



**Dunholme St Chad's Church of England
Primary School
April 2025**



April 2025 at Dunholme St Chad's

Term 4 may have been one of the shortest terms in our academic year, but it did not prevent us from exploiting every opportunity to enhance our children's learning through enrichment activities. One of the highlights was when all of the children participated in our Sublime Science workshops as part of Science and Engineering Week. Our visiting scientist certainly captured the children's attention at the start of the day, during assembly as she used volunteers to test out pupils' predictions. Their mouths fell wide open with amazement. Over the course of the day squeals of excitement could be heard from the hall as bespoke age-appropriate workshops were delivered involving bubbles, smoke, slime and flying objects. The day culminated with two rocket launches on the playground, observed by the whole school, just as the rain came on. It didn't dampen spirits though!

Here are some of the children's thoughts about their sessions:

'Bouncing bubbles was really cool. I'll definitely be making them at home.' Georgia

'I really liked it when the smoke rings came out of the air cannons and we had to duck to avoid them.' Ruben

'I loved it when the electricity in the plasma ball followed your hands when you touched it.' Gerard

We are immensely grateful to the Friends of Dunholme School who paid for the workshops.



The start of Lent was marked by one of the school traditions that I missed last year because Shrove Tuesday didn't fall on a school day. This was not the case this year so every child was encouraged to bring their own saucepan and pancake so that they could participate in a pancake flipping competition in their classes. The winner from each class took part in the grand final at the start of Revd Lynne's Collective Worship. This was a good idea as the finalists were so skilful that it took ages to get to the last two. We had to keep adding challenges... flipping their pancakes whilst holding the pan in one hand, increasing the height of the flip, jumping up and down whilst flipping and finally twirling! The coveted pancake trophy was eventually won by Finley (Y5).





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On World Book Day, children and staff were invited to dress as a character from one of their favourite books. The costumes were amazing! We encouraged our children to donate books that could be purchased for the bargain price of £1. In addition, it was wonderful to see our parents and carers joining in with the festivities at the end of the day, when they shared in a book related activity and had the opportunity to look at their children's work.



Once again, sport featured prominently this term. Eight of our upper KS2 pupils participated in a swimming gala at Yarborough. The girls' team comprising of Callie, Esmae, Marnie and Erica qualified for the Freestyle 'B' final and came a respectable 4th place in that final out of 15 teams.

The boys' team consisting of Lars, Joseph, Joey and Finn, qualified for the Freestyle 'A' final and finished 4th place in their final out of 12 teams.

The boys only just qualified for the Medley 'A' final by the narrowest of margins (less than 2 seconds) and then swam a fantastic race in the final to finish in 2nd place overall.

Once again, we have invited external agencies in to deliver sessions on Boccia and Cricket. Every Thursday after school, our hall has transformed into a Judo studio and the new club has been well attended by children from Year 1 to Year 6. The sport has been fantastic for building the children's physical fitness, but also improving their focus whilst increasing self-esteem, self-discipline, self-respect, and courtesy toward others.

Upcoming Events

- 31 March & 2 April: Y3 & Y4 performances of 'Snow White'
- 3 April: Easter Creation Challenge Day & Chocolate Tombola
- 28 – 30 April: Y4 Residential to York
- 30 April: Virtual Author talk by Eileen Brown to Reception Class
- 21 May: Class Photos
- 22 May: Y4 & Y6 Mini Medic Workshops

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