wet. I got back on and then went for a little swim, but it was freezing cold. I didn't like the climbing, but I did do canoeing. I liked going to Caldecotte.

Arthur: At Caldecotte, I enjoyed the climbing and it was fun. I climbed four different climbing walls. We all built a raft and went on the raft. I scored 47 points at archery. I liked playing top trumps with my friends and teachers in the evening. I stood on the very end of the canoe in the middle of the lake. It was fun!

Thank you Happy days charity for helping to fund this visit.



Cedar



Cedar class have really been enjoying PE. This year we have been playing Dodgeball, Badminton, Hockey and Basketball. We have also been testing our fitness in

the fitness suite.

Harry: I like Badminton because it involves quick thinking and agility. I like to do rallies because I think of them as practice. My favourite game to play in Badminton is Around the World because it involves teamwork and its fun.

Ray: I like basketball because it helps me get more speed and it helps me to aim and shoot into the basketball hoop. It also increases my muscle strength and stamina, and it helps me with my exercise. It also shows how we use our body language and working as a team in order to defend and attack the other team.

Kalen: I like that it gets me active. I like that it helps me find a sport that I enjoy. I like playing badminton because it gets all of us working as a team.

Matthew: I like dodgeball because it is very fun to play and it is very energetic when we throw the dodge ball. I like hockey because it is good fitness because we have to run and try and keep the ball with the hockey stick. I also like basketball because we have to run around with the basketball and try and score without getting tackled by other teams.

Kaschan: I like PE because I can warm up. I like dodge ball because I'm fast. Also I like basketball because I can be better.

Ollie: I like PE because it is fun and its really helpful



Diary Dates

May Bank Holiday Monday 6th May 2024

Pupils Return to School Tuesday 7th May 2024

May Half Term 27th - 31st May 2024

Pupils Return to School Monday 3rd June 2024

Beech



To finish the Spring Term Beech, Walnut and Redwood classes planned, organised and ran an Easter Fete. This was for the Spring Term LifeSkills project. The pupils used a variety of Key Skills; communication, working with others, creativity, using I.T., literacy and numeracy skills. The end result was an amazing Easter fete which the Eagles pupils, parents and staff were able to come along and enjoy. We raised £347.47 which is going to be put into our next LifeSkills project for the Summer Term 'The Big Lunch' and used for a whole school project (to be decided by the pupils in school parliament).

Calvin: I liked running the Lucky Dip stall with Aarnav. I really enjoyed it.

Keith: I enjoyed helping the children to look for the Easter Eggs and make sure they were following the clues. I ran the Easter Egg Hunt with my teacher and my friends.

Courtney: I ran the bracelet stall. I had fun selling the bracelets. The blankets were soft and fluffy. I enjoyed running the stall with Connie.

Holly: I did an art stall. I did a colouring competition and sold scratch art. I learnt how to give change. I decorated my stall

with bunting. It was hard work but I liked seeing the children happy and having fun.

Ryan: I enjoyed doing the Easter Egg Hunt it was nice to watch the Eagles enjoying it and being able to give them treats.

Cameron: At the Easter Fete I sold DVD's and books and got loads of money. I asked people to bring in books and DVD's they didn't want anymore. I enjoyed visiting the sweet stall.

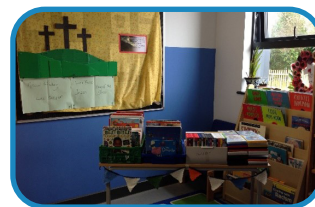
Aarnav: Calvin and I did the Lucky Dip Stall. I enjoyed wrapping up the presents for it.

Tulicia: My stall was face painting with Caoimhe. I looked for and ordered face paints and researched face painting to make a PowerPoint and poster for my stall.

Connie: I had so much fun selling the bracelets and snuggly blankets. It helped improve my confidence. I enjoyed seeing Courtney happy and improving her confidence too. Everyone was happy on that day.

Cayden: It was my idea to do an Easter Egg Hunt and then the idea started for the Fete. It worked out really well because everyone had fun and we raised lots of money.

Caoimhe: My stall was face painting. Tulicia and I made a PowerPoint. I enjoyed face painting and learnt to be respectful to others.



Birch



This term we are looking at Meadows, exploring the flora and fauna of meadows around the world.

We have collected some Box tree Caterpillars that were hanging for a tree on the way to swimming and are now living in class. This week we drew them and are getting a diary on their changes and lifecycle. They will turn into Box Tree moths, so we now know the difference between a moth and a butterfly.

Henry: Caterpillars swim

Lucy: I named the caterpillar Arya. The caterpillars eat box trees.

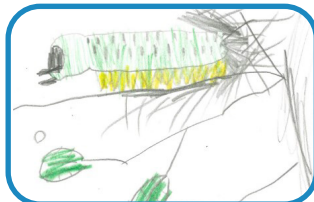
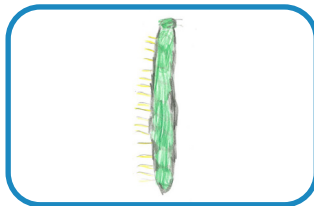
Olo: The caterpillars are called Box tree eaters; they turn into moths.

