

The Dovedale Times

Our newsletter shares fascinating stories related to our learning across the school



'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'

Spring 2023

Easter

By Zalan and Reuben



Easter is the biggest Christian celebration. Christians believe Jesus died and rose again to save us.

Before the Passover celebration, Jesus knew that his hour had come to leave this world and go back to his Father in Heaven. Before he went back to Heaven, he showed his disciples just how much he loved them. It was time for supper and Judas, son of Simon, was ready to betray Jesus.

He rose again on Easter Sunday.

Fun Facts:



Around 90 million chocolate bunnies are made for this Christian holiday every year.

The largest Easter egg that has ever been made was over 25 feet tall.

The Easter Bunny legend began in Germany.

The holiday was named after an Anglo Saxon Goddess. Essentially, the tale is that **Ostara**, the ancient Germanic goddess of the spring, transformed a bird into a hare, and the hare responded by laying coloured eggs for her festival

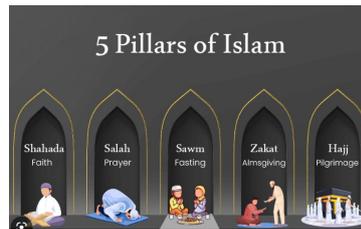
More than 2.5 Cadbury Crème Eggs are produced every day. They are produced in the Bournville factory in Birmingham



Ramadan

By Isabella, Noah, Josie, Zak and Khalyla

The Islamic celebration of Ramadan is here and many Muslims in Dovedale are celebrating it. Ramadan is a special month in the Islamic calendar. During this celebration Muslims will fast until the end of the month. Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islam. It is there to remind Muslims of the poor and reinforce the need to be thankful. Every day at 5am, Muslims begin to fast, they continue to fast all day until it is dark. They will then enjoy an evening feast called Iftar. At the end of Ramadan is Eid, a celebration for passing the fast. If you want to wish somebody "Happy Eid" this year, the traditional way would be to greet them with "Eid Mubarak"



Shrove Tuesday

By Noah & Joe

This half term, we have enjoyed celebrating Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is a Christian festival celebrated in many countries across the globe. It falls on the Tuesday before the beginning of Lent - a period of around six weeks leading up to Easter. During Lent, Christians give up luxuries to remember when Jesus went into the desert for 40 days to fast and pray.

Ingredients for the best pancakes (in our opinion)

100g plain flour

2 large eggs

300ml milk

1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil, plus a little extra for frying

lemon wedges to serve (optional)

caster sugar to serve (optional) You can find this recipe using the following link : <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/easy-pancakes>



Method

STEP 1

Put 100g plain flour, 2 large eggs, 300ml milk, 1 tbsp sunflower or vegetable oil and a pinch of salt into a bowl or large jug, then whisk to a smooth batter.

STEP 2

Set aside for 30 mins to rest if you have time, or start cooking straight away.

STEP 3

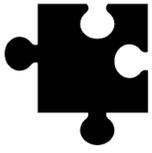
Set a medium frying pan or crêpe pan over a medium heat and carefully wipe it with some oiled kitchen paper.

STEP 4

When hot, cook your pancakes for 1 min on each side until golden, keeping them warm in a low oven as you go.

STEP 5

Serve with lemon wedges and caster sugar, or your favourite filling. *Once cold, you can layer the pancakes between baking parchment, then wrap in cling film and freeze for up to 2 months.*



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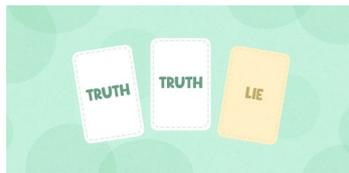
Fact Bank

By Chloe, Ava and Isabella



We hope you enjoy the facts. We have surfed the internet and ran around school looking for these facts.

- ◇ Bees have smelly feet.
- ◇ A jar of Nutella is sold every 2.5 seconds.
- ◇ Chimpanzees use sign language to communicate.
- ◇ Most people can not lick their elbow.
- ◇ You just tried to lick your elbow (hahaha).
- ◇ The amount of gold discovered by humans is enough to fill 2-2.5 Olympic 50m swimming pools.
- ◇ There are more stars in the sky than grains of sand on all the beaches in the world.
- ◇ French fries are from Belgium.
- ◇ The two people who know the Coca-Cola recipe can not travel together.
- ◇ Rubber bands last long when refrigerated (We can feel a science experiment happening over Easter).
- ◇ Sloths are the slowest animals. It takes them 20 days to digest a leaf.



Game time....

Two of these statements are true and one is a lie. Can you work it out?

1. Our school is over 100 years old
2. There are roughly 840 children in our school
3. Mr. Smith likes to wear pink, fluffy slippers in his office



World Book Day

By ETTY, Aahana and Ben

This half term, we have celebrated World Book Day. World Book Day allows you to jump into the world of your favourite book. It was great fun and we saw lots of exciting activities happening across the school. Our theme was 'Reading gives you Wings' Every child across our school made their own wings.

We are very proud of our teachers and the effort they went to with dressing up. Mr. Smith and Mrs Jones spent playtime hiding in the playground. The child who found them first got chocolate. We have never seen our friends run so fast.

Our Junior children got to enjoy a Zoom with Michael Morpurgo. It was a wonderful treat. He is such an inspirational author. During the week leading up to the big day, we invited our parents in to hear us read and enjoy some time together. It was a very special week!



Cinema Club:

By Jimi and Adam



After reuniting with Gwen Stacy, Brooklyn's full-time, friendly neighborhood Spider-Man is catapulted across the Multiverse, where he encounters a team of Spider-People charged with protecting its very existence. However, when the heroes clash on how to handle a new threat, Miles finds himself pitted against the other Spiders.

With help from Princess Peach, Mario gets ready to square off against the all-powerful Bowser to stop his plans from conquering the world.



EASTER HOLIDAYS

