

**Tutor groups
Community Links
2023 – 2024**

2H and Ashchurch View Care Home

Over the course of this Academic year, 2H have been connecting and working with a local Care home called, Ashchurch View. Ashchurch View provides high quality 24-hour residential and nursing care for older people, including individuals living with dementia in their bespoke Memory Lane Community.

2H wanted to share their love and passion for music and singing with the residents. So, with every visit the pupils select a few nursery rhymes which the child practice so that they are ready to perform. Music and singing can unlock memories and take residents back to happy times and the children support them in this with their beautiful singing.

Bringing smiles to faces, seeing residents moving to the music or simply sitting back with rested eyes to listen. Not all residents are able to attend, but we have been told that the children's voices can be heard travelling through the corridors filling them with song.

Caring for ourselves and others makes our movement stronger.



With every visit the children's love for spending time with the residents has flourished, with them asking "When are we going to the care home again?" This is the same not just for the residents and staff but also the families who come to visit their loved ones and are amazed not only at the behaviour of our pupils but just how kind and caring the pupils are with their family member.



2P community link with Dean close school.



Children from The Carer UK website, shared by Ashchurch View, Alderman Knight School, Tewkesbury have struck up a community link with the children from Alderman Knight School. The children have agreed to spend time with the residents as well as singing for them this Christmas.



Here are some of the skills that 2H have developed on from our community link,

- ❖ Communication and Interaction Skills.
- ❖ Taking time to listen.
- ❖ How to show care and compassion for others.
- ❖ Respect for elderly people.
- ❖ How to be patient with others.
- ❖ Sharing a passion for singing and reading.

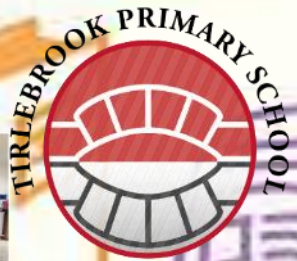


Signing and Reading Together Tirlebrook 11th March 2024

Signing together 2S Dean Close school 17th June 2024



Boccia and Reading session at Marina Court 18th January 2024





"I love Alpacas"



"I can't wait to help again"



"The best ever"



"I want to come back here forever"



"We work as a team"



"I know how to care for Alpacas"



"I want to work with animals when I am older"



"Being at Simply Alpaca makes me feel calm and happy"



7B participated in the RSPB big bird watch and were dismayed at the lack of wildlife they were able to see in the school grounds. They talked about things they could do to improve this and it was decided to support and help the nature.

We have made bird feeders that they placed outside in the spiritual garden (so they could see them from the tutor room!).

We have been very engaged and excited about supporting wildlife in school. They have been coming up with plans for different things they can try to encourage wildlife.



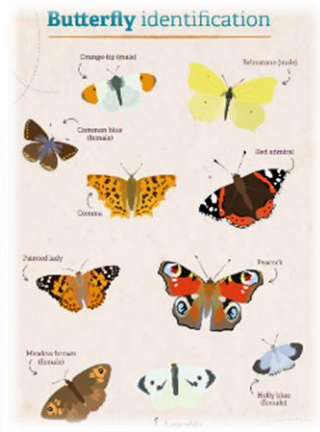
7C Community Project 2024 – Vale Wildlife Hospital 40th Anniversary



What have we done:

1. Researched the work of VWH & how to help wildlife ourselves.
2. Emailed VWH to find out what donations would help them.
3. Created butterfly boxes working as small teams to attract butterflies to the school site
4. Created wildlife designs for cupcakes
5. Made and iced cupcakes, working as pairs and teams
6. Designed and made a [promotional video](#) for our cupcake sale and to highlight the work of VWH (*Also made a VERY funny blooper reel from the outtakes!*)
7. Organised and run a successful and unusual cake sale
8. Counted the money and donations using maths skills
9. Raised £80.52 and collected lots of donations of cat/dog food, kitchen rolls and stamps
10. Had lots of fun and bonded as a tutor group!

Butterfly boxes



Promotional video



7C Cake Sale

21st June 2024



The Cake Sale



Cake Baking and decorating



Sorting and counting donations





7S PSD Community project

Maintaining the school grounds

This year the group have begun to learn about how different plants grow and have been able to research, create, plant and maintain a new flower bed.

