

Foundation News

March 2018

Elsewhere in School...

- 33 members of Year 6 had a fantastic weekend away at PGL last weekend, trying out abseiling, zip wires, raft building and a very muddy 'Challenge Course'
- Our Year 5/6 Girls Football team reached the semi-finals of the Stevenage Cup, while our Netball teams have also been in winning form.
- Years 2-6 had a great time at our Easter Disco, with over 130 children attending.
- The whole school got into costume for World Book Day on March 1st, with parents and grandparents coming in to share books in Foundation Stage and buddy reading taking place throughout the school.
- Our Year 2-6 Dance Club have been busily training for the Stevenage Dance Festival, where they will be performing to a packed Gordon Craig Theatre.

What we've been doing this term...

Adult-led learning

We have been looking at lots of different mathematical concepts this half-term, including ordering things by size and looking at doubling, halving and sharing. This is all leading towards us achieving our Early Learning Goals by June. We have also been learning about different cultures, looking at lots of the different Spring festivals that take place around the world (and here at home), as well as discovering why Christians celebrate Easter.



Jahrell sharing and counting eggs



Chloe explores doubling



Exploring sharing

World Book Day

We thoroughly enjoyed celebrating World Book Day on March 1st, getting into costume to dress up as some of our favourite characters and sharing stories with our parents and grandparents.



Max shares a story with his Dad



James' Dad reading in our loft



Mia and her grandparents sharing a story

Child Initiated Learning

Throughout the term, we have had the chance to try out a huge range of activities, linked to our topics, learning and ideas, which change every day to reflect our interests, suggestions and learning needs. As a result, many of us have made fantastic progress over the last few months, with our language and listening skills improving particularly well. We always look forward to finding out what new activities have appeared in our rooms each day, and are also keen to find new ways to explore, use and play with the equipment and resources around us.

We have picked out a few of our favourite moments from this half-term to share with you on these pages...



Learning how to use the cameras



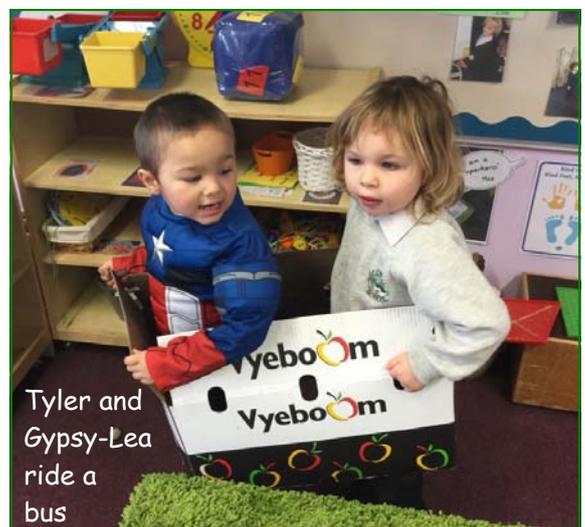
Toby Heron making numbers



Millie-Rose exploring pennies

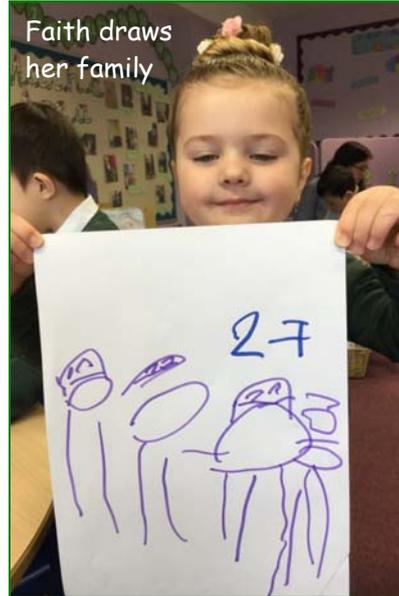


Amela practises writing her numbers and name



Tyler and Gypsy-Lea ride a bus

Notices



- With the colder (and wetter) weather still sticking around, please make sure your child comes to school with a named coat - we go outside in all weathers!
- Please ensure that all clothes are named to avoid mix ups during PE.
- We will continue changing library books every Wednesday in Nursery and every Friday in Reception. Please try to read with your child at least three times a week.
- A big thank-you to all the parents and grandparents who came to share a story on World Book Day! As always, we hugely appreciate your support.

Diary Dates

29th March
End of Spring Term

17th April
Start of Summer Term

4th May
Inset day - school closed

7th May
Bank Holiday Monday

14th - 18th May
Y6 SATs Week

21st - 25th May
Y2 SATs Week

28th May - 1st June
Half-term

11th - 15th June
Year 1 phonics screening

10th & 11th July
KS2 end-of-year production

12th July
Y6 Transition Day

20th July
End of Summer Term

Cooking

We have been very busy cooking this half term! We have made lots of exciting new things, including experiencing baking every other week.



Jihan making cheese straws



Theo, Leyland, Max and Faith making flap jacks for Mother's Day



Layland learning to wash up after cooking



Rory making cakes



Kamila and Marnie making cheese straws



Reception get ready to bake!



Katie making cakes