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Hello and welcome to our **Enrichment & Drama**

Curriculum Newsletter. We are delighted to be able to illustrate some of the activities which have gone on this year to bring learning to life and extend and enrich the learning experiences of our children.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. If you have any questions, do feel free to get in touch.

Mr Weatherup & Miss Hall

Enriching children's lives and learning at Raddlebarn

Children learn in many different ways and the saying: 'variety is the spice of life' is a very apt one for a school community. As a staff team, we are committed to providing your children at Raddlebarn with a vibrant and stimulating curriculum, delivered through a range of activities which are both engaging and fun. Furthermore, we recognise that learning does not just take place in the classroom and so we also aspire to provide all our children with opportunities to extend their formal learning through additional events and opportunities. These typically include: special events; visitors; off-curriculum days; educational visits; residential experiences, clubs and family events, all of which contribute to a purpose to enrich children's lives. Through the development of links within our local, national and global communities, we also seek to challenge our students to not just live in the world, but to own it and leave it in a better shape than that in which they find it.

At Raddlebarn we are convinced that enrichment experiences enhance interest, enthusiasm and boost achievement for all; these are planned to be closely linked to our topic-themed curriculum. Additionally, the school promotes and actively encourages participation in a variety of extra-curricular activities in sports, music and the arts, to support pupils in developing new interests and to foster their skills and confidence in existing ones.

What's been going on?

This year's enrichment activities have included:

- Bedtime stories / Stories around the camp fire
- Bikeability training (Year 6)
- charity fundraising days
- Commando Joe's (character education / teambuilding)
- drama workshops through links with local theatres (Birmingham Rep. and Birmingham Hippodrome)
- International Evening
- Junior Bake-off
- leadership opportunities: School Council, Eco-Council, Junior PCSOs, House Captains, Y3 Playleaders
- Money Matters
- orchestral concerts
- participation in activities of the local School Games network
- peripatetic music tuition

What's been going on? (continued)

- reading club
- residential trip (Year 5)
- Swimming (Years 4 & 6)
- visiting professional sports coaches & involvement with local sports clubs
- visits from/to local secondary schools

These opportunities also help us to present our children with positive role models from the local community and wider locality, with all the benefits these meetings bring.

Our playgrounds have also been transformed through the OPAL project, into a variety of creative and active zones to enrich 'learning through play'.

What next?

We continue to offer a range of clubs to our pupils, covering both sports and the arts. You can find details of our current offer here:

<https://www.raddlebarn.co.uk/home/parents-area/clubs/>

And if you are looking for a sports club out-of-school, we have recommendations from our pupils for these too:

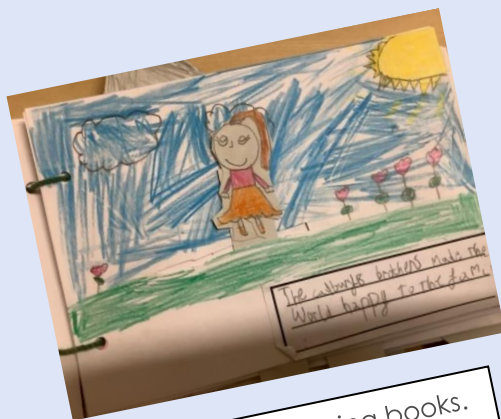
<https://tinyurl.com/ysuvbbpr>

But maybe you have a skill or an interest which you would like to share? Please speak to your child's teacher if you do.

Tag-rugby



Raddlebarn in Bloom!



Design Technology: moving books.

Stories round the camp fire



Character education
/teamwork



Poetry 'SLAM' workshop

Our Arts offer at Raddlebarn with a focus on Drama

Drama is now firmly rooted within the National curriculum as one of the twelve strands for English. It helps children think about the 'who, why, where, and when' elements of stories, events and everyday experiences. Drama helps children develop a creative perspective on life, gives them freedom of expression interwoven with development of spoken language.

What does this look like at Raddlebarn?

We have continued to develop our close working links with REP and Hippodrome through weekly led sessions with an artist based around topic focuses. This has allowed for every child in the school to now be part of a project and attending theatre performances. Several projects that have happened this year include 'Poetry by Heart', 'Charlie and the chocolate factory', the drama festival with a focus on Shakespeare and 'the Wizard of Oz.' We are also incredibly pleased to announce that Raddlebarn won an award for our work with Stans Café through the 'Precious Emily' project.

Into the future

We will continue to offer new opportunities next year and will be working with new artists to continue to bring the Arts into Raddlebarn. The Arts ambassadors will be working closely with Miss Hall to celebrate our successes and look towards future experiences. We will also be organising and booking the Christmas performances ready for the end of 2024. We cannot wait!

