

A note from Mrs Poplett....

It has been another busy half term and the children have worked really hard in all areas of their learning. We have celebrated the Lunar New Year, with a very informative Y4 assembly to their parents/carers and many of the classes have enjoyed an educational visit or an experience day in school. We all hope you have a lovely break, and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February, for hopefully some Spring days, with brighter mornings and lighter evenings.

Y1 Tower of London Trip

Year 1 have been learning all about Kings and Queens this term. On their trip to the Tower of London, the children got to experience castle life, and have a feel for what it would be like to live in medieval times. The children got to see King Edward I's Bed chamber and see where he used to sleep. The children also got to see the crown jewels and explore all the different artefacts which were kept at the Tower of London. The children were really excited to travel up to London to see the castle and they really enjoyed exploring all the different rooms.

Y5 Viking Experience Day

Many of Year 5 arrived on Monday morning dressed in the most amazing Viking outfits and carrying a multitude of Viking weaponry that they had made at home. Our workshop leader Mike was very impressed. The day started with a quiz. Display boards with different Viking topics had been set up around the room and the children moved freely around with their friends and a quiz sheet looking for the answers. We then had an opportunity to look at different interesting artefacts that were passed around the group with great enthusiasm. After this, we all played a Viking board game with a partner called Fox and Geese. We had lots of competitive players in the room!

After lunch, the children learnt about the different weapons a Viking warrior would have used and the chainmail armour he would have worn to protect him. Real shields, swords, axes and spears were passed around and held and the class were exceptionally engaged in this session – responding thoughtfully to Mike's questions as well as asking their own. We then went outside in the playground and re-enacted a Viking battle. Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed learning the Viking battle cries and charging across the playground with their weaponry made at home. Lastly, everyone had a go at Viking Spear Wrestling (even Miss Downes). It was such fun and a wonderful way to end a brilliant day.

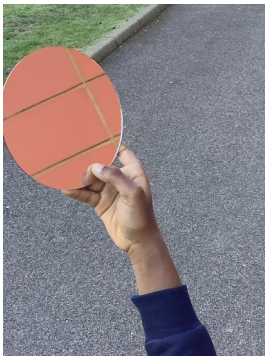
Y6 World War II Day

Year 6 really enjoyed participating in a workshop learning all about what life was like during World War II. They had the opportunity to explore genuine WWII artefacts, look at what was kept in an evacuee's suitcase and learn how children kept themselves entertained throughout the war, including which toys they had and how they collected pieces of bomb shrapnel to trade in for sweets and money. They learnt about how clothing was also rationed and the difficult choices people had to make at that time.

They thoroughly enjoyed experiencing what Air Raid Precaution training was like and tried on many types of period clothing. They really enjoyed testing out whether they had the necessary characteristics to disperse World War II bombs. Their teamwork skills were also tested as they were challenged to be the best stretcher-bearers they could be, safely bringing home their casualties. Year 6 learnt a great deal throughout the day and their knowledge was clear to see in the World War II quiz at the end of the day!

KS2 Photography Workshop

3 pupils from across Key Stage 2 were provided with an opportunity to develop their photography and art skills at a workshop hosted by Woodcote High School. They joined other pupils from our cluster schools and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. The next joint event will be a debating event hosted at Oasis Academy Coulsdon.



FOB UV Disco:

The children across the school thoroughly enjoyed being part of the singing and dancing at the UV disco on Friday 2nd February. A big thank you to all the adults that provided support in the organisation in the lead up to the event and then those that helped set up and clear away on the day. We would like to thank the FOB for their continued support with fundraising, to help support the academy in different areas. Their next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt at the end of next half term.

Croydon Voluntary Action

Well-connected and knowledgeable about support in the local community, around Croydon. Have access to information about food support schemes as well as other support on a very local level. <https://cvalive.org.uk/contact-us/> Switch Board: 020 8253 7060

Free School Meal Vouchers

Croydon Council has continued funding to provide all families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) with supermarket food vouchers during the Christmas period.

A £15 voucher per eligible child will be funded for the half term period. Please check your emails to ensure you can then redeem the vouchers given.

Pupil Premium Grant (PPG)

We are aware that lots of people's situations may have changed over the past few months due to Covid-19. If you believe that you may be eligible for 'The Pupil Premium Grant' please use this link to check your eligibility:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/link2ict/>

Pupil Premium funding is used by the school to support students and help them reach their full potential academically, through extra curricular and pastoral provision.

Discounted Family tickets to London Zoo

With half term approaching London Zoo are offering discounted tickets to low income families via this link: <https://www.londonzoo.org/plan-your-visit/community-access-scheme>

ParentPay Debit - Your account should always be in a credit or zero balance.

Please check your child's ParentPay account this evening and bring the account back to a credit balance if you currently have a debt amount. If you know that your child is going to have school lunches (KS2) or attend breakfast club in the new term, please credit their account with an amount to cover all meals/attendances intended to be taken, please DO NOT wait for your account to go into arrears.



The 9 Habit Awards

Congratulations to the pupils listed below who have been awarded our termly Habit awards:

Reception = Nylah Mendonca Cummins (Joyful)

Oliver Sayers (Honest)

Year 1 = Niketh Ramachandran (Humble)

Ashani Mistry (Humble)

Year 2 = Jacob Osleger-Moores (Patient)

William Price (Humble)

Year 3 = Zoe Szulgit (Compassionate)

Dougie Hendry (Honest)

Year 4 = Veera Varde (Self-Controlled)

Aaron Dib (Patient)

Year 5 = Darcy Dare (Self Controlled)

Avelyn Espinosa (Considerate)

Year 6 = Luis Johnson (Patient)

Nyla Somerville (Humble)

House Point Termly Winners:

This terms house point winners were Morpugo house! Well done for working so hard and being the winners for another half term.

Key Dates = Spring Term 2

Date	Event
Monday 20th February	Spring 2 - start of term
Friday 3rd March	World Book Day
Monday 20th March	Parents evening 3:30 - 19:30
Wednesday 22nd March	Parents evening 3:30 - 17:30
Thursday 30th March	Easter Assembly—Y1 parents invited
Friday 31st March	FOB Easter Egg Hunt Finish for Easter Break (normal finish)