



National Poetry Day

To celebrate National Poetry Day 2022, many children took on the challenge to participate in the environment-themed poetry competition. We were extremely impressed with the effort everyone put into writing their poem, reading a real range of poetry - some poems used rhyme whilst others were acrostic poems. The incredible use of high-level vocabulary amazed us and made the final decision on the winning entries was a real challenge. Well done to all the children who took the time and effort to think carefully about our environment and write their poems and congratulations especially to our winners, Isla and Daisy (Infants) and Amy, Annabel and Esme (Juniors). Be sure to have a read of their entries below!

Environment by Daisy Guy

E is for environment.
Nature is amazing.
Vegetables growing in gardens.
I love the environment.
Recycle and reuse.
Outside is exciting.
Need to keep our environment clean and tidy.
Must put rubbish in the bin.
Everybody should care about the environment.
Never ever damage our environment.
Trees are very strong.

Redemption by Annabel Dully and Esme Harris

Life.
Tender green sheets rupture into reality,
Miniature suns frolic serenely,
Delicate fronds riddled with fragile leaves,
A gleaming expanse laps lazily on shores peppered with pebbles,
Unscathed fish thrive in a labyrinth of iridescent coral,
All is well,
All is tranquil.

Mankind.
Abandoned trees,
Paralysed.
Miniature moons, drained of colour,
Ghosts of grass, wilted and dying.

Ice locked in endless war,
Dolphins singing their mournful songs,
Birds cry,
The world is changing.

Destruction.
Roots betraying tortured trees,
A silent scream that no one hears,

The stench of decaying animals lingers,
The North Pole is no more.
Plastic choking our innocent waters,
Pollution smothering long-lost stars,
A sea of green,
Diminished,
A month of oil,
Demolition reigns over our collapsing world.
We are the cause of this.

Redemption.
Sowing our future,
Regaining lost hope,
Day by day, hour by hour.
All is not lost.
Coral renewed, amongst the dead,
Wooden giants, reborn from the ashes,
Survivors rely on rebirth,
Our sins are not forgotten,
Our mistakes teach us,
Earth is Earth,
Once again.

Penguin by Isla Barnsley

On the other side of Earth are penguins having fun.
They play in the snow all day, and sit in the sun.
A penguin mummy had an egg,
She loved it more than ever!
And when it hatched, out came their little penguin, and fell
in the water through a crack.
But because of all of the plastic, he couldn't swim back.
So please remember to recycle plastic

2032 by Amy Shannon

The world is shaking and its heart is breaking,
But no one seems to care,
There's pollution everywhere.

The skies were blue, where the birds once flew,
If our world was greener, the air would be cleaner,
There is still so much to do.

Too much plastic pollution is killing evolution,
Drastic measures have been ignored,
Our Earth just needs to be adored.

Cars are still speeding,
Whilst the world is bleeding,
Ice is melting, no one is helping.

Our hearts have turned to stone,
No forests left to roam,
We will be alone.

Black History Week

Last week was Black History Week at Kingham Primary School. We think it is important to celebrate all the incredible black icons throughout history that have helped shape the diverse country we have today. Throughout history, people of colour have been underrepresented, based entirely on the colour of their skin.

Our week began with an assembly where Miss Jenkinson talked about the history of the dominating British Empire, colonialization and slavery. Miss Jenkinson helped us to appreciate that knowing about the history and culture of all people (not just *white* people) is important for helping us to understand the world around us.

We also had a Poetry Day assembly where Miss Jenkinson read 'The British' by Benjamin Zephaniah, a poem about diversity in this country.

During the week all classes learnt about different black historical figures such as Walter Tull, Maya Angelou, Nelson Mandela, Mary Seacole, Rosa Parks and Mae Jemison.

Our class learnt about outstanding figures and sports people like the brilliant boxer, Muhammed Ali and Jackie Robinson, the baseball player. We also learnt about Jesse Owens who stood up to Hitler, winning 4 gold medals in the 1936 Olympic games, and Althea Gibson, the first black woman to win a tennis grand slam trophy.

Looking at these inspiring role models has been a great way to learn about the discrimination that many people of colour experienced, and how they overcame this adversity.

By Connolly, Year 6



Value of the Month: Responsibility

Responsibility is:
being fair,
doing my share of the work,
taking care of myself, others and the planet.

Half-Term Cricket Sessions

Oxfordshire cricket are running half-term, indoor cricket sessions for children aged 5 to 11 years. These take place at the following venues:

Tues 25th Oct: The Oxford Academy OX4 6JZ

Weds 26th Oct: Charlbury Leisure Centre OX7 3PQ

Thurs 27th Oct: St Helen's & St Katherine's School OX14 1BE

The cost is just £12 per player for a 2-hour session

Participant numbers in each session will be limited and will be booked on a first come first served basis.

Please [click on this link for further information](#) and to sign up.

Author Visit to Kingham

On Friday 7th October, children in Years 1-4 were lucky enough to meet the author and illustrator Hannah Shaw. Students took part in a draw-along, learning how to draw one of her main characters, Unipiggle, as well as hearing stories, an opportunity to ask questions



and even see some magic tricks! Following the exciting assembly, children in Years 1 and 2 participated in a workshop where they were inspired to create their own imaginative land, just like Hannah Shaw's 'Twinkletown.'

Diary Dates

Weds 19 Oct	U11 Hockey at CNS (3pm)
Thurs 20 Oct	Junior Halloween Disco 5pm
Fri 21 Oct	Y4 at Chedworth Villa
Fri 21 Oct	Last day of half term
Mon 31 Oct	INSET Day – school closed
Tues 1 Nov	First day back
Fri 4 Nov	Flu Vaccinations
Weds 9 Nov	Year 3 Hill End Trip
Weds 9 Nov	Parents Evening
Thurs 10 Nov	Parents Evening
Fri 11 Nov	Reception Class Assembly (9:05)
Mon 14 Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Mon 14 Nov	KPSA Meeting 3:15pm
Fri 18 Nov	Children in Need
Tues 22 Nov	Y2 trip to Sea Life Centre
Fri 25 Nov	Year 5 Class Assembly (9:05)
Sun 27 Nov	KPSA Christmas Fete (11am-4pm)
Fri 9 th Dec	Year 6 Class Assembly (9:05)
Tues 20 Dec	Last day of Autumn Term
Mon 3 Jan	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tues 4 Jan	INSET Day – school closed
Weds 5 Jan	First Day of Spring Term