

Year 3 & 4 News

May 2016

Elsewhere in School...

- Both Year 1 and Year 2 enjoyed fantastic days out at Whispnade Zoo, learning about animal habitats and diets.
- Year 1 organised a fantastic *Africa Day*, finding out what it is like to live in an African village, and making African masks, pancakes and punch.
- The Year 6 Boys and Girls Cricket teams were both in action, with our Girls team winning their tournament and also qualifying for County Finals.
- Foundation Stage's latest *Stay and Play* session gave parents a chance to spend a morning in class with their children.
- We took part in the Bellboating and Dragonboating Festivals, with our Year 4 and Year 6 teams paddling furiously around Fairlands Lakes.
- We hosted the Stevenage FA Cup Finals and end-of-season awards, with over 300 people attending.

What we've been doing this term...

Matilda!

On May 4th, Years 3 and 4 were lucky enough to go and see hit the West End musical 'Matilda'. We left school at 11 and fought our way through the traffic only to be dropped off a surprisingly long way from the Cambridge theatre.



Fortunately, modern technology came to the rescue and Mr Humber and Mr Holgate, with maps and GPS in hand, took us on an impromptu tour of Covent Garden, directing us to the theatre just in time for lunch. Once inside we located our seats in the upper circle and stalls and enjoyed the show. It was a fantastic experience and the show was brilliantly written, acted and sung. Miss Trunchbull, the villain of the piece was on fine form, making the most of every scene, while the young actress who played Matilda was exceptional and really bought the story to life. A fun day was had by all, and we have been hugely inspired to give our very best when it comes to our turn to get on stage, for our end-of-year show later this term.

Romans!

Our History topic this term has been Roman Britain. So far we have looked at the timeline around when they were in power, and have also investigated how and why they were able to expand so impressively. As well as this, we have researched Boudicca who was a Queen who revolted against the Romans. We look forward to learning more about our topic over the next half-term, and have identified lots of questions that we would like to be able to answer, focussing on everything from their great armies to their everyday lives. As part of our topic, we have also made some fantastic Roman shields, which we put to the test with a full-scale battle on the field - fortunately they successfully protected us from our enemy's (foam) spears!

Arsenal visit

A group of our Year 4s had a fantastic opportunity to visit Arsenal's Emirates Stadium as part of the Premier League Reading Stars scheme. They met two inspirational authors, Dan Freedman and Matt Brown, played on the indoor community pitch and were incredibly keen to continue their work on the project when they returned!



Stars of the Week

Literacy

We used our fantastic trip to see *Matilda* as inspiration to produce a host of brilliant pieces of writing. The week before the trip, we heard a rumour that Miss Shaw was thinking about cancelling it, and wrote in our most persuasive style to convince her that this would be the wrong thing to do - you can read Shahmeer's fab example below. After our trip, we then wrote diary entries in the role of Matilda and character descriptions of Miss Trunchbull - this time we've chosen Brandon and Amy's writing to share with you. In addition to all this, we've also read the book and analysed the characters, as well as completing a unit of work on myths and legends.

Brandon Potts

Dear Miss Shaw,

I am writing to you to inform you about the year 3 and 4 trip to the theatre being cancelled. You cannot cancel it.

You are a diabolical teacher. I am frustrated at this behaviour. Year 3 and 4 have worked outstandingly hard.

My second reason is that we have paid £21 and handed in a permission slip already. If you cancel the trip it will be a waste of money.

Last of all, the trip is a good reason to socialise with our friends. Year 3 and 4 have worked hard. Do you want to treat children like this?

Yours sincerely,

Shahmeer Usman

George Robertson

Dear Diary,

On Monday I got out of bed and went into the bathroom... Suprisingly, I put mum's pretty platinum blonde hair dye into dad's hair aftershave! (Haha serves him right.) Luckily, I went back into my cosy bed, as well as I pretended that I was asleep. I was nervous. Next my rude dad went to put his aftershave on, causing his hair to turn green!

Later that evening I got the blame from Bill, consequently I got sent to Miss Trunchbull's office. I was timid about getting told off by the atrocious Headteacher. "You will be sent to the Chockey!" blasted Miss Trunchbull.