Dominik: The caterpillar is eating the leaves; they are colour yellow.

James: They wriggle, and their colour is green.

Thabo: Big and strong

Gabriel: Caterpillar is green



Willow



Willow Class have started their new Topic Meadowsong. We had a class discussion about the topic and what we will be doing. The

class helped create the classroom display and we looked at the new books we have for Meadowsong.

Jordan: Meadowsong is about nature.

Summer: I am excited to learn new things.

Larissa: I loved the glitter making my butterfly. I think it is about a meadow and we might use our senses.

Freddie: I am excited for meadow.

Robert: We used water colours for the display.

Noah: We will learn about mini-beasts, it might be about butterflies.

Robin: I liked painting the grass for the display. It might be about trees.

Max: We can do lots of outside learning.

Jeffrey: I like looking close at mini-beasts.

Pine



Pine class are reading 'Hatchet' by Gary Paulsen as their English reader this week; a story about a 13 year old boy who finds himself alone in the Canadian wilderness after a plane crash and has to learn to survive with the use of his only

tool a hatchet. The students have explored what it would be like to survive in a forest alone.

Marcus: If I were camping out in the wilderness, I would take a cooking pot, canned food, flint & steel, breakfast bars, water bottle and a sleeping bag. I would bring my hatchet and build a den to sleep in and find a pond to do some pond dipping.

Alfie: The most important thing I think to take on a camping trip in the forest is a phone with a powerpack because if I get into trouble or a grizzly bear or some other dangerous animal came after me I could phone for help. I would buy a one-person tent because I would be on my own. I would build a fire to cook my beans on.

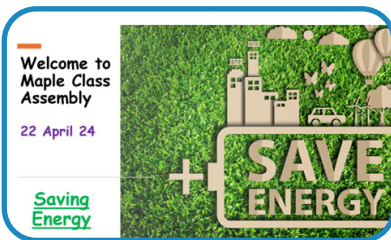
Lucas: If I were camping in the forest, I would take a tent because it would be my home and a sleeping bag to sleep in. I would take cereal bars for breakfast and sweets for snack time. I would take a torch to see well in the dark and I will not fall over. I practised walking up the stairs with Miss Tomkins very heavy camping backpack and it made my back ache and my legs felt tight.

Connor: If I were camping the first thing, I would do is enjoy my surroundings while setting up a tent and getting wood for a fire so that I am able to cook food for the night.

Ben: It would be great sleeping at night in a forest because I can use my torch to see things around me. There will be hedgehogs, badgers, bats, owls, moths, and fireflies. I would be brave because I am not scared of the dark. I would feel excited setting up my tent in a forest. Miss Tomkins brought her backpack into school and it felt heavy like dumb bells from the fitness suite.

Emmanuel: I would feel excited setting up my tent in a forest and in my backpack, I would have two flashlights for lighting my campfire just in case I lose one. My fire will keep me warm at night but also keep animals away. I would cook my food over the fire like at forest school. I would bring a bunch of exciting books to read too.

Max: When I go camping, I will put my tent up and light the fire with a flint and steel. I will cook my breakfast and dinner on my fire. I would go walking up the mountains. I would take a sleeping bag to keep me warm at bedtime. I will see bats and owls at night-time.



Maple

Jerome: Whenever you leave a room, or classroom, switch off the lights. If you are the last person to leave to room, you should remember to turn the lights off.

Aneesa: Put extra layers, including coats and blankets to warm up instead of putting the heating on.

Luca: When you watch tv, you are using energy. Using a kettle also uses energy. Energy is the power that comes from electricity, gas, petrol, or any

other type that we use in our lives.

Seth: Get help to unplug electronics when they are not being used.

Alfie: You should take a shower instead of having bath, which will help to save water.

Ugne: When you are not using your iPad, you should turn it off. This will save energy.

Alex: Wash clothes at 30 degrees to help save energy.

Eva-Louise: When you make a hot drink, only fill up the kettle with the amount of water you need. If you overfill the kettle, you could waste energy.

Riley: Fossil fuel is oil, coal, and gas. Using fossil fuels causes global warming, which is damaging the earth.

Jack: Heating food up in a microwave can use a lot of energy.



Redwood

Redwood class worked hard alongside Beech and Walnut classes to plan, prepare and run an Easter fete for the younger pupils of Grange Academy and families. The students thought about what they wanted to sell and

researched cost and resources. They then made posters to promote the event and carefully made their items. It was a huge success!

Aishah: I really enjoyed my sweet stall. It was a success and completely sold out!

Ryan: I liked making the dragon origami and taking the money!

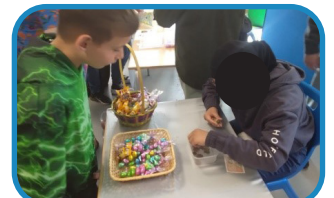
Jack: I liked my Dad and Nan coming to the fete.

