

Y4 Assembly

It was clear from the faces of the Y4 children that the Romans has been a topic they have really enjoyed and their pride at the opportunity to show what they had learned to the rest of the school, friends and family, was clear.

The whole school celebrated together as the assembly started off with Mrs Fearnley presenting certificates for Lexia and pupil of the week. Academic and personal skills were recognised with certificates awarded for progress in maths and English as well as positive attitude towards learning. Mrs Fearnley then congratulated the two school teams that had taken part in the Quiz Club, which involved working as a team and using strategy to answer the questions.

Y4 have been studying Romans as their topic and they certainly came dressed for the part with fabulous costumes and beautifully crafted shields. They told the story of the mighty Roman army as they marched across Europe acquiring new land for the empire.

We followed the life of the Emperor Claudius and his mission to prove himself as he rallied troops to overturn the notoriously hostile Britannia. Meanwhile, the Celts on the Kent coast trained an army to protect the land from invasion and we saw some of the traditional dress that was worn by both sides.

The children showed us well-organised battle formations that had been critical to the success of the Romans which they had learnt during their recent trip to Arbeia Roman Fort in South Shields, including the 'tortoise' which involved placing their large shields overhead to protect them from arrows.

Despite numerous battles, both sides decided to live together and the Romans settled in Britain, bringing with them innovative methods and infrastructure we still use today such as running water, fine buildings, straight roads, heating and a lawful society. We heard how Britain was perceived by the Romans through extracts of letters they had written home describing their new surroundings and comparing the differences to Rome.

After the assembly, Mrs Fearnley congratulated the children on a well-told story containing interesting facts. She said, "The script contained complex words including some Italian and I am impressed at how well you have learnt them."

Mrs Hollinshead and Mr Armstrong have also been impressed with the year group's work on this topic overall. Mr Armstrong said, "The children have enjoyed this topic and it showed in their performance. They have worked hard in both the classroom and at home and we have been pleased with the creative homework they have been doing with the support of their families."

Mrs Hollinshead added "The children had the opportunity to visit Arbeia on a recent trip, which boasts some of the finest Roman reconstructions in Britain. This gave them a sense of life in Roman times and they shared that well with the rest of the school."

Parents were invited back to the classroom to speak to the teachers and have an opportunity to see some of the work the children have been doing in the classroom.

"Charlotte was one of the soldiers and has been practicing at home, she has enjoyed this topic." Charlotte Gittins' Mum

"Wow! That assembly was great. I'm impressed at how well they have done. It was very informative." Emma and Holly Lake's Dad

"That was fabulous. Callum and Cody have been worrying about their complicated lines and practicing really hard. It turns out they were worrying for nothing and I am extremely proud of how well they did." Callum and Cody Rosin's Mum

“This topic has been epic! I never knew that the Romans had invented some many of the things we use today such as windows and heating.” Cyrus Gibson

“The Romans were awesome but there was lots of fighting. I would prefer to live now than to have lived during Roman times.” Holly Lake