

Friday, 14th June 2024

# VJS NEWS



*Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong*

**Mrs. Barham, Upper Phase Leader**

Bill would like to thank you all of the support and kindness shown to him each morning and afternoon on the gate.

He has appreciated your warmth.

You may have seen Steve over the last couple of days. He will be taking over as premises manager from Monday.

## Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, 19th June - Year 4 trip to the British Museum

Monday, 1st July - Upper Phase Sports Day

Tuesday, 2nd July - Lower Phase Sports Day

Tuesday, 2nd July - Secondary School Transition Day

Unfortunately, we have made the decision to postpone our Summer Fair that had been scheduled to take place in July.

Instead, we will be holding a Christmas Fair in the Autumn Term.

We will be asking for volunteers to support with the fair so keep an eye out for information in the new academic year!





# WHAT'S NEW!

## Year 3

This week, Year 3 have been really putting their thinking caps on! They have tackled assessments in both Reading and Mathematics, showing great resilience and determination. In Mathematics, they have been exploring capacity and have made fantastic progress.

In English, they have embarked on a thrilling new writing topic all about pirates - it has been a real adventure diving into this theme! The creativity and enthusiasm they have shown is just brilliant.

To add a scientific twist to the week, the children have been busy with Science experiments, investigating the requirements for seeds to germinate. They have been hands-on and inquisitive, really getting stuck in.

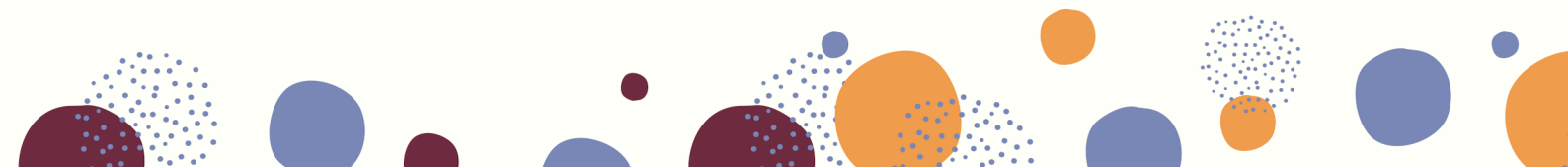
We so pleased with everyone's efforts - they have worked incredibly hard and shown real dedication to their learning. Well done, Year 3!

## Year 4

In Year 4 we have had an exciting week learning about forces and simple machines. We have been exploring levers, pulleys, wheels and axes, and inclined planes in D.T., and looking at how these amazing but simple machines can make physical tasks easier and less effort.

We are all excited for our visit to the British Museum next week, which include looking at some spectacular movements that were built using the power of simple machines!

Year 4 also completed their MTC this week. Well done for all of your hard work and resilience when facing the tests!





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## Year 5

It's been assessment week in Year 5 where the children have put all their knowledge and learning into practice to complete the final tests of the academic year in Reading, Mathematics and Grammar.

Well done to everyone for your hard work and resilience- your teachers are very proud of you.

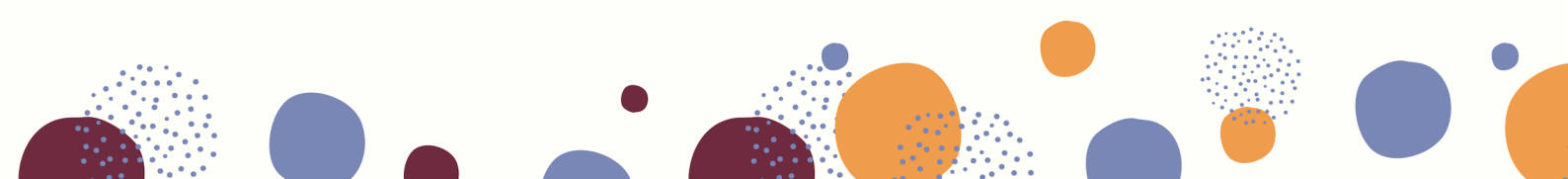
In addition, we looked at properties of materials in Science and continued with our studies of the ancient Greeks in History. We also began our hockey sessions in PE and had a deeper look at the meanings of commitment in RE and identity in PSHE.

## Year 6

This week in Year 6, the children had an interactive virtual workshop with an inspirational World War 2 expert. The workshop was divided into three parts. During the first part of the workshop, children explored the way in which people prepared for war. They looked at different gas masks that were used by adults, children and even babies and even 'hid in their Anderson shelters when they heard siren warnings to hide from bombs! Some children were even shouted at by the warden for leaving their lights on during the night!

The second part of the workshop was from the perspective of German citizens during the war - how the war affected not only the lives of Jews but also the lives of German citizens. The expert shared information about his family members' experiences. Children made identity cards.

During the final part of the workshop, the children created food ration cards and explored what it was like living through war. They could not believe how little food was available and the lengths a child would go just to have a 'taste' of a boiled sweet!



# It's Pasta Time!

Following on from the success of the Pizza Kits, the Hounslow Public Health Superzone Team have funded Pasta Kits for every pupil.

Ash Class will be the first class to receive them this week. Dates for the rest of the classes will be shared next week.

Please ensure you provide a carrier bag with your child's name on it when its your turn.

If you would like to volunteer on a Thursday to support with preparing the bags, please speak to Mrs Begum

