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VJS NEWS



Proud To Be Me, Proud To Belong

Mrs. Barham, Upper Phase Leader

Year 4 visited the British Museum this week!
They enjoyed travelling there by underground train, as some of them were experiencing this for the first time.
At the British Museum, pupils observed many artefacts from topics they have been studying in History.

It's Pasta Time!



27th June - Oak Class
11th July - Beech Class
18th July - Ebony Class
24th July - Rowan Class



Current Year 5 will receive their Pasta Kits at the start of the new academic year!

Upcoming Dates

Monday, 1st July - Upper Phase Sports Day (am)
Tuesday, 2nd July - Lower Phase Sports Day (am)
Tuesday, 2nd July - Secondary School Transition Day
Wednesday, 3rd July - Springwest Taster Day for Year 5

WHAT'S NEW!

Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have had a fantastic week concluding our History topic. The children have enjoyed learning about the Roman empire and have learnt about Roman Britain, Boudicca, Hadrian's Wall and what life was like in Roman settlements. In English lessons, Year 3 have started writing non-chronological reports on pirate life, describing the type of boats, jobs and punishments. In Mathematics, we have started our time topic, learning how to read an analogue clock face using: o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and time to the minute.

The Year 3 team send a big well done to all students for their hard work.

Year 4

As well as enjoying their trip to the British Museum, Year 4 have been busy in class too! In Mathematics, pupils have been learning about coordinates and translation. In English, pupils are studying the Poem 'Still I Rise' and have started writing their own poem.

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have completed our Mathematics topic on negative numbers. We have also started a new topic in Writing called "Mars Transmission". The children will be writing a journal as if they were stranded alone on Mars.

We have continued looking at Ancient Greece in History as well as identity in PSHE.

Year 5 were also enjoying the sun during our hockey lesson this week, focusing on controlling the ball and accurate passes.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 started rehearsals for the end of year production. They are doing a brilliant job of learning the songs and have received lots of compliments on their lovely singing from different adults from around the school. Those who do not have speaking parts have been creating posters to be displayed around the school and have written letters to children at Cardinal Road Infant School inviting them to one of the performances.

In Geography this week, children have started analysing fieldwork data about Road Safety. Over the next week, they will be tasked with completing their own fieldwork on this topic before presenting it back to the class in the coming weeks. They were very enthusiastic to have a go at collecting their own data and we can't wait to see the results!

Gaelic Football Tournament

Mr Tavey, PE Lead

Without doubt, one of the most exciting and popular additions to our school over the past 2 years has been the sport of Gaelic football. It began as a 6 week coaching unit as part of our Upper Phase PE curriculum and, due to it's popularity with both the staff and children, it was quickly added to both our lunchtime and after school clubs. The love for the game was further evidenced on Thursday when our coach Mr Hemmings and our Year 5/6 mixed team visited the impressive facilities of London Irish Rugby club in Sunbury for a challenge match in preparation for the upcoming All Britain Championships. Our opponents on the day were from St Edmunds Catholic school in Whitton - who themselves have recently added the sport to their curriculum. We played 2 games in the fantastic early afternoon sun and displayed all the attributes and skills that are necessary to compete in this wonderful game.



Gaelic Football Tournament - continued

Over the course of both matches, all of our dedicated players had time to showcase their talents across all areas of the pitch but, at the end of 2 engrossing and close-knit games, some players really shone in a particular area. Joey, Alsen, Aaliyah and Mason proved to be formidable in defence, with the commanding pair of Nahom and Evie- Rose ensuring that they kept them all in check and prevented our opponents from getting any easy scores. In midfield, Hana, Iris, Kaden and Daisy battled tirelessly to maintain a regular supply of ball into the forward line and once the ball did arrive there, we were blessed to have Dexter, Casey, JJ and Charvi on hand to help finish off some fine moves to keep our scoreboard ticking over.

We would like to thank Dermot Wallace from Gael Londain (a local Gaelic football club based at Hazelwood Drive in Sunbury) for his efforts in organising the match and would encourage all parents to try and visit the training sessions, which are held each Friday evening at 7pm, to get a close up look at the sport for the themselves.

Last weekend, Mr Robertson completed the London to Brighton bike ride for the British Heart Foundation. He did a brilliant job and has raised lots of money for the charity.

If you would like to show your support too or find out more about his challenge follow this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/james-robertson-1715200986124>

Well done Mr Robertson!

London to Brighton

Distance 86.03 km Elev Gain 923 m

