

WEEKLY EVENTS

'Coworth-Flexlands School Buys 2 'ShelterBoxes' for Haiti'

On Monday 8 March the Head of Fundraising for ShelterBox, Miss Becky Maynard, visited the children of Coworth-Flexlands School to show them what their hard earned money had helped buy the people of earthquake struck Haiti. ShelterBox is a registered charity established to provide people affected by disaster with a 'Box' of essential items to use while they are displaced or homeless.

Miss Maynard spent an hour with the entire school showing them the contents of their life saving Boxes. In addition to a 10 person all weather tent, the Box contained a stove, pots and pans, blankets, waterproof sheeting, malaria nets, water purification systems and tools to help families rebuild their lost homes. There was also basic school equipment to help build some familiar and important routine back into the lives of any children affected. All of the children had a chance to go into the tent and see the contents of the Box close up.

Our girls and boys were particularly interested in how the Boxes reach disaster stricken countries recognising that transportation systems are often no longer working. They were expecting helicopters and boats to be mentioned but there were a few surprised faces when Becky mentioned donkeys and camels!

The children raised over £900 through various activities at the school including a mufti day just after the earthquake struck. This enabled the purchase of two Boxes which are already in Haiti being used by two families. Unique numbers on each box allowed us to track them all the way to their final destination.

The children were excited to see how the money they have raised is being used. Thank you to Mrs Jill Maynard, Aunt to Becky, for helping to arrange this visit. Becky was an inspiration to us all!



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Butser Ancient Farm

Yesterday, Year 3 spent the day at Butser Ancient Farm in Hampshire.

The Farm is a permanent working ancient farm and has been open to the public since 1974. Ongoing research at the site is directly focused on finding out more about the agriculture and domestic life of the Celtic Iron Age. It is also the only location in Western Europe with prehistoric livestock, cereals and other plants on show alongside buildings and architecture from a number of different periods - including the Iron Age.

After an initial safety talk, we were taken to a Celtic house and were able to sit round a central fire to learn all about the Celtic culture. Then we made jewelry from wire, carved 'house gods' onto chalk, spent 20 minutes as archaeologists and looked at the ancient breeds of sheep, chickens, goats and pigs. Lunch was back in the relative warmth of the Celtic house.

The trip complemented the work the girls are currently doing in history (invaders and settlers) .

A big thank you to the staff who accompanied me on the trip and to the girls who behaved beautifully. This trip is a wonderful outing because it gives the girls first hand experience of how people lived hundreds of years ago.

Mrs Needle
Head of Prep

