

Year 5&6 News

February 2017

Elsewhere in School...

- Year 3/4 were visited by artist Michelle Reader for three days, producing amazing sculptures from recycled materials.
- Those of us who have received our Bronze or Silver merit awards were rewarded with a bonus trampolining session.
- Foundation Stage organised a brilliant tea party as part of their *The Tiger Who Came To Tea* topic.
- Year 2 watched chicks hatch and begin to grow in their classroom to support their work on lifecycles.
- Our Year 3/4 Cricket Team finished third in the Stevenage Rapid Fire Cricket Festival.
- Our Year 5/6 Table Tennis team won the Rising Stars Tournament, held at the Leisure Centre.
- Key Stage 2 took part in *Sporting Futures On Tour*, run by the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team.

What we've been doing this term...

Fundraising

Many thanks to everyone who donated gloves, scarves and hats for the refugee children based in Greece. We collected hundreds of items which made it to the school just in time for the winter snow, and were delighted to receive photos from the refugee children, showing just how much the clothes were valued.



Our penny line was also a great success in the last week before half-term, with the line of change stretching all around the school by the end of the week thanks to everyone's generous donations - this really was a case where every penny counted! We collected up all the coins on Friday, and, once they'd all been through the change machine at the bank, were delighted to discover that we had raised £185 to go towards new Golden Time resources.

Art

Linking with our science work, we have created some highly effective planet pictures. Using chalks we blended our colour choices together to create a spherical effect - and, as you can see from the examples below, the finished pieces were really effective:



Stars of the Week - Class 9 -



Samad Miah



Devon Michell



Lewis Heath

Skye Landon

Superhero Biographies

At the beginning of term, we were paid a surprise visit by Iron Man, who invited us to find out all about his life. From then on we have been totally immersed in superheroes, and have worked hard to write biographies about our favourites.

To support our work we learnt an example biography (using pictures and actions to support our work),

explored structure and language features, answered comprehension questions based around the text, and then used this to inspire our own writing, including action scenes, news reports and full biographies. You can see a few examples of our work on these pages...



The First Avenger

It all began when Steve Rogers was born on the 10th October 1918 in Manhattan, New York. His beloved parents would never have predicted what lay in store for their outstanding son. Twenty years later, Steve was catapulted into fame by becoming the only superhero who agreed to take part in the top-secret super soldier test. A choice that would change his life forever. If you want to hear more about this sensational man's life, please read on...

From a young age, Steve was fascinated with joining the army. Unfortunately, he sadly failed because he was too weak. However, Rogers agreed to take part in the top-secret government test. Using his strength, agility as well as stamina (gained from the test) he began to fight in the Second World War. Tragically, Steve fell from the burning wreckage of a plane into the ocean below, and froze for many decades, until The Avengers found him. After being rescued, he once again became known to the world as Captain America.

From that moment on, he was committed to practicing his skills with his shield, so he could fight crime as a superhero. Captain America repeatedly saved the world from foes such as; Red Skull, Crossbones and Iron Nail. As time passed, his excellent missions with The Avengers led him to assemble with other heroes such as; the trustable Falcon, the honourable Ian Zola and the flexible Agent Maria Hill. Steve's teamwork also led him to work very closely with his sidekick Bucky Barnes. Steve's responsibilities have turned him into a reliable, responsible and righteous hero.

Unsurprisingly, not so long ago Captain America found himself in a civil war (over secret identities) against his friend Tony Stark, exclaiming "People shouldn't know your true identity." Subsequently, the civil war led many of Steve's friends to become his worst rivals. Despite this discord with his friends, he will always be remembered for his amazing skill with a shield and always making the right decisions.

By Olga Zajackowska

A Hero Returns!

Today, Tony Stark (better known as Iron Man) returned to New York after completing his latest - and most intrepid - mission.

Yesterday (12th January 2017), during the early morning, the superhero team known as The Avengers embarked on a life risking mission. It all began when a nuclear bomb approached their state-of-the-art headquarters! Skimming the Hudson River, which runs through New York City, Iron Man flew swiftly to catch the deadly missile! Would it explode?