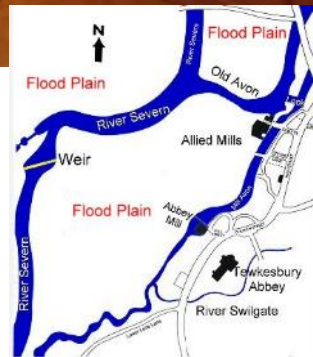
Next year we would like to grow more with the support of Tewkesbury in Bloom and sell our flowers to raise money for charity!

7W

7W have been visiting Tewkesbury museum and town hall. We have helped the curator, Jo, to sort through old photographs of the rivers in Tewkesbury, making notes and cataloguing them. We had a field trip to Healings Mill and drew pictures of the mill and bridge to put in our very own exhibit in the refurbished museum.



We were shown around the town hall and council chamber where we learnt about the work of the council. We even peered into the old jail cells.



Jo showed us the room where we are curating our own exhibit in the newly repaired museum. We hope to finish in September when the museum opens to the public.





8G's Sweet Stall: 10.07.24
Supporting Tewkesbury Food Bank
Sweets donated by 8G Pupils/Parents & Staff
Money Raised: £52.08

Sweet Tombola – Pick-a-stick – How Many Sweets?
Candy Word search – Sweet Pong – Three Cup Challenge

8G walked to Morrison's on Friday 12th July with the money they raised through their sweet stall, to purchase non-perishable goods, which they donated to Tewkesbury Food Bank. Well done 8G!

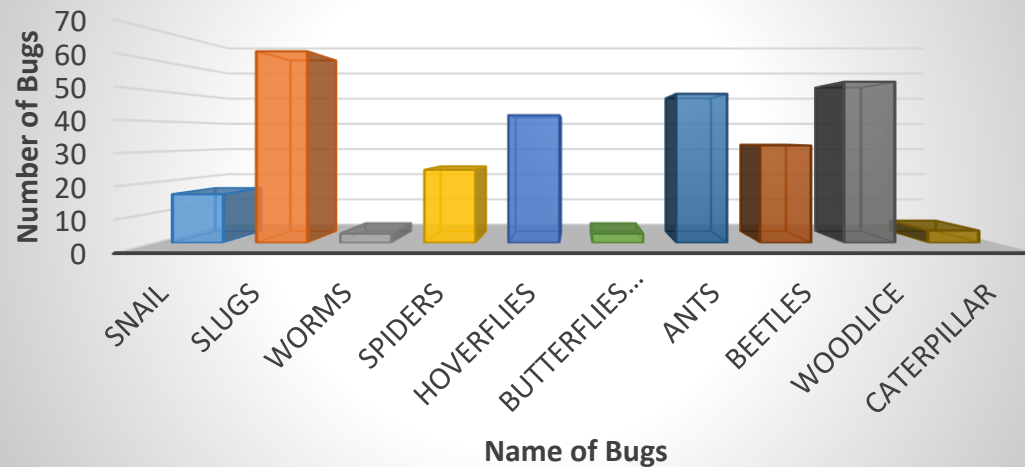


earthwatch education

As part of our Community Project we took part in the Earthwatch Education Programme. This allowed 8N to explore the natural environment near to where they live and also in school.