Finally, I got home and got out my book and say in the corner of my room. My dad ripped it up. (So grumpy!)

By Brandon Bannister-Goodge

Adi Patel

Lewis Heath

Melody Page

The panic-stricken children were running in all directions. Miss Trunchbull was slowly emerging from her office and once out shouted, "Where is that little maggot?"

As she spoke spit shot from her mouth. However Trunchbull's face was covered in greasy warts, crusty spots and thick black hairs because she was so old. Despite the fact she was so old when she leaned forward it highlighted her hunched back and knobbly knees. She was wearing a heavy green jacket, woollen socks and had her hair in a bun. Her voice was loud and when she shouted it released her putrid breath and yellow teeth. What was most disgusting was her mole that twitched when she got angry. She hated everyone and everyone hated her.

By Amy Randall

Piper Power

Lenny Shearing

Junior Football

Our Year 3/4 football team enjoyed a brilliant afternoon of action earlier this term, when they took part in the Stevenage FA Junior Tournament which we hosted at Bedwell. Twelve teams (and over 100 children) took part in the event, and we were lucky enough to get the chance to enter two teams, giving many of us the chance to represent the School and play in a proper, competitive match for the first time. Over the course of the afternoon, both teams competed in 5 matches, performing brilliantly against some incredibly talented opposition and only losing two games each. Both sides narrowly missed out on making it through to the semi-finals after finishing third in their group, but all 18 children involved were an absolute credit to our school. A week later, Cristiano also took part in this year's Stevenage FA Finals evening, winning our Player of the Season award in recognition of his great leadership of the team this year.



Stars of the Week

Ethan Atkinson

Joy Musomba

Adeeba Razzaq

Jack Bonney

Shelby Farrington

Daniele Mazuilyte

Ruby Adegoke

Kyle Watson

Diary Dates

6th June

Nursery trip to Willows Farm

7th June

Year 5/6 trip to Chessington

9th June

Year 5/6 Athletics Festival

6th July

Year 6 Rounders Festival

12th & 13th July

Key Stage 2 end-of-year production (afternoon and evening on 12th, evening only on 13th)

14th July

Year 6 transition day at new secondary schools

21st July

End-of-year disco (Years 1-6)

22nd July

End of term

Sports Update

Year 4 tennis

Earlier this term, we were given the chance to take part in this year's Stevenage Tennis Festival, held at the Lister Tennis Centre. Keen to do as well as possible, we selected our top team of Bradley Evans, Joy Musamba, Cristiano Joseph and Gracie Penny to represent us, and after practicing on the playground, they headed to the tournament. They played in a series of difficult games, requiring all their skill and concentration, and impressively battled their way through to the final. Another hard-fought match saw them secure team victory, winning the tournament for Bedwell and, as a result, qualifying to represent Stevenage at the County Finals later this term!



Training with Bedwell Rangers

We were lucky to be offered the chance for our girls to take part in a series of coaching sessions run by Bedwell Rangers football team. A team of coaches led three weekly training sessions for all the girls in Years 3 and 4, which gave us a fantastic chance to develop our skills in a friendly, supportive (and boy-free) setting. Although some of us weren't that keen on football to start with, it was fantastic to see how quickly everyone threw themselves into the games, improving our passing, shooting and dribbling skills - and thoroughly enjoying ourselves, too. Even better, some of our girls have already decided to join Bedwell Rangers and have begun training outside school.

Bell-boating

The sports opportunities just kept on coming this term, and in the last week before half-term, Year 4 took part in the Bell-boating Festival, held on and around Fairlands Lakes. 24 of us were involved, competing as two teams of 12, and on Wednesday 25th May we headed down to the Park for our first experience of competitive rowing. Having been drawn in the final heats of the afternoon, we waited patiently for our race, watching others in action in the hope of picking up some pointers, but finally it was our turn to get involved. We lost out in our races despite our best efforts - but we were delighted to see so many family members there to cheer us on and enjoy a fantastic afternoon out with us.