



The Autumn term has been full of exciting opportunities for learning and as always, time has flown by! Christmas will soon be here and we hope that you have a wonderful time, wherever you may be.

School website

Our school website will be up and running for the new term in January. Thank you for your patience.

Free School Meal Eligibility or Pupil Premium Application Forms

If you haven't already completed a Free School Meal Eligibility or Pupil Premium Application Form, please pop into the school office.

Our aim is that all parents of children attending Ashford Park Primary School complete the form, whether their child receives free school meals or not, as this allows the school to maximise our funding.

Thank you for your support.

Year 4 trip to the Downland Open Air Museum



On the 8th December, to support our current topic 'Traders and Raiders,' we went on a school trip to the Weald Downland Open Air Museum. As we had to arrive at 8.15am sharp, we had to wake up very early! The mode of transport we went on was a coach. Some of the teachers went on a minibus. The journey was quite lengthy, kindly the driver let us watch movies on the coach. When we arrived we were split into four different groups.

Two of the groups for their first activity, did the 'Child's life through the ages.' The other two groups did 'Food,' they got to make bread! We did a session on clothes. Saihajleen and Ryan were models. We learnt that their underwear was actually like a dress. We also went into a house where there was a fire and someone read us a story. We learnt how to weave like Anglo-Saxons would have done back then. It was the end of our trip, we really enjoyed it. It was fun going into all of the Anglo-Saxon houses. We would like to say a big thank you to Miss Dell'Aquila and Miss Weckmann for organising this trip, also thank you to the staff of the museum.

By Saihajleen & Ryan Kingfisher class

On Thursday 8th December my year group went to the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, by coach. When we arrived most people were struggling to hold their excitement. We walked into a room, put our lunch on the table and split into groups. One person went through the rules with us. Our group went to an Anglo-Saxon house replica. A man called Nigel told us a story called Beowulf. My group really liked the story; we thought it was a thrilling and scary story. I asked a couple of questions about the houses. For our next activity we learned about what Anglo-Saxons would wear. The lady called Louise

showed us an Anglo-Saxon shoe and tunic. Then she gave us carders and a piece of wool and sorted us into pairs. I worked with Lily and she pressed the wool on my carder and started combing the wool off it. Unfortunately we didn't get to finish the activity but I didn't mind because my arms were aching. After that, a couple of children in my group called Lily and Aimen got to dress up as Anglo-Saxons then we had lunch.

Very soon after lunch we had an Anglo-Saxon cooking session for the afternoon and we made Anglo-Saxon bread! The first thing we did was sit on benches and we learnt the skills of four Anglo-Saxon people involved with cooking. Then we stood around a large table and washed our hands. After that we started cooking! We used flour, yeast, boiling hot water and salt. Once Bethany (who was teaching us) kneaded the bread we passed the bread to Adriane (who was looking after the open fire) and she cooked it. While the bread was cooking we went out and saw a Georgian house, an Anglo-Saxon garden, a Victorian school and sheep! By this time the bread was cooked and we got to eat it either plain, with butter or with jam. The bread was very nice. When we had finished eating it was time to come back to school. On the way back we watched a movie called The Croods.

Thank you all teachers who took us to the Weald and Downland Museum!

By Matilda and Aashif Heron class



National Karate Championships

On Sunday 27th November, I went to Willesden to compete in the National Karate Championships. I competed in three competitions. It was knockout stages from the start and every time I got to the finals I lost. I got three silvers in the end and my Karate Club was very proud of me.

By Luke Sutton

Well done Luke!

Waitrose Charity Event



We now have one of the charity event boxes in Waitrose to collect green tokens - this to help support with outdoor learning.

If you visit Waitrose, we would be grateful if you could nominate Ashford Park. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your diary January 2017

3rd Children return to school
4th EYFS tours for Sept 2017, 9.30am & 6.00pm
9th Bushcraft Information Evening at 5.00pm, in the hall

10th Reception RE Day
11th Swimming starts for Swift class
12th Year 5 RE Day
27th Year 6 Assembly to parents

February 2017

3rd Year 5 Assembly to parents
10th INSET Day
13th – 17th Half term.