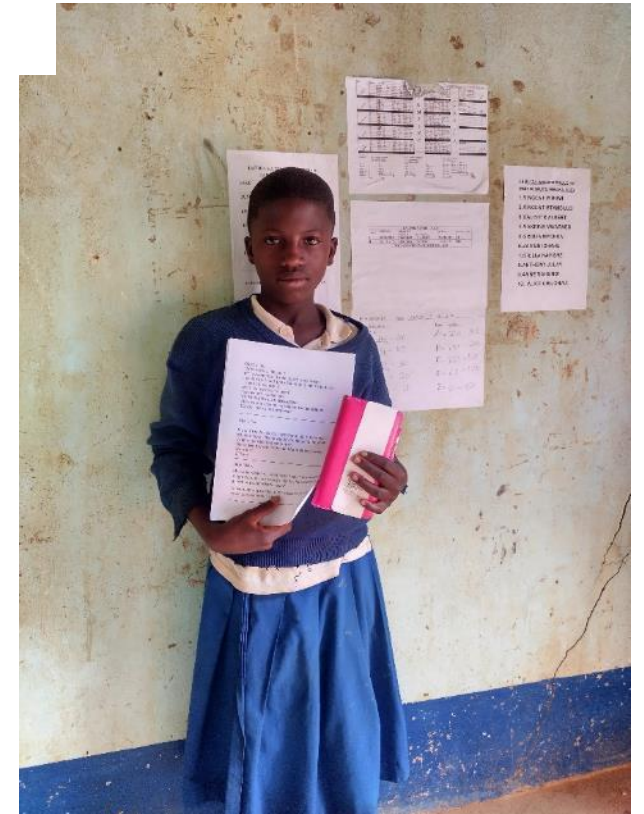
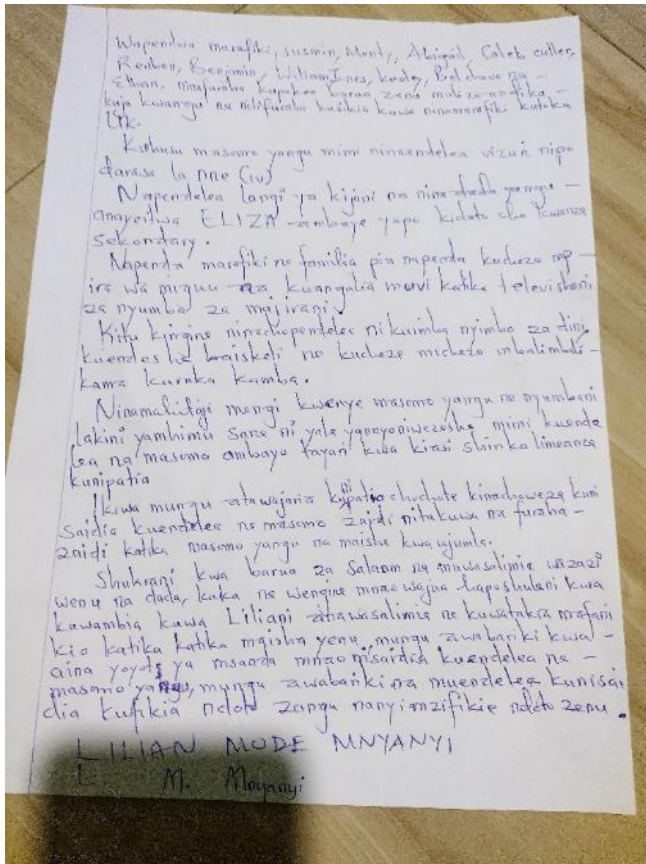
We did a survey on the bugs that we could find both in school and near our homes. We created a birdwatching area, with feeders and some nesting boxes. We visited Forest School!

8N Survey of Bugs 2024



Letters to Lillian

8N also made friends with a young lady from Tanzania and sent and received letters from her. She described what she likes to do in her spare time and what she enjoys at school



8S and 9S community fundraiser

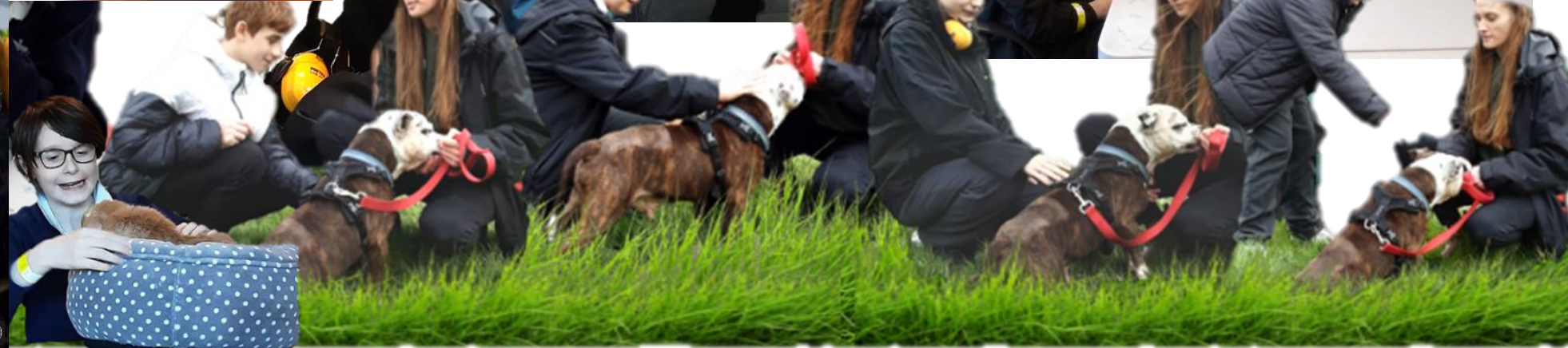
Aim :

