

Birch



Birch class had a great week during culture week! We took part in a Japanese drumming workshop at Milton Court, learnt some Judo moves with Mrs Franks and made origami Samurai hats with our Japanese visitor, Mrs Fujii.

Sycamore

Year 6 enjoyed learning about Japan during Culture Week. We were fortunate to be able to participate in a variety of workshops and embrace some of the aspects that make Japan a vibrant and unique country.

Monday saw a trip to Milton Court to take part in a traditional drumming (Taiko) class. Urged on by the instructor, year 6 shouted and yelled their way through a pattern.

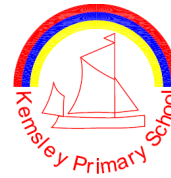


Throughout the week we also contemplated things whilst meditating, hit the floor with martial arts and had a visitor from Japan come in and teach us some language and about her culture.

In addition to all the workshops, we learnt some history about Japan, tried our hand at drawing manga characters and endeavoured to make both the largest and smallest origami crane in school - the former being made from a 1.2m square and the latter a 1.5cm square of paper!



Culture Week



18th-22nd March 2013



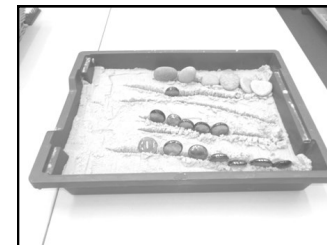
During the week starting the 18th March, the whole school (along with Milton Court) was involved in 'Culture week'. The focus was Japan.

The children were involved in a whole host of activities including workshops focused around Japanese drumming, Karate, life in Japan and a session on meditation run by a Buddhist nun.

As part of the week, the children of both schools were also challenged to make 100 paper cranes.

This booklet celebrates some of the fantastic work that has been carried out. We hope you enjoy reading it!

Cherry



Cherry class enjoyed exploring Japanese culture this week. We started the week looking at pictures of Zen gardens and then creating our own gardens using sand and pebbles.

We then went on to look at traditional Japanese fans. We decorated our fans with a cherry blossom pattern using a variety of resources to print the flowers.

We also tried our hand at origami, the art of paper folding. It was very tricky but we managed to make some butterflies and flowers for our display.

Ms Fujii came in to visit us in the Nursery and she taught us some Japanese greetings as well as some simple Japanese songs.

We really enjoyed the week and there is still lots of learning we can do related to Japan.

Oak

Oak class had a fantastic time during culture week. We particularly enjoyed welcoming our visitor, Ms Fujii into the classroom. She taught us lots about day to day life in Japan. She also taught us numbers to 10 in Japanese!

We spent some time finding out where Japan is in the world and looking at their flag.



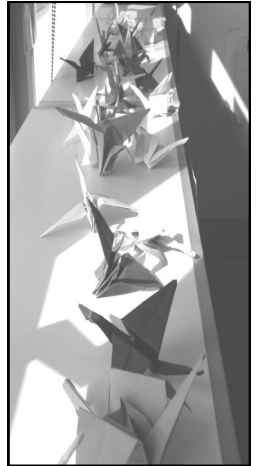
Beech

As part of culture week, Beech class discovered many interesting facts about life in Japan.

We looked at day to day life in and out of schools for Japanese children and produced an information text about the country with sections including facts about Tokyo, Mount Fuji, food, arts and crafts, theatre and sports. The finished texts can be seen on display outside the school hall.

We also discovered how difficult origami is when we made paper cranes but you can see our perseverance paid off in the photograph of the finished models.

We were lucky to have two visitors during the week: a Buddhist nun and Ms Fujii who taught us how to count to 10 and how to greet people in Japanese.



Willow



In Willow class we all really enjoyed culture week.

We particularly enjoyed the visit that we had from a Buddhist nun who told us all about her life. We followed this up by doing some writing about Buddha.

On Friday we had lots of fun when Ms Fujii came to our classroom. She taught us all about life in Japan.

Ash



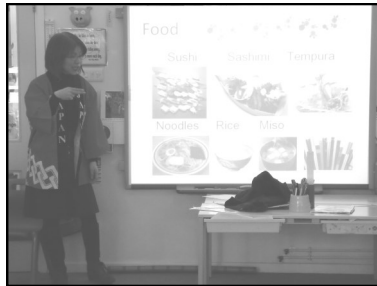
Ash class had a very enjoyable week learning about Japan. We learnt about the story of Sadako and worked very hard to make origami cranes. We also learnt about the Japanese language, food and clothing.

We also enjoyed listening to a Buddhist nun speaker and had great fun singing and dancing with Ms Fujii.

We were also able to spend time learning how to write Japanese numbers and our own names in Japanese. The week was great fun and we found out lots!



Maple



In Maple class we found out a lot of new and interesting information about Japan during culture week.

We found out about where Japan was in the world, what the weather was like and what people in Japan did in their spare time. We also used the internet and found out about a day in the life of a boy in Japan who was our age.

We had a go at making some origami dogs and cranes and designed our own kimono.

The week finished with a visit from Ms Fujii who shared lots more information about Japan and taught us some phrases in Japanese, including our numbers to 10, and a song about directions.