

YEAR 9 PRODUCE AND DIRECT THEIR FIRST DOCUMENTARY



Pupils from Year 9's RE class wrote, produced and featured in their first documentary last week. They drafted in the expert help of Tom Bowie, also in year 9, who directed and filmed the day's events before editing and putting together the final programme which has been uploaded on the school's [YouTube](#) Channel for everyone to enjoy.



They also enlisted the help of years 7 and 8 who were at our Outdoor School site, using the documentary to teach the younger children about different religious festivals.



To start the day they learnt about Hanukkah the Jewish Festival of Light. The pupils made latkes which are a type of potato pancake and tzimmes, a Jewish stew.

Everyone had the chance to sample the food which most agreed had been well made and was tasty.



Following lunch, in the afternoon, the pupils learnt about Holi, the Hindu festival



which welcomes Spring and involved lots of powder paint in an explosion of colour! They rounded the day off investigating Songkran, the Buddhist New Year. During this festival, Buddhists and tourists take to the street and celebrate with a huge water fight to wash away their sins to before they enter the New Year.

As well as being an informative document of the festival and the day's proceedings, the film also captured just how much enjoyment all the pupils from KS3 had experienced whilst learning something new about religious festivals from different cultures.



In addition to the fun they also learnt and put into practice many skills. Although the focus was on learning about three festivals they used numeracy to follow recipes, communication and oracy to deliver the documentary's content to camera, problem solving and team work in cooking, and independent learning to evaluate their day. What a fantastic day at Outdoor School!

Well done to the year 9s for a well thought out programme and to Tom for his excellent directorial and filming skills and to Miss Algieri for putting together such a varied and inspiring day of activities that could be shared with years 7 and 8.