

October 2022

We've had a great first term here at Weldon CE Primary and all our children have settled in well with their new teachers.

October saw us celebrating the harvest, with our youngest children putting on a fantastic harvest assembly for their parents and carers to enjoy, as well as a special performance for the rest of the school. They were all in fine voice with their rendition of 'Big Red Combine Harvester' and all took it in turns to tell the audience about the different foods we harvest and eat. A big congratulations to them all for their first school production (quite a daunting task when you're only 4 and 5 years old) and well done to the EYFS staff team for pulling it all together.

Heavy rain put paid to plans for a whole school visit to St Mary's Church for an end of term harvest service, but that didn't stop the celebrations as Rev Kane braved the elements and came to school instead! All the children joined together to give thanks for the harvest, sing harvest songs and join together in prayer, led by our year 6 children.

We continue to offer a range of after-school activities, including gymnastics club, football and dodgeball, all of which are very well attended with active waiting lists too. As well, our breakfast and after-school sessions (Launch Club and Space Club) continue to provide wrap-around care for many of our children.

Our year 2 children had a wonderful visit from one of their parents, who talked to the children about Islam and the key Muslim beliefs and practices. They had a lovely time exploring precious artefacts and resources, learning all about how and when Muslims pray, investigating what is worn at different events, and discussing the key messages of the Five Pillars of Islam. The children really enjoyed creating their own Five Pillars as finger puppets and took them home to show their own grown-ups. The children were also kindly gifted with packets of biscuits, which they thoroughly enjoyed too!

As part of their weekly music lessons, our year 4 children are currently learning to play a range of brass instruments, under the instruction of a tutor from Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT). Every child in the class has the opportunity to take a brass instrument home each week to practice and the children will be treating their parents and carers to an end of term performance in December.

Our school choir is practising hard for January's Young Voices concert in Birmingham, which is always a fantastic event. Not only are there songs to be learnt but actions as well, so good luck to all our choristers (and Mr Hole too).

Our wonderful PFTA held an end of term doughnut sale, which is always a sell-out, and plans are well under way for a Christmas fayre in school. The PFTA raises much-needed funds for our school at a time when school budgets are being squeezed harder than ever, so we are extremely grateful for the continued support of all of these volunteer parents and carers who give up their time to organise these wonderful fundraising events.