



Birds of Prey

The children of the Infant House were captivated by Birds of Prey this week when Huxley's Birds of Prey Centre came to visit. They saw a variety of birds, including owls, falcons and even a vulture. They learnt lots of interesting facts like, owls' eyes are different colours, depending on whether they are nocturnal or diurnal and a bird of prey is a bird of prey because it uses its talons and claws to catch its prey, rather than its beak.

Everyone was thrilled when a falcon swooped over their heads to collect a meaty treat from Debbie and Emily, and the children all had the opportunity to get up close and personal with a large Eagle Owl, when they gently stroked its feathers.

All the children were wonderful representatives of Annan as they sat and listened to the experts with such enthusiasm, they asked thoughtful and relevant questions and shared their own knowledge of these majestic birds. Huxley's could not believe some of the facts the children had, from Maya K-J's knowledge of why owls need to fly without a sound to Gus' description of where Chile was located in the world, this visit was a real inspiration towards our 'Up, Up and Away' topic.



Archery

Willow class have been making their own bows and arrows for archery sessions in the woods. They used their whittling skills to make arrows and then set up an archery range to practise.





Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child's soul. Friedrich Froebel



Air Pressure Science

Oak Tree class used balloons and bottles of water to investigate air pressure in their science lessons.



Music in Elders

Elder class have been working on a song called 'Kites' in their music lessons with Mark Broad.

They have been using the bass guitar, keyboard, glockenspiel and xylophone. Children were given different parts to work on such as the bass, the rhythm and the melody.

Student in Kindergarten

We are pleased to welcome a student in kindergarten. Her name is Louise and she is studying for an MA in Early Childhood Studies with Early Years Teacher Status at University of Sussex. She will be working in kindergarten every morning for most of this year.



Mindfulness

Chryso has been running weekly sessions of mindfulness for Willow class in the hall. This week was all about building resilience.

Timetable for next week:

Monday: Tarka dahl, rice, onion bhajis & chutney

Tuesday: Macaroni cheese & veggies

Friday: School breaks up for Half Term

Dates for your diary:

Half Term: Monday 26th to Friday 30th October

Last day of Autumn Term: Thursday 10th December

First day of Spring Term: Tuesday 5th January

Spring Half Term: 15th to 19th February