

Year 2 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 Cricket squad both represented Stevenage at County Finals.
- Year 1 had a brilliant Rio day, imagining what it would be like to visit this year's Olympics.
- 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.

What we've been doing this term...

Food!

Our topic this half-term has been all about where foods comes from, locally and further afield. We have identified and sorted plants and animals, where different foods come from and whether plants grow above the ground, below the ground or on trees or bushes. We found this really interesting and any that we were unsure of we looked up using the internet - we were surprised to learn how pineapples and peanuts grow! We have looked at the shops local to us in Stevenage and how they offer foods that are fresh, frozen, raw and processed, discussing the differences between these. We have also looked at the journey some foods (such as milk and potatoes) take from farm to shop by finding out about a dairy and how crisps are made. We ended our topic with a Great British picnic, sharing cooked food from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales between us.



In art, we have learnt about the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo, who famously created artwork by painting fruits and vegetables. We designed our own fruit and vegetable faces and then re-created them using real vegetables. We spent a long time carefully arranging each part of our pictures into a face that matched our design... and then we were able to try out the foods we had used by eating our artwork!



Stars of the Week -Class 4a-



Zuzanna Jarosinska



Cristina Varsescu



Tiffany White



Isabelle Clark



Freya Potts



George Copeland



Sherise Thomson-
Burbury

Sports Week 2016

We thoroughly enjoyed Sports Week and were lucky to have the opportunity to take part in *Stevenage Sporting Futures on Tour* with athletic activities, a dance class with Zara, our expert streetdance instructor, trampolining, a Mini-Olympics with Year 1, and we finished off the week with a fun session on the inflatables - and our Sports Day was a great success, too. Everyone worked really hard and tried their best in each activity, especially during our Sports Day races, where we competed in front of our friends and families.





Stars of the Week -Class 4b-



Rhiannon Davis



Evie Bates



Aleks Kaczmarek



Arifah Kamali



Harvey Rossington



Jamie Mitchell



Our whole class!

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

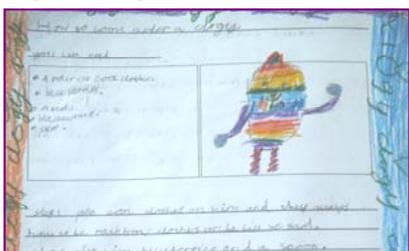
21st July

End of term

Across the curriculum...

Literacy

In Miss Hodson's literacy group, we have been having a great time learning about instructional texts, first making up our own 'Flanimal' and then devising a series of informative (and slightly silly) instructions telling others how best to look after it. We have continued to practise our spelling and grammar this half-term, and are really trying to show these skills during our Big Writing.



How to look after a Clogy

By Freya Potts

You will need:

- A set of cool clothes
- Blueberries
- A bed
- Blackcurrant

1. Put cool clothes on him. They always have to be rainbow colours or he will be sad.
2. Give him blueberries and a spoon.
3. Gently put him to bed.
4. Give him a carton of blackcurrant.
5. Let him sleep carefully in bed.

Maths

We started this half-term by returning to telling the time, looking at increasing our accuracy, so we can now tell the time to 5 or 10 minute intervals. Both classes have also continued to work hard on our times tables, with many of us receiving our Tables Star Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. We have had a big push on problem solving skills this half-term, tackling a large variety of problems involving multiplication and division, finding the differences and counting on and back to subtract.

Science

Our science topic has seen us learning all about plants. We grew broad bean plants from seed and have noted and commented on each stage of their growth. We spent time out in our courtyard area, weeding and planting tomatoes and flowers to watch how different plants grow. We have looked at the lifecycles of a plant and the important role bees have in pollination.

Computing

Our computing unit for this half term was called *We are Zoologists* and linked nicely to our topic. We went on a bug hunt around the school grounds and recorded, documented and identified the animals we found. We then organised our data and produced graphs using Microsoft Excel.

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This is the last newsletter for the current year 2, and we wish everyone a safe and happy Summer holiday, and all the very best for a brilliant Year 3
Mrs Livingstone & Miss Hodson