Year 1 News

July 2016

Elsewhere in School…

- Our Key Stage 2 production of *Bugsy Malone* was a huge success, with over 400 people watching the show.
- We secured our best ever results in the Year 1 Phonics Tests, with 82% of children working at and beyond the required level.
- Our Year 4 tennis team and Year 6 Girls Cricket squad represented Stevenage at County Finals.
- Our whole school was involved in an action-packed Sports Week, including our three Sports Days.
- Our Year 6 lacrosse team collected silver medals after finishing second in this year's Stevenage Festival.
- Nursery visited Willows farm and Reception travelled to Shepreth Wildlife Park as part of their topic.
- Our Year 4/5/6 athletics squad secured team silver and a host of individual medals at the Stevenage Festival.

What we've been doing this term...

We are Olympians!

This terms topic has been 'We are Olympians!' We enjoyed learning about all the different sports that are in the Olympics, the history of the Games and what it's like to live in Rio (in Brazil, where this year's Olympics will take place). We loved practising for our own Sports Day and hope you enjoyed watching us in our different races. We also had the chance to be involved in lots of different sports activities during Sports Week.

Amara Salvary and Max Lambert on the trampoline

Competing in the three-legged race

Our running race

Our brilliant Mini-Olympics

Aliyah Hewitt on the inflatable bull

In Science we have found out how sports people keep healthy as well as investigating the different foods we should eat for a balanced diet. We also compared the way that athletes move with the actions of different animals. In Art, we have designed and made medals for our Olympic Day, as well as the laurel wreaths Olympians wear on their heads. We also researched both of these objects, finding out lots of useful background knowledge.

Stars of the Week -Class 3a-

Skye Wells

Callum Heath

James Sparrow

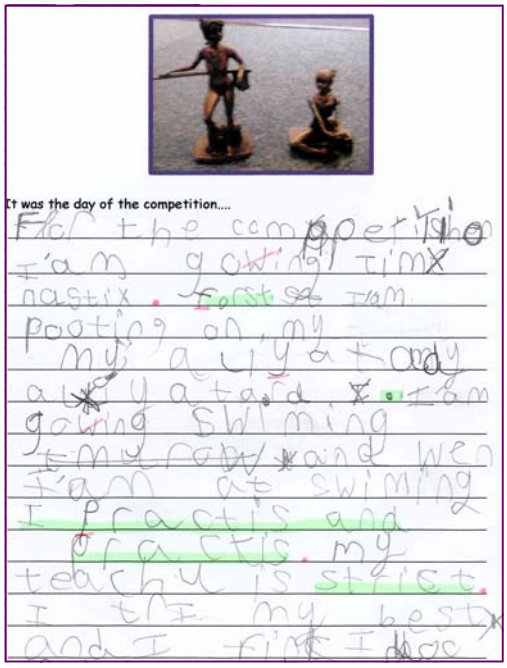
Therese Gaetos

Sammy Maklouf

Dixcie Ruddock

Literacy

We have continued to take part in daily Read Write Inc sessions, helping us to improve our phonics, reading and writing within ability groups - and we were thrilled by how well we did in our Phonics Screening Tests earlier this term, with an amazing 82% of us reaching the Year 1 level. Over the course of the term, we have also become much more confident at writing in full sentences, helping us to get ready to move up to Year 2 in September. During Big Writing, meanwhile, we have written about being in a sports competition, retold the story of the *Hare and the Tortoise* and recounted our trip to Rio.



The day of the competition

For the competition I am going to do gymnastics. First I am putting on my leotard. I am going swimming and when I am at swimming I practise and practise. My teacher is strict. I try my best and I find I do my best.

by Tiarna

The day of the competition

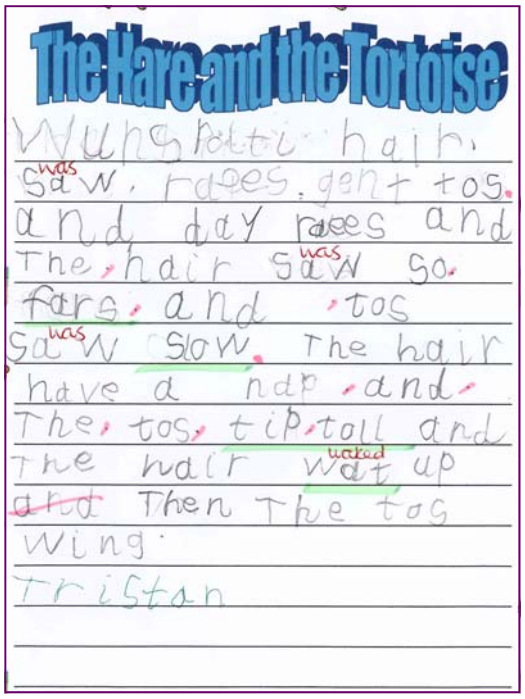
I was feeling worried. I put my clothes on carefully. I was doing running and I won it. I was rushing on the track. I was exhausted. I won it and I got given a golden medal.