To learn more about animal charities.

Step 1: The groups participated in a zoom call with the Blue Cross Animal Charity. They learned about what the charity does and the different needs of animals. Pupils were engaged and eager to ask and answer questions.

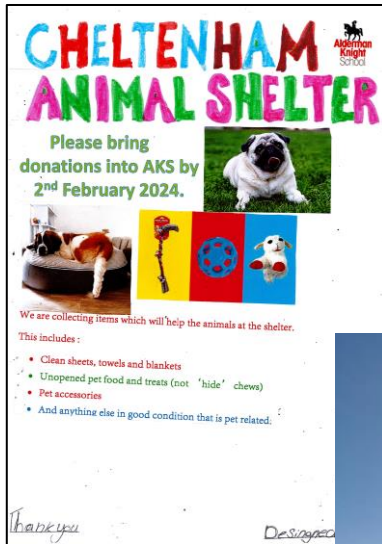
We visited the Cheltenham Animal Shelter.

We learned about the work that they do, made some animal enrichment toys and stroked the rabbits.



The pupils decided to do a collection for the animal shelter. They planned the activity, made posters and collected donations.

The groups then collected all the donations, organised them into categories. These were then delivered to the animal shelter during the second visit



Year 9

Throughout this year we have been working hard on supporting a local Charity, as a tutor we decided on Gloucestershire NightStop.

"Gloucestershire Nightstop is a charity offering emergency accommodation, for 16-25 year olds, in people's homes; the hosts are local people in Gloucestershire who invite you to stay a night with them."

9I made and created 23 shoe boxes, wrapped in Christmas paper and full of donations such as gloves/hats/scarves, handwarmers, food, drink sachets, Christmas gifts, Christmas cards, toiletries and many other things! As well as the boxes 9I took over towels/blankets and clothing.





9L Community visit to Tirlebrook Primary School to teach and play the board game 'Labyrinth'.

'Thank you for the lovely card that you and your pupils sent through to us following your visit. This was very much appreciated not only by the staff but especially by the Y6 children. They really did have a great time playing Labyrinth with your pupils and it was such a positive experience for them!'



Simon Lockley
Head teacher



10M's Community Involvement Projects



More recently, we have linked with Tirlbrook Primary School's Reception class and have been to visit them to play parachute games together. We have lots of ideas for activities we can do when we visit them next year and are looking forward to being able to learn all of their names!



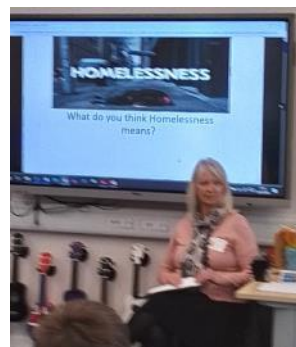
We have linked with two orphaned girls in Tanzania - Eliza and Selina. We have sent letters, pictures and small gifts to them. In December we had a sponsored scoot to raise money to help towards their uniform costs for their new school year in January.

10L & 10A

Visit from Lorraine

We started our connection with the charity Emmaus by having a visit from Lorraine who is one of the managers at the charity.

Lorraine came and spoke to 10L and 10A about the work they do in the shop, distributing items such as sleeping bags, toiletries, food, gift vouchers etc.

