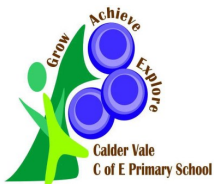


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A message from Mrs. Scholz


We were very pleased to welcome out new Chair of Governors, Mrs. McIntyre, to our school this week. Not only is she our Chair, she is also a Community Composting Co-ordinator and she came and spent the afternoon with Willow Class, teaching them all about why compost is so important. It was lovely to get to know her a little better and we hope to see her again soon!

Bluebell Class are all dressed in red, white and blue today as part of their study of the countries of the United Kingdom. They can't wait to try their scones with jam and cream later on today!



News from our Classes

 **Bluebell Class** This week Bluebell have continued their Gruffalo work - building and describing forests and the characters. We have been really good at using adjectives in our discussions and KS1 have done some fantastic descriptive writing. In maths EYFS have been practising their counting and adding or subtracting 1 to numbers within 10. We explored this in lots of different ways in our classroom. KS1 have been exploring different shapes and we have learnt the shape quadrilateral! Our Geography topic has moved on from the local area to the 4 countries and capital cities The United Kingdom and the surrounding seas. We have explored and labelled different maps, looked at the different key buildings and landmarks of the UK, found out about traditional foods and games as well as exploring the different flags for each country. We ended the week with some English scones, some Scottish games, some Irish dancing and creating some Welsh daffodil artwork.

 **Willow Class** This week in Science Diana McIntyre (the Chair of Governors) joined us for our Science lesson—we are currently learning about the topic Rocks. Diana very kindly volunteered to talk to the children about the food chain of compost. The children learnt about microorganism, food webs, fungus and compost, they loved using he digital microscopes. The children have been practising their French conversation skills, they have been greeting one another, asking each others name and how they are. Also, the children in RE can name and describe the five pillars of Islam and yesterday they learnt about Ramadan and Eid.

Lead Learners



Bluebell Class – Elsie for her resilience and independence in her learning every single day. It is lovely to see you becoming a much more confident learner.



Willow Class— Rai for being an all round superstar!

