

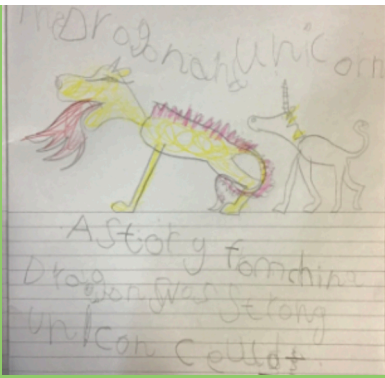


What the children have been working on:

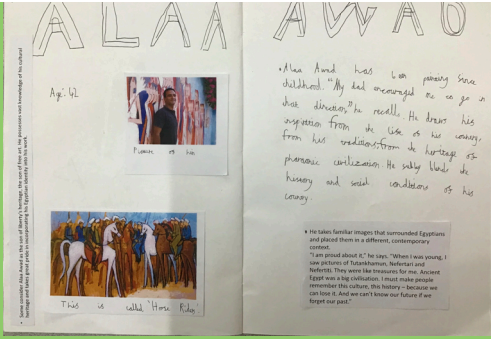
Mulberry have been learning about festivals and celebrations. They will start finding out about Diwali and have also made these clever firework models.



In KS1, William wrote this excellent story about dragons and unicorns...look at all that fire!



LKS2 have started a new art topic. They are learning about the work of a modern Egyptian artist, to contrast with their History topic about Ancient Egypt. This is Senan's research:



Just before half term, Paul Guille from the Guardian's Newswise organisation came to deliver some lessons to Year 3 and 4. He talked about sources of information and how newspapers write their articles. He commented on how responsive and engaged the children at our school were and how polite too - well done Year 3 and 4!

UKS2 are now finishing their current art projects, inspired by the artist Peter Thorpe. They have worked on creating backgrounds, mid and foregrounds and have now assembled them to create the final piece:



Parking in Myneer Park

Last week, we had a lot of concerned families telling us there were near misses and potential accidents on the day of the heavy rain. Although we appreciate the terrible weather meant more people drove to school, there was absolute gridlock on occasions from people parking in the prohibited area directly in front of the entrance. Please be mindful, that our pupils' safety is our priority at all times and that Essex Parking Enforcement Officers frequently conduct spot checks.

Thank you for supporting our annual Fireworks Display!

Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered and attended the fireworks display. It was a fantastic evening and it simply could not have happened without a huge number of people involved.

There is a lot that goes on behind the scenes for events like these: the planning of the day; our firers are specially trained volunteers who put on a tremendous display; all the people who set up; and then all the teachers and parents who volunteered on the bar, gate, selling tuck and on the BBQ to make the whole event possible.

We also had support from the wider community, with Vital Workplace Training providing first aid, Heritage Estate Agents supplying us with advertising, Adam at Coggeshall Catering serving up delicious food and Normans selling the tickets.

We're pleased to announce that the event has raised around £7,500, which will all go to support the important work of the school. We will publish the final funds raised later this week.

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it is a much needed boost to our funds after the expensive previous year of paying for books under the new phonics scheme and new playground equipment. The money will go a long way to support the teachers and provide so many opportunities for the children.



FOSP update

With Fireworks now over, we can focus on other events!

The first is the school disco. This is on Friday 17th November from 5-6pm for the infants and 6.15-7.15pm for the juniors. We are still hoping for more volunteers so if you can spare some time, please sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/3X8K8>

Non-uniform day is December 1st where the children bring a chocolate donation rather than money.

The FOSP Chocolate Tombola Stall will be at Coggeshall Christmas on December 2nd; we will shortly be seeking volunteers to do one hour shifts. It is a longer market this year (12-6pm), but we will be there as long as we have chocolate! We often sell out within the first couple of hours.

The Christmas Fayre is after school on Thursday December 7th and again, this needs volunteers to set up and sell tuck and drinks. Please keep an eye out for requests for help.

We struggled quite a bit with finding supporters to help with the actual fireworks event but luckily had a flurry of last minute volunteers, so we are hoping that doesn't happen again as it can get very stressful for us and the school!

Finally, don't forget that you can raise money for us through easyfundraising - from regular food shops to online shopping for Christmas presents, we get donations that don't cost you a thing! You can find out more on our website about how to set it up: <https://fospschool.co.uk/easy-fundraising/>

School Council Blog

Yesterday in our meeting we chose our chair person for this term and it is going to be Seth. He will help run the meetings and have other jobs to do around school which include: meeting visitors, talking about our school projects and representing us.

Written by Cleo

School dates

November	
8th - 2.45pm	Dr Gardner class assembly
9th	Captain Wonderweb and Puss in Boots Panto
17th - 2.45pm	Mrs Sullivan/Mrs Doody class assembly
17th	FOSP discos
22nd	Flu immunisations
23rd - 5.30pm	Year 1/2 Dark Night
24th - 2.45pm	Miss Vianello class assembly
29th - 3.30pm	Parent share
December	
1st - 2.45pm	Mrs Armitage class assembly
5th	iRock concerts
7th	Christmas Fayre
8th, 14th, 15th	FOSP Christmas present stall
13th & 14th pm	EYFS / KS1 Nativity
20th	Christmas service at church
21st - 3rd Jan	Christmas holiday