Whilst grabbing the bomb, Tony quickly guided it with all of his strength to make sure it didn't destroy his homeland, as well as his million dollar office. Therefore he pushed it into space, just missing the Avengers Tower. Stark exclaimed to Captain America, "This is a one way trip!" Subsequently, he attempted to call his girlfriend, Peppa Potts, to tell her he would miss her, however the call failed.

Fortunately, the bomb blew up in outer space; however Tony became unconscious and plummeted towards Earth. The Avengers watched and waited for him to come back. Noticing Stark falling, the mighty Hulk leaped quickly into the air and caught him which caused them both to slide down the side of a building and crash to the floor.

Iron Man woke up and joked, "Please tell me nobody kissed me!" Once again The Avengers saved the day from aliens and villains alike.

By Devon Michell

Superhero Saviour

On the 28th April 2012, the superhero team known as The Avengers saved New York City from vile aliens called Chitauri. The audacious Iron Man was easily spotted with a deadly nuke, swiftly gliding across the (Manhattan) water, gradually getting closer to the vortex.



Reports say that Captain America had told Iron Man, he was "on a one way trip." Not answering, Iron Man was seen swiftly and bravely flying to the atrocious vortex. When he had managed to enter the vortex, no one really knows what happened, however, it is believed he threw the nuke towards the invading alien's ship.

Fortunately, as the amazing Iron Man fell extremely fast back towards the ground, the Incredible Hulk jumped and caught him, which saved his life. Iron Man had saved New York and maybe even the world.

By Oliver O'Reilly

Stars of the Week - Class 10 -



Keira Vince-Wick



George Poulter

Luke Wells

Diary Dates

4th March

Year 4 Speed
Stacking Competition

10th March

Inset day - school
closed

13th March

Year 6 High-5
Netball Festival

16th March

Year 4 High-5
Netball Festival

23rd March

Year 5 visiting
St Andrews Church

24th - 26th March

Year 5/6 PGL Trip

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

19th - 23rd June

Sports Week 2017
(including Foundation,
KS1 and KS2 Sports
Days)

21st July

End of term

Science

Our science work has been focused on the Earth and Space. So far we have investigated why and how shadows change throughout the day, as well as what causes day and night. We have used globes to find out which countries will be in daylight whilst the opposite side of the world is asleep and discovered that it is the rotation of the Earth that causes this. We have been introduced to figures in history who discovered the way in which the planets orbit the Sun, such as Copernicus and Galileo, and look forward to continuing this learning next half term.

Computing

Using our new found knowledge of different superheroes, we created challenging quizzes for the other class and published them online by using the website Survey Monkey. Class 9 created questions relating to Iron Man, and Class 10 devised their quiz about Batman. Once we had completed the survey, we collated the responses and will be analysing the results in the coming weeks before presenting the data as charts and graphs, using Excel software.

Football

February saw our Year 5/6 Boys Football team getting back into action after their winter break, with tough games against Woolenwick and St Margaret Clitherow. On Thursday 2nd February, Cristiano Joseph, Brandon Goodge and Bradley Evans joined the Year 6s to take on league leaders Woolenwick - and, thanks to some great defence from Bradley and a typically no-nonsense performance from Brandon, the game stayed very tight in the first half, with the boys unlucky to be 1-0 down at half-time. In the second half, however, we made a lot of substitutions and, with players being pulled out of position and the Year 5s off the field, the game slipped away, eventually seeing us lose 6-0.

A week later, however, we took on St Margarets in the Stevenage FA Cup with a smaller (and more confident) squad. Unfortunately Brandon was ill, but Devon Michell took full advantage of the opportunity to step in, playing brilliantly in the second-half. Cristiano put in a tireless performance, winning the ball back all over the field, and the boys never let their heads drop, despite going 1-0 down early on. Hard work (and some great play from Noah and Harvey from Year 6) pulled it back to 1-1 at half-time - only for a messy goal to put us behind again early in the second half. Once again, however, the boys upped their work rate, levelling again and, with just 5 minutes left, finally going ahead 3-2. The last few minutes were really tense, with the ball flying from end-to-end, but we held on and the boys therefore made it through to the Quarter-Finals of the Cup for the second year in a row.