

1. Bake-Off

We were overwhelmed by the amount of support for our bake-off event and so proud of the children (and families) for the huge amount of effort that went into the bakes. We were planning to do a live taste-and-judge but we ended up with over 30 different entries and so we decided to put the photos on the website instead.

Ms Stubbs and Mrs O'Shaugnessy took over an hour to taste every cake (!). We particularly loved the autumn/halloween/harvest themed cakes and the farming link, which is close to our hearts at ERA.

It was a hard job but someone had to do it!



2. Mary-Rose Visit

Children have been on a very successful visit to see the newly opened Mary-Rose exhibition in Portsmouth.

We have been learning all about the Tudor explorers so children impressed exhibition staff with really insightful questions; we were very proud of them.



The exhibition itself has undergone a massive update with many of the items and artifacts now on show alongside the ship itself.

We often need volunteers to join us on our trips and visits so please do contact the school if you would like to be a volunteer and join us in our learning adventures!

3. Future Engineers

Year 6 went along to the Wiltshire Festival of Science and Engineering and had a brilliant time experimenting and asking questions.

They used virtual reality to experience life in a busy kitchen (burning virtual toast!); pedalled a bike that had been engineered to charge people's mobile phones; floated ping-pong balls on air from the new Dyson hairdryer; built strong structures using triangles; made bath salts; learned how explosives can be used to do good and collected lots of freebies.

We know that the engineering industry is looking for the big brains of the future and is also looking for more girls and women to get involved so it was a really useful event to help us understand what engineering is all about - we will definitely be back next year.



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4. It's not all iPads and Virtual Reality...

We've gone skipping mad this term on the playground since we had some whole-school skipping workshops.

We had a visit from a specialist skipping coach who set up workshops for every class and also for staff and parents. Children and adults learned a whole host of different games, tricks and techniques and had a really wonderful day.

We bought enough ropes for every child as well as a number of group skipping ropes for game such as Double Dutch – now the playground is really 'jumping'.

Who needs technology?!

5. Story Shed Project

Our 'Story Shed' is now in place and we are just putting finishing touches in place such as painting and decking. It is a really beautiful space and the new heaters have made it one of the warmest spots in the school!

We are now looking for some community volunteers who can spare an hour or more each week to come and share a story on a one-to one basis with our children, particularly with those who do not have the opportunity to share a story at home. If you think you might enjoy being part of this project, we would really love to hear from you and you can contact us by calling 01672 810477 and asking for Beck Stubbs or by emailing admin@eroyal.wilts.sch.uk FAO Beck Stubbs.



Ways to Get Involved at Easton Royal Academy:

- Come and have a tour of the school, a lot has changed and we'd love to show villagers around.
- Get involved with our work on times-tables through one to one work with children. Led by Barbara Frodsham, who lives opposite the school.
- Become a 'story-shed' volunteer by coming into school and sharing a story with a child.
- Help us with our understanding of the World by sending us a postcard from a foreign holiday that we can add to our giant map in the hall or come and share some holiday snaps and stories with us.
- Come along to one of our school events – everyone is welcome and we advertise dates on the school website (*the next dates you might enjoy are our 'Exhibition of Learning' in the school hall from 2:45pm on Dec 7th, our infant nativity at 1:30pm on Dec 12th and our Christingle service at the church with Rev. Mark Windsor at 1:30pm on Dec 16th*).
- In January, we are starting a new whole-school topic on Africa (Ghana, in particular). Do you have any experience/photographs/items that would help to enrich this topic?

Please contact us on 01672 810477 or admin@eroyal.wilts.sch.uk we are really looking forward to hearing from you.