

December 2021

Diary of a North West SCITT Associate Teacher – Part 2

So, as another half-term passes us by Christmas here we are. I'm sure most of you are also wondering just where that time has gone!

A very busy, jam packed half-term it was too, comprising the mayhem of Halloween, Guy Fawkes Night and the Christmas frolics of the last week of term.

Amongst all of the fun over the past seven weeks, I have truly settled in to my first placement school and have formed a great bond with both Year 3 classes along the way. As we approach the end of our first placement in January, I am already picturing the post-leaving blues come the end of my time here.

During the past couple of months, I have had the opportunity to get involved with an array of activities and events; from parent coffee mornings to after-school clubs and even lantern carol singing parades! Perhaps the highlight of them all though, was the chance to be part of a dodgeball competition at another local school. This was again an opportunity to venture outside the four walls of school following our adventure to Chester Zoo last half-term. My school entered three eagerly competitive teams into the competition and all three performed outstandingly well. The team I had been given charge of was aptly named Team Green (it being my favourite colour!). We managed to battle through a very tough group to earn a hugely impressive quarter-final spot – a brilliant effort, falling just short of a semi-final appearance. Despite Team Green being told off (rather harshly!) by the referee for stepping outside the court boundaries a few too many times, we had lots of fun, and the children's effort was second to none. It was, however, the children's attitude in defeat which impressed me most and remained with me afterwards. Tantrums, sulky faces, downbeat Year 3's? Not a bit of it! Instead, they brushed themselves off, shook hands with the opposing team to offer their congratulations and limbered-up ready for a friendly match in the most admirable fashion possible. True sportsmanship. I've seen many a Premier League footballer put to shame by the children that's for sure!

All in all, the dodgeball competition proved to be another great experience for myself and it was a joy to see the children I've come to know so well flourish in a different environment. They embodied the school's proud values - to work, learn and succeed together and demonstrated just why I am going to miss having the pleasure of teaching them come February.

Christmas is a time for showing gratitude and reflecting upon what we have in life and during the break I will be reminiscing about my wonderful experience so far during my first full term and looking forward to what the next term brings with excitement.

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