



# Mary Magdalen's Mail



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## Our first half term



### European Day of Languages

Around school, everyone got to dress up in certain coloured clothes to celebrate European Day of Languages. Each class got a country, like The Netherlands, France and Germany. We all learnt some of their languages. As you walked around school, you could hear phrases such as, 'Bonjour!', 'Hola!' and 'Guten Tag.'

Some classes even got to try some food from their selected countries. Yum!

In Charles Stewart, they learned about Switzerland, and the last person to climb a mountain there, was 90 years old!

In Byron, they did a mini Olympics on the yard. These are just some of the exciting activities we did in school.

We can't wait for next year!



### Room on the Broom Visit

Key Stage 1 went to the fire station in Sunderland to see a theatre production of, 'Room on the Broom.' Everyone was extremely excited.

When the show started, everyone began to laugh because the actors gave everyone a shock. We all screamed.

The show was wonderful. It captured all of the best moments from one of our favourite Julia Donaldson's stories.

One of our favourite parts was when the frog came on the stage because the frog told us all about his life and it was funny.

We loved the show because it included people and puppets. At the end, everybody wanted the show to start again!



### Aspiration Day

On Aspiration Day, we had lots of visitors who came into school. They shared information about their jobs and careers. How interesting it was!

Everyone in the school dressed up and we talked about what we would like to do when we are older.

It was very useful to hear from all the different adults and to find out about their careers.

We talked about our aspirations and what we would like to achieve when we are older.

We learned a great response to the saying, 'I can't do it.' We should say, 'I can't do it yet!'

### Spooky Writing Day

Across the whole school, we had a fabulous time celebrating Halloween. In class, we all participated in activities including spooky writing. We loved sharing our work and ideas with our peers. Our favourite part of the day was the disco after school. We also loved the spooky themed lunch. We can't wait for next year, and hopefully we can help to decorate the school.



### Book Shop Visit

Earlier in this term, we had the opportunity to go into the hall and buy some amazing books. Everybody had a look at the books, and we were able to go into the hall after school to purchase a book with our grown-ups. We all enjoyed looking at the wide range of books and we have really enjoyed reading our new books. At the end of the day, a lucky child was picked to win a free book of their choice!

**Remember to read 5 times a week to receive a raffle ticket to get a chance to win a book each half term.**



### Mental Health Awareness Day

Every class discussed ways in which we can be happy and look after ourselves and each other. If you are feeling sad or lonely, you can share your worries with a grown-up. We thought of different ways we can relax and how we can make ourselves feel happy if we are sad or nervous. We loved the different activities that children took part in across the school especially the dream jars and worry dolls.

### Poetry Day

Each class had to learn to recite and perform a poem. In the afternoon, we shared our poems with other classes. It was a lot of fun standing up and performing our poems in front of other people.

### Anti-bullying week!

We would like children to wear odd socks on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November to recognise the beginning of Anti-bullying week. Over the course of this week, we will be discussing anti-bullying and how we can prevent bullying within our school. We are asking each child to design a hand template, to support this year's theme, 'Reach Out.' This will be completed in school and used to update our school display.



Thank you for reading Mary Magdalen's Mail. Remember to use the suggestion box in school or talk to your school counsellor if you have any ideas to help the school!