



We would like to say a huge thank you to all our pupils and families. It has been a difficult term, but everyone has worked incredibly hard and deserves a well earned rest. Enjoy reading about all the exciting events and activities. Take care and stay safe.



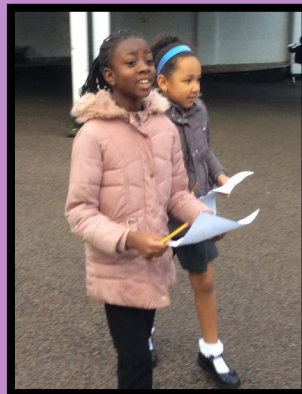
Frosty Friday



Frosty Friday was a fun-filled day for everyone! Even though this year was different from previous years, it didn't stop fun being had by all. There were a variety of activities throughout the day. A huge thank you to all who helped make the day very enjoyable for everyone.



Year 4 and 5 had fun recreating the Winter Olympic sport, Biathlon. They had to perform a range of exercises, before aiming at the target.



Year 3 and 4 enjoyed a frosty scavenger hunt. After finding all the wintery objects, the children received a chocolate coin and a candy cane.



The children were busting their dance moves during their frosty disco time! They thoroughly enjoyed the snow machine!



There were lots of arts and crafts for the children to complete in their classes.



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 had a visit from Father Christmas and they all received a gift.



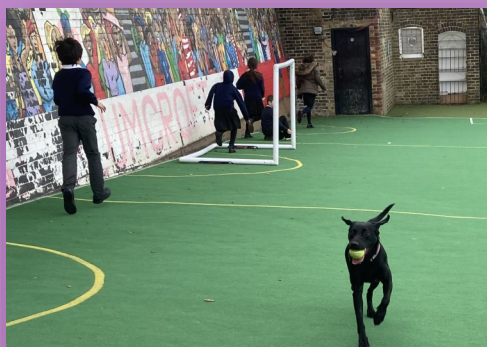
Year 6 had a great time playing Dodgeball.



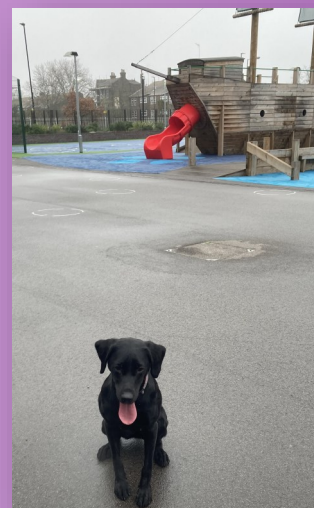
Inca enjoys spending time in the school office and going for daily walks.

Pup-date with Inca

Inca has been enjoying meeting and greeting children in the mornings. She loves hearing a cheerful 'good morning' with a smile and a wave.



She has also been busy taking part in the Daily Mile. Here is a picture of her joining in with 5J.



Inca enjoyed a trip down to Vincent Road. The children were fantastic at throwing her the ball.



Children in Need

Niamh, Erin and Cerys Clarke completed their 24 miles sunset stroll for Children in Need. They had planned to do it over 2 weeks, doing a couple of miles a night after school. However, they managed to do 3-4 miles a night so they finished in 7 days. What an amazing achievement! They walked with their parents around local places including Lesnes Abbey Woods, Shrewsbury Park and Winns Common. They have raised lots of money to help others. We are very proud of them.



Plumcroft also raised a record breaking **£711.35** for Children in Need. This is the most we have ever raised! Thank you to everyone for your kind donations.



1000 Origami Cranes

When some of our Plumcroft pupils (and ex-pupils) learned about Marcus Rashford's campaign to eliminate holiday hunger, they wanted to do something to help. So they challenged themselves to make 1000 origami cranes. According to Japanese legend, if you fold 1000 paper cranes, you are granted a wish. Their wish is that no child will go hungry this Christmas.

It was quite a challenge but the children remained motivated and determined all the way. Each crane took an average of 6-8 minutes to fold and words of encouragement (and doorstep gifts of chocolate!) from the group's organiser, Donna Coonan, who really helped keep their spirits up. The children reached their target and

made 1000 origami cranes and have raised a total of £420. Please support our children to smash their total of £500 for the food banks! Thank you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/1000paperpeacecranes>

The Vitality Big Half

On Sunday 25th April The Big Half Community Running Festival takes place. Plumcroft has purchased 25 tickets for **parents, carers and staff** to take part in the half marathon distance (13.1 miles) - The Vitality Big Half.

We are delighted to receive a reduced rate for tickets and to be able to pass them onto you for free. Please register your interest by sending a message to this email address:

activities@plumcroft.greenwich.sch.uk

You must include:

First name and last name

Email address

The cut-off date to register your interest will be Monday 11th January at 16.00. There will then be a random draw to select who has a ticket.

Please see The Big Half website for more information. <https://www.thebighalf.co.uk/index.html>



Printing Prize

Elizabeth in 5K won the print prize for Plumcroft! She didn't win overall, but the judges chose hers out of all of the Plumcroft entries and she was lucky enough to have her print framed. Well done to all the children and congratulations to Lizzie!



Odd Socks Day!

Plumcroft celebrated Odd Socks Day to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

It was part of Anti Bullying Week, as it helps to raise awareness of bullying.

The children and staff looked great wearing odd socks. Thank you to everyone for their kind donations.

Christmas baubles to the Greenwich and Bexley Hospice



Year 5 classes have found some time over the last couple of weeks to make some beautiful winter and festive baubles to send to the Greenwich and Bexley Community Hospice.

