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ENABLING ENTERPRISE CHALLENGE DAY

This term's Enabling Enterprise Day was a Greetings Card Challenge. The children had to explore the world of enterprise by setting up and running their own greeting cards company. They had to work in teams to design, create and sell a new range of greetings cards to the EE shop. They had to work hard to outdo their competitors, so they could sell the most cards and generate the most profit. In order to win over future customers, the teams then had to deliver a convincing business pitch.



The Snail & The Whale

The infant show this term was fabulous. The children spoke, sang and danced beautifully and put their heart and souls in to it.



The scenery was superb. We were thrilled that all the infant parents enjoyed it. Every child had a small part to play but together as a team they made up a lovely show. My personal thanks go to the KSI staff - teachers and teaching assistants for all of their hard work putting it all together. Thank you to Mr Hogan for the singing and a huge thank you and well done to Mrs Fitzpatrick for producing and directing The Snail and The Whale.



Wilf from Rowan Class was the snail. Wilf told me that 'It was nice being the snail because I was on the stage for the whole time.' Ellis and Zakariya in Rowan Class were fire-fighters and he told me that the best bit for them squirting the water and saving the whale. Lily in Elm Class was a sailor. She enjoyed going up on the stage and saying her lines.



HOLLY PARK MATHS DAY

This term we had a fantastic day of maths. Lots of fun and interesting games and activities all around the school. The children were put into house groups of mixed age for the morning. The children moved around a carousel of activities in the morning. We had symmetrical shape bookmark making, PE maths and measuring, dice games, tessellations, co-ordinates games, measuring body parts, practical capacity activities, making 3D shapes, human graphs and much more.



In the afternoon the children attended a maths assembly and made maths games in their classrooms. It was a very practical day of maths.

A Tudor Treat



Year 4 had a wonderful time when History off the Page came and brought the hall to life with a Tudor day.

The pupils dressed up as children from the Tudor era and spent time exploring various Tudor activities. The morning consisted of weaving on small looms, making candles, writing their names with quills and painting lockets. In the afternoon there was a banquet and entertainment provided by the children themselves. In a very short space of time, a Tudor dance and two plays were produced, both of which were a huge

success. The children were totally engrossed and focused in all their endeavours and were praised by the staff who ran the day. The day really helped the children to get a much greater and in depth understanding of life in Tudor times!



WHEN IN ROME!



At the conclusion of their Roman topic, Year 3 had a Roman day with History Off the Page. The children had an opportunity to

experience what life was like in Roman Britain. In the morning the children were busy making things such as mosaics, frescoes and Roman charms.

RUN, RUN, RUN!

We were successful in a bid for a grant to the Regular Running Fund from London Sport. The grant gave us £200 towards marking out a kilometre (and mile) track around the school so that our Y3 children can undertake the Mayor's Golden Kilometre Challenge and all children can have the opportunity to run around it at breaks

and lunchtimes. The line is now marked up in the playground and the children are enjoying using it. Year 3 have been doing it every day (weather permitting) as part of the challenge – we hope to see their fitness levels increase.



A Wolf in the Classroom!

This term Palm Class have continued to work really hard at developing their phonic skills and they have really enjoyed feeding the Phonic Monster with sentences that have digraph and trigraph words. They have also been busy reading alien words and using their 'robot' arms to write party invitations and letters to their family as part of their 'Challenge of the Week'. Palm Class were very excited when they

spotted some wolf footprints in the classroom and were very keen to make posters letting everyone know that there was a big bad wolf on the loose! They have also enjoyed acting out the traditional story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' with puppets and props and have used the Interactive Whiteboard to read the story independently.



To finish off the day there was a great feast with entertainment. The children were the actors, dancers and soldiers. There was a great display by the Roman soldiers.



Y1 Traditional Tales



Year one have been learning about Traditional Tales. They looked at several tales and also alternative versions of them. They role played the stories and hot seated the main

characters. The children enjoyed changing the endings of the stories and also the settings. At the end of the unit of work, the children had a dress up day and came as their favourite character. They enjoyed a picnic in the sun.



Room On A Broom

The nursery children have been reading a variety of witch stories and taking part in witch themed activities. They made their own spells in their potion lab, made magic wands and played in spider infested slime! The children also listened to the story 'Room on the broom' by Julia Donaldson. A broom



appeared followed by a witch's hat, a Cauldron. The children drew story pictures to display in the new book areas.

Victorian Days



This term year 5 have been learning about the Victorians. A real highlight of the topic was the recent Victorian Day. The children dressed up in Victorian style outfits and enjoyed a variety of activities throughout the day. These included: writing with quills and ink, making greeting cards by quilling coloured card, taking part in drill practice as well as trying a selection of traditional indoor and outdoor games. All of the children have loved reading 'Street Child' by Berlie Doherty. Lessons have

included lots of fun drama activities, writing persuasive letters about the conditions in the workhouse, writing a sample chapter in the style of the author as well as learning about the origins of the charity Barnardo's. The focus in maths this Spring has been fractions, decimals and percentages. Y5 have really enjoyed exploring new concepts with a variety of practical resources. The children have also continued to develop their reasoning and problem solving skills in lessons.

Spring Term House Challenge



Everyone enjoyed this term's house challenge. Year groups were paired together – Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6 and then divided into house groups.

In their house groups, the children had to run around a cone and back whilst tossing pancakes in a frying pan as they went. This was not as easy as it looks! Even Mr Stewkesbury found it tricky!



Gymnastics Competition

This term, under the direction of first Mrs Kelly and then Miss Yianakki, Holly Park entered the Barnet gymnastics competition.



The Year 2 team came 3rd out of 9 teams and won bronze medals. The Year 3/4 team came 4th out of 13 schools and the Year 5/6 team came 8th out of 16 schools.



Well done to all involved. They all looked very smart indeed. Miss Yiannaki was very proud of everybody who took part. We look forward to next year!



Y2 Rainforest Fever

Year Two children have been learning about the rainforest. The children have been researching about rainforest animals from non-fiction books. The children have written some excellent poems which helped to develop their vocabulary which they then used to write information texts. The children have made their own mini greenhouse with a plastic bottle and they have learnt about the best conditions for their broad bean to grow. They also had great fun on their trip to Kew Gardens.

The children have been looking carefully at plants and doing some close observational drawings of them, taking note of the different parts of the plants and thinking about the uses of each part. They have also loved exploring artefacts from the rainforest including looking at actual seeds from different plants. As part of their PSHE learning, and linking in with the whole school value of responsibility, Year 2 have been thinking about ways to behave responsibly towards our environment.



Y6 Fantastic Beasts

As part of their World Book Day celebrations, Year 6 designed their own imaginative creatures. There were magnificent wings, flailing tentacles and razor-sharp teeth! The children then used their designs to model their creatures using clay. In the afternoon they made notes about their animal's features and special abilities and then used these ideas to

create some fantastic poems.



Opera at Holly Park



This term, English Pocket Opera Company conducted an interactive presentation of the opera 'Orpheus and

Eurydice' – by Gluck for all Key Stage 2 pupils. All of the children sang beautifully and some of our teachers sang a solo as well! Mr Hogan has continued teaching the children the opera songs. This was a fabulous introduction to opera and we had lots of positive feedback.