by Sophia Kostorz

The Hare and the Tortoise

Once upon a time the Hare was racing against Tortoise. They raced and the Hare was so fast and Tortoise was so slow. The Hare had a nap and the Tortoise tip toed past and the Hare woke up and then the Tortoise won.

by Tristan Rama



A trip to Rio

It all started pretty well. We watched the opening intro. We were wearing sports clothes. I won a medal and a hat. On the aeroplane we went back to school at the end of the day.

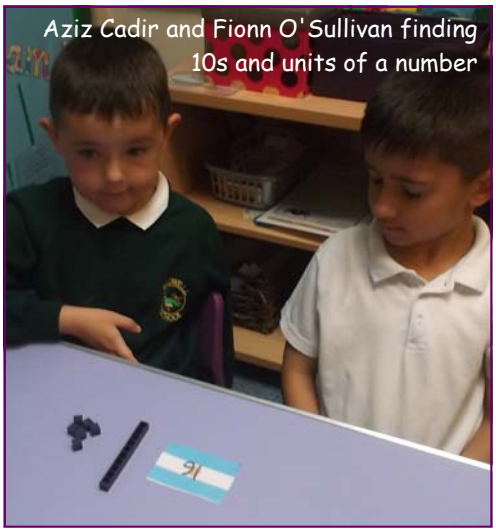
by Callum Heath

Maths

For this term's target work, we have been learning about place value, using tens and units - and some of us have even moved on to using hundreds. We have learnt to partition numbers into their component parts, recognising which part of the number has a larger value and using base-ten equipment to show what each number 'looks' like. We then used this knowledge (and equipment) to help us order groups of ten, sorting piles of t-shirts and flags for Rio to help us get ready for our Olympic Day. Our Learn-Its have been 6 + 6 = 12, 7 + 7 = 14, 8 + 8 = 16 and 9 + 9 = 18

This term, we have also been learning about time and measurement. We have measured how far we can throw things and jump, and measured these using metre sticks and trundle wheels, which was a great help with our mini Olympics. We have learnt to use timers and stop watches to explore minutes and seconds, finding out how often we can do an activity in a given amount of time. We then used this data in our Computing sessions, collecting data and making a variety of graphs and pictograms.

Bianca Musomba, Rocco Heller, Skye Wells, Paris Arno timing each other completing 10 jumps



Aziz Cadir and Fionn O'Sullivan finding 10s and units of a number

James Sparrow and Darcy Michell finding 10s and units of a number

Tristan Rama, Erik Vegso and Max Lambert timing each other

Max Lambert and Bianca Musomba finding 100s, 10s, and units

Stars of the Week -Class 3b-

Tommy-Lee Hicks

Ethan Nisbet

Amelia Wolczyk

Kenzie Cole

Diary Dates

5th September
Start of Autumn Term

24th-28th October
Half-term

31st October
Inset day - school closed

21st December
End of term

5th January 2017
Start of Spring Term

13th-17th February
Half-term

10th March
Inset day - school closed

21st December
End of term

19th April
Start of Summer Term

1st May
May Bank Holiday - school closed

8th—12th May
Year 6 SATs Test Week

29th May - 2nd June
Half-term

21st July
End of term

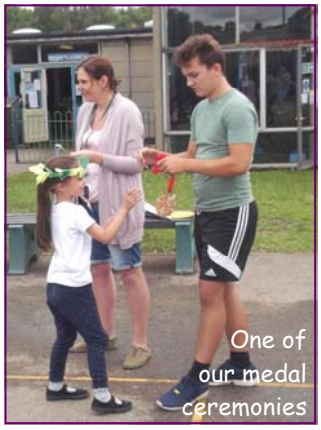
Travelling to Rio

We had a fabulous trip to Rio and were very lucky to have such sunny weather! The plane was on time and we arrived safely for the opening ceremony. Whilst in Rio we were involved in a variety of activities, including painting our own flags, making a tropical fruit salad, learning carnival dances and a sports circuit. We were very proud to cheer everyone on while they received their gold medals and laurel wreaths, and would like to thank all the Year 6 children who helped us at the airport with check in and security.

Andrew Ajazi going through security

Making Carnival music

Class 1b


One of our medal ceremonies

Callum Heath checking in

Our Opening Ceremony

Class 1a

Marika Wieclaw competing in the hurdles