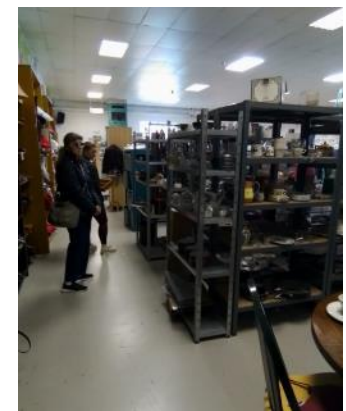


Lorraine then spoke about the accommodation they provide to the homeless and the process they follow to make sure they get the right people in homes so that it becomes a safe environment. Everyone asked lots of questions and asked how we could support them.

Collection Donations

We made a poster asking for donations of toiletries, gift vouchers for Greggs, sleeping bags, Hats & Scarves. This was sent out through Weduc so we could ask the wider school community for their support too.

We gathered donations for a number of weeks and we had lots of items collected ready to take with us on our visit to Emmaus.



Our Visit to Emmaus

We went to Gloucester to visit the shop. We got to look around the shop and warehouse and speak to many staff.



We then went to one of the homes that Emmaus provide for the homeless. They showed us one of the bedrooms and the facilities they provide for them. This includes courses, such as learning to drive, learning a trade and counselling, The charity have a weekly food shop delivered and they all help to cook.

In return for this many of the people living there will work in the shop and help out. A previous homeless tenant spoke to us about his journey and how much Emmaus have helped him get his life back on track.



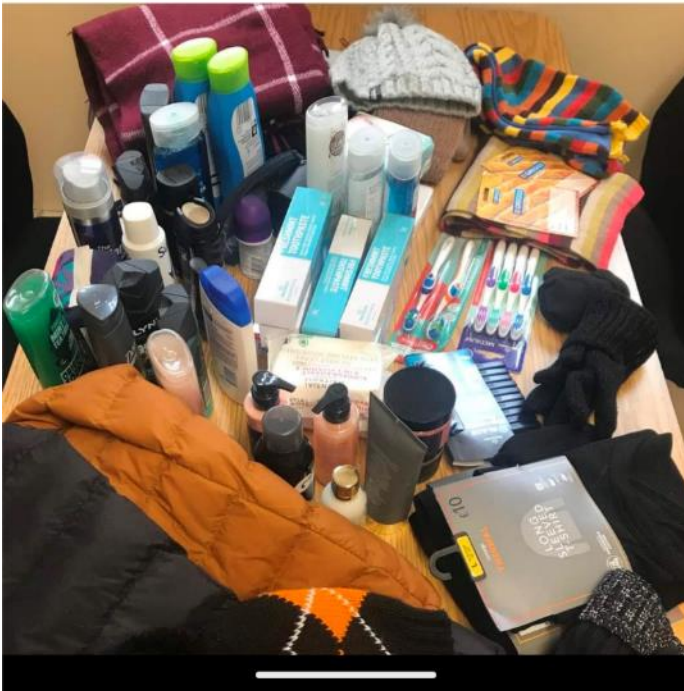
Emmaus Gloucestershire

14 Mar · 🌐

We are so grateful to the students from Alderman Knight School in Tewkesbury who recently adopted the topic homelessness as their project.

The school invited our Operations Manager to give a presentation in January and today the students visited our Superstore in Gloucester and our accommodation building so they could experience first hand what we do here at Emmaus Gloucestershire.

We were delighted to accommodate the visit and the students kindly donated all the essentials items pictured here for our homeless outreach provision! Thank you 🍷



When we went to visit Emmaus we took our donations to the shop and they were very grateful and posted a thank you on their social media page

The pupils really enjoyed this project and we all developed a deeper understanding of the factors that anyone can experience that can cause homelessness.



Britain In Bloom (SIP)

12E

We have taken part in an outdoor gardening sessions that included weeding and preparing flower beds. We have also completed some litter picking to help make areas of Tewkesbury a little bit tidier.

We have also hosted the volunteers in school and planted a selection of bulbs in our garden area ready to hand back to volunteers once they have bloomed to raise money for charity via selling the plants at the Tewkesbury Big Weekend festival.

The students have developed social skills by interacting with the 3 volunteers that are on the local committee. Volunteers have commented on how helpful and friendly the students have been. They have also developed practical skills like using garden tools and what potential work experience may be like in the future.

