



HILLINGDON NEWS

It has certainly been an exciting week for all at HPS. We began the week by celebrating European Day of Languages and by waving off 44 of our Year 6 children as they made their way to PGL. We ended the week with our Macmillan tea morning, celebration assembly and by welcoming home our slightly sleepy, but happy, PGL goers! This week's newsletter is a celebration of all the wonderful things that have been going on at school- we hope you enjoy!

Look what we've been up to...

Nursery - The Nursery children are settling into Nursery and are becoming more familiar with their environment and our rules and routines. This week the children have been enjoying drawing self-portraits and continuing to enjoy the company of their new friends.



Year 1 - This week Year 1 have been exploring some of the fabulous culture boxes created by children and their families over the summer. They looked at some interesting artefacts from India and asked questions to find out more about the place. They particularly enjoyed seeing photographs and traditional style clothing. The children compared what they found out with countries in the United Kingdom. Here is a picture of the box after the children had decorated it!



Year 2 - In our assembly on Monday we kicked off our celebrations for European Day of Languages. Mrs Devons gave us a special box for us to explore and create questions for. We had Mauritius! It has been a lot of fun using google maps to explore this beautiful island.

Over the last two weeks, Year Two have been exploring the stories of Winnie the Witch. We have really enjoyed reading about clumsy Winnie and cheeky Wilbur. This week we have planned, collaborated, shared, edited and written our own Winnie stories. Below is Thomas' story about

Winnie and the Unknown Place By Thomas Feest 2M

One sunny morning, Winnie woke up somewhere far from home! She didn't know where, but it looked a little familiar. Nope. Winnie realised this was not somewhere she had been to, but who cares? It looked strange. Maybe it might be a funfair, but with no rollercoasters. Maybe it was abandoned or something? No, this was indoors. What was it? Winnie felt blue. So did Wilbur. "Meow," said Wilbur sadly. It was dark in the unknown place. That's what Winnie called it, anyway. One major problem...there was no way out! There was a ceiling, but there wasn't a door. There were spell-proof walls and there were no holes. The interior was indestructible, meaning it couldn't be broken. Suddenly Winnie heard a soft whisper. It said "find a torch and you will see," said the whisper. "Umm...OK?" said Winnie. "Meow?" purred Wilbur, feeling

puzzled. Winnie looked everywhere. No torch. Winnie waited and waited, thinking what to do. "I know, I'll use my light spell!" said Winnie, relieved that she could find a way out. Winnie closed her eyes, clicked three times, turned around five times and shouted: ABRACADABRA!! Nothing happened. Winnie tried again. Still nothing. Winnie repeated five more times. Nope. But she'd quit a minute too soon! The wand worked like a torch, emitting light. But Winnie saw nothing she recognised, but she knew her eyes were working, though. So Winnie did a colour spell which made things green, her favourite colour. BOOM! Winnie recognised where she was! She was inside her house and the lights were out! Winnie was very tired and sleepy, so she went to sleep in her bed and drifted into her dreams. Happy dreams! **The End.**

Year 3 - In numeracy Year 3 have been focusing on adding and subtracting using the column method. For literacy, the children have enjoyed reading the story George's Marvellous medicine. They created some interesting and frightening recipes for their own marvellous medicine!

The children have continued to enjoy learning about the Stone Age. This week they created their very own Stone Age cave paintings! There were some beautiful pictures of different animals and Stone Age hunters.



Year 4 - During literacy this week, we continued to read the story 'Gregory Cool' and took part in role plays to better understand the character's feelings. These were great fun and we are going to use what we have learned to write a diary entry from the main character's point of view. Year 4 have also thoroughly enjoyed exploring our culture box and learning all about Sri Lanka! We have been greeting each other in many different languages this week in celebration of European Day of Languages and 4F mapped lots of different words to say 'hello' on a world map. Perhaps you can help us to learn some more!

In our Brazil topic, we have begun to learn about what rainforests are. We have talked about the huge variety of animals and plants that live there and about the different layers as well as about the most famous one of all: The Amazon!



Year 5 - The children have been learning all about the Aztecs. They have found the rituals particularly interesting and have begun to explore some of the gods that the Aztecs worshipped. There has been some very interesting discussion work and the children have shown real maturity in their approach to the topic work.



Year 6 - This week the majority of year 6 pupils went to PGL, however a group of 16 pupils remained at school for an exciting week, learning all about World War 2. Some of the children shared their highlights of the week:

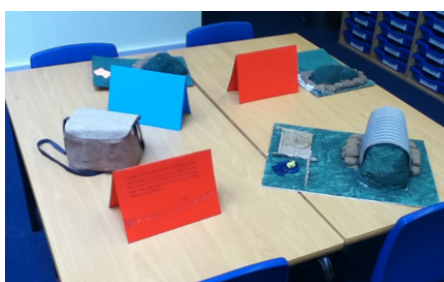
"On Monday we went to Oak Farm library to begin our research on World War 2. We found out all about the Blitz in London." Ashvin

"We learned all about Anderson shelters this week and made our own model Anderson shelters out of Modroc. Anderson shelters were a bit like sheds that were made out of metal. People built them in their gardens to protect them from the bombs during the Blitz." Patrick

"On Wednesday we went on a fantastic trip to the Science Museum all the way in Central London! We saw a rocket show and watched some explosions!" Awesta

"We learned about rationing and baked some delicious bread and cakes for a 1940s tea party. We learned how to make a pot of tea and drank from cups and saucers. This week has been so much fun!" Rida

"We visited the London Transport Museum and saw the different trains and buses through history. We learned about how the tube stations kept people safe during the Blitz. Best week ever!" Maymuna



Celebrating Languages!

Monday was European Day of Languages, an opportunity to celebrate all languages. Ms Devons ran a whole school assembly, with the fantastic support of some Year 5 singers, to give everyone a chance

to learn different ways to say 'Hello'. She worked out that we speak at least 44 different languages in school! She also gave out the culture boxes, full of all the amazing things our school community had collected over the summer. The children had a great week exploring all the leaflets and artefacts, decorating the boxes and thinking up questions for other children to answer. The boxes were presented back in assembly one Friday and much admired by everyone. They will be available for classes to use to link with topics or even as a stimulus for literacy work in the future. Remember, these boxes can be added to at any time, if you find anything we might like.



London Youth Games Girls Cricket



SATURDAYS 5PM – 7PM

At The Douay Martyrs School, Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham

For all Yr 5,6, 7 & 8 girls..... Just turn up and be part of the squad



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