Hour of Code



December 7th - 11th was Computer Science Week around the world, so Plumcroft took part in 'Hour of Code' Week. The children have been having fun programming Lightbot, coding their own dance party, making stop animations and discussing how they use technology responsibly with their peers and teachers. There are lots of fun, computer science-related activities for pupils, parents and teachers to explore on the website. The idea is to get as many pupils, teachers and parents/carers to do one (or more) coding activity during the week and rest of December.

So the more pupils, parents and teachers that take part, the better. So what are you waiting for? Get Coding! You might receive a certificate.

<https://hourofcode.com/uk>

Planting Fruit Trees

Last week, Year 2 at Vincent Road and Year 3 at Plum Lane were lucky enough to plant fruit trees on the grassy area opposite the Nithdale entrance. The children dug holes and then cleared out the soil - there were lots of worms, which they got very excited about and tried to protect. Then the children put fungus in the hole and some water, before planting cherry, plum and apple trees. The children had lots of fun being outside and planting.



Year 4 Become Explorers

As part of their 'Explorers and Adventurers' topic, Year 4 visited Oxleas Woods. They had a great time walking in the mud and they built amazing shelters using only the resources they could find in the woods. They also created 'Journey Sticks' by attaching things they found on their adventurous walk to a stick, in order to tell the story of their journey. Back at school, they practised their map-reading skills with orienteering lessons in the playground.

Now Year 4 are fully qualified explorers!



Plumcroft Fashion Week for Year 2

As part of their 'Clothes Around The World' topic, Year 2 were visited by Lucy who is an African clothes designer. She showed them different African prints and how they were used to make clothes. The children had a chance to design their own African dress for Lucy's fashion show! They also tried their hand at designing, by making their own hair clips from African fabrics and patterns. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Maybe one day we might see their designs on the high street!



Mighty Milers' Inaugural Jingle Jog

On 10th December, Mighty Milers Year 6 Running Club set off on their inaugural Jingle Jog, complete with Santa hats and jingle bells! The route took them all the way down to the River Thames, drawing many an admiring glance along the way, where they were rewarded with a fountain light display at the Royal Arsenal Riverside. Another highlight was the Christmas tree and lights at No.1 Street, Riverside, where the runners posed for a quick photo opportunity, before making their way up the hill and back to school. The Milers have clocked up an impressive 33 miles so far this year – earning the children marathon certificates and t-shirts. In fact, the children are clocking up so many miles, that Mrs Burton, Miss Bell and Miss Henton have had to design a virtual run down to Viking Bay in Broadstairs – a total of 71.7 miles! They will certainly have earned an ice cream by the time they arrive! Good luck Milers.



Dinky the Dinosaur visits Plumcroft

This term Year 1 have been learning all about dinosaurs! They have been writing fictional stories based on 'Captain Flinn and the Pirate Dinosaurs', writing information pages using facts they have learnt and have even investigated 'real' dinosaur poo to determine what they might have eaten! One afternoon at Plum Lane, the children came across a real dinosaur in the playground! They had a great time charging about and roaring with Dinky the Dinosaur! Rawwwwwrrrrrrrrrrrr!



Year 6 CPR and First Aid Workshop

During the week beginning 9th November, Year 6 were lucky enough to experience a CPR and First Aid workshop; Emily from EMT First Aid came to Plumcroft to deliver the session. The children learned what constitutes an emergency and when to call an ambulance, as well as what information the ambulance service need to know about the emergency. They then learned how to carry out a primary survey on the casualty and ascertain whether to administer CPR or place them in the recovery position, before carrying out a secondary survey. The workshop was fun, practical and informative, at the end of which the children all received a certificate acknowledging their completion of the course. It was agreed that having this knowledge is a vital part of being a good citizen and the children recognised the importance of having this life skill.



Year 3 Come Dancing!

This term, Year 3 have been extremely lucky as they have been taking part in dance lessons with Harriet. They have shown enthusiasm, energy and fantastic coordination - and that's just the teachers! The children have been pretty good too. We have spoken to the judges and Craig, Shirley and Motsi have given the children three 10's. Next term it will be Year 4's turn and we know they are really looking forward to it.

Keeeeeeep dancing!

Reception

This half term the Reception children have been learning about many of the countries and cultures around the world. Each week they have studied a different continent and completed activities based around the varieties of food, traditional dress styles and ways of life. During our African week, the children enjoyed looking at some masks and working in small groups to make their own papier-mâché masks. The children also wrote some facts about animals after exploring some non-fiction texts.





Goodbye to Emma who is leaving Plumcroft. We wish her every success in her new role.

Congratulations to Roxanne, on the birth of her little girl, Georgia. We wish her all the best for her journey through parenthood.



Jolly Bolly Christmas!

Have a listen to this medley by Bollywood Brass Band. Can you spot one of our music teachers, Kay Charlton?

<https://youtu.be/a5JEFpP-ApQ>



Congratulations to Year 6 for completing this year's virtual Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon.



School Photos

School photos will take place in 2021.
Individual and siblings: 20th and 21st May
Class photos: 14th June

Term dates for the next academic year (2020/21):

Spring Term – Monday 4th January 2021 until Wednesday 31st March 2021

INSET Day – Monday 4th January – Children return to school on Tuesday 5th January

Half Term – Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February

Please Note: Children finish school at 1.30pm on Wednesday 31st March

Summer Term – Monday 19th April 2021 until Friday 23rd July 2021

Half Term – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June

INSET Day – Monday 19th April – Children return to school on Tuesday 20th April

Please Note: Children finish school and break up at 1.30pm on Friday 23rd July.

We hope you have a lovely winter break. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th January 2021. Stay safe and have fun!

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