Kai: People liked our stall with loom bands. I could add the money up.

Tyler: I enjoyed working with Jack. I was amazed when they announced the money we raised!

Alex: I enjoyed making the loom bands. I sold a lot!

Oliver: I spoke to visitors and took the money!



Horticulture



The Options Horticulture Class have been preparing the area behind Acer classroom ready for planting. They have been weeding and turning over the soil, levelling the soil and they also went on a school trip to Frosts Garden Centre to choose and select the correct plants for planting.



Ray: We cleared and measured the area for planting. We did lots of digging and turning the soil. Then we researched plants that could grow in the shade in clay. We went to the garden centre to choose our plants.

Alexis: We plotted where the plants would all go in the area where we dug up all the weeds. We mapped it out using string and split the area into four sections. We dug holes for the plants to go in and tipped the plants out of their pots carefully. Then we watered the plants.

Scarlett: We went to Frosts Garden Centre. We got lots of nice plants. I pulled out lots of weeds in the area where the new plants were going to go. I enjoyed sweeping up all around the area at the end of the lesson to make it look tidy.

Kyle: I did lots of digging and weeding. Mr Eden measured the area for planting and we researched the different types

of plants to go in the soil.

Oskar: I got lots of compost in the wheelbarrow for when we planted the new plants. I worked with Mr Eden and we transferred at least 10 loads of compost for the new plants. We got lots of plants from Frosts Garden Centre. We got small cherry tree bushes and some roses.

Baron: Horticulture is really good because we learn loads about plants and maintaining areas for planting. I want to get a job as a gardener when I am older. I enjoyed our visit to the garden centre.



Palm



Palm class have had a busy time recently. We went to the British Museum where we looked at the Egyptian Gallery. This was our topic last half term. Last week we

went to Caldecotte for a residential. The pupils really enjoyed. They were apprehensive to start with but soon settled once they saw where they were sleeping. It has been a good bonding experience for them all.

Malachi: On Thursday we went to Caldecotte Xperience with Palm and Acer class. We stayed for one night. We did various activities like archery. We had a BBQ for dinner and I had a burger with potato salad it was really nice and delicious.

Alexis: Palm class went to Caldecotte. First we did archery. I did good at first and got to collect the arrows, and add up my points. Next we went to the river to do raft building, it was so much fun and funny. I went in the cold water two times and jumped into the freezing cold water.

Kirsty: I enjoyed jumping in the lake. I was very nervous at first. I loved sharing a room with the Palm girls. I also liked playing musical chairs and having extra snacks.

Kyle: At Caldecotte I climbed a wall and went canoeing it was terrifying and cool, it was good. I was really proud of myself for doing them. I was helping to make a raft. When I went to sleep it was good until Malachi and Oskar started snoring.

Alfie: At Caldecotte we did activities. Oscar and I jumped in the water and it was freezing but when we got back to the accommodation we had a nice hot shower. Also it was challenging when the night came I couldn't really sleep but it was fun. The last two days have been great. Thank you Ms Idris.

Tammi: Last Thursday and Friday we went to Caldecotte. On the first day we did archery and raft building. I had a go at the archery and I had a really fun time doing it. Then we did raft building. I did not like the raft building, it felt unsafe. I liked the food we had for dinner. I learnt that I don't have to be scared when climbing the wall, I can climb up as high as I can on the wall. I was really glad to be home after.

Tamsin: We went to Caldecotte. It was a long two days and by the end of it I was shattered but it was such amazing trip. I went on the rock climbing wall and I beat my highest level that I had climbed to the last time I was there. I participated in water sports, it was raft building and I fell in! Luckily Oskar and Alfie helped me out!

Baron: I went to Caldecotte to do activities and I stayed there for 1 night. I have achieved climbing 12 m high on the rock wall. We slept there, we went on the boats and built a raft with ropes, barrels and two logs. I jumped in the water it was cold.

Scarlett: I went to London for a school trip, I went to the British Museum. It was big and so busy inside, I did find it boring because I had to stand there and I did lots of walking. I had my lunch at the British Museum. I got a toy at the little shop, I got a map of the museum, I was looking at it.

Logan: Last week our class went on a trip to Caldecotte. On the first day we unpacked our things in our rooms and went to do our first activity, archery. We were told how to keep safe while doing archery and how to do archery in general. On my first try I did pretty well; scoring 30 points. The second try wasn't as successful scoring only 14.

Oskar: We went to Caldecotte on Thursday. We did archery, raft building on the first day. The next day we did rock climbing I got all the way to the top then it started raining. After that, we went on 2 canoes that are attached together. Finally, we got all our stuff and went on the bus back to school. I felt excited and I want to go again.

Mariah: We went to Caldecotte for a school trip and stayed over. Some activities we did when we arrived, we went to our dorms to do are beds, then we went to archery. There was a balloon that was worth 20 points and if you pop it you get 20 points and I popped it. YAY! After breakfast we then we packed the van

