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Headmistress's Message

What a busy last few weeks of term! We have thoroughly enjoyed our musical events in the past few weeks and it was wonderful to hear so many of our fledgling musicians conquer their nerves and perform to an audience of parents.

We also continued to award Sports badges this term and Mr Paine has been incredibly busy taking lots of children to events off-site.

We have continued our Summer off-site trips and the children have been incredibly well behaved. Our Eco Council thoroughly enjoyed planting potatoes a few months ago and reaped their reward this half term by harvesting and then eating them.

We still have a few weeks of term left and I look forward to seeing you at the events we have planned.

Awards

Congratulations to all the children who have been presented with either a Values, Good Behaviour, Friendship or Sports award since the last newsletter.

Class	Friendship	Good Behaviour	Merit	Sports
1V	Evie	Elia	Hayden, Mikail, Noelle, Elia	Lily, Raeham
1C	Avi	Helena	Annabelle, Sophia, Daniel, Elsie	Avi, Sanaa, Austin
2S	Michael	Aliyah	Ava, Ethan, Luca,	Luca, Neysha, Noah, Michael, Emily
2Z	Anya	Fionnbharra	Rafael, Max, Rafael, Gabby	Isabella, Henry, Maya, Alfie
3CA	Jovan	Sofia	Freya, Oscar, Arthur, Sofia	Olivia, Zuri, Arthur
3CO	Rabani	Sofia	Archer, Poppy, Idrees, Harvey	Poppy, Isla, Sofia P
4C	Isla	Rufus	Alyssia, Amelia, Mila, Raffy	Rufus, Jessica, Mila
5Z	Amari	Anais	Ethan, Denzel, Soransh, Isabella	Nhi, Denzel, Archie
6G	Ethan	Abigail	Hannah, Ayianna, Prabhlok, Alice	Ethan, Lucy, Tasnim

Music Concert

The first week back after half-term meant Concert Time! On the Tuesday, after school, the Year 2 instrumentalists delighted proud mums, dads, grandparents and friends with lovely performances on a variety of instruments. On the Wednesday and Thursday evening at 6.00pm it was the turn of pupils from Years 3-6. Everyone played superbly, conquering nerves and showing resilience and perseverance. Thank you to all who listen and encourage these young musicians each week. A big thank you, also, to our strong team of peripatetic music teachers who visit the school each week giving tuition to the children.



Sports Assembly

During our assembly, we awarded children sports award badges, we also celebrated some amazing achievements from our children outside of school.

Annabelle, Winnie, Margot and Bella from 5Z all took 1st place in a Gymnastics competition, in which they all represent Casablanca Gymnastics club. They all took part in a floor, vault and beam routine showcasing their skills.

Winnie and Siana from 5Z, as well as Vallavi from 3CA all showed off their medals and trophies, playing football for Buckhurst Hill Youth FC.

Alyssia from 4C told the school about a merit award she achieved performing a ballet routine for her dance club.

It is amazing to see so many of our children achieve great things outside of school! Well done!



Cello Assembly

Y1-Y5 enjoyed an assembly led by Mrs Doolan, where she played a Cello that is more than 350 years old.



Lower Kindergarten

The children in Lower Kindergarten have been learning all about Transport. They had the opportunity to go down to the carpark to see a school van. Miss Collins showed the children the different parts of the van including the engine, oil, water, windscreen wipers and headlights. Each child sat in the driver's seat and had a go at turning the steering wheel, all with the engine off, handbrake on and their key worker supervising! I would say this was the children's favourite part! Afterwards, the children were provided with sponges, cloths and a bucket of soapy water to clean our big toy cars. The children were excited to put on their waterproof aprons and used big arm movements to wash and wipe the vehicles.



Upper Kindergarten

Upper Kindergarten have been learning about forces and motions. For Expressive Arts, the children created their own monster by using paint and a straw. They each chose two colours of watered-down paint, which was spooned onto their paper. We then showed them how to blow through a straw and explained that the air in their lungs would push the paint around the paper. The children all tried really hard to blow the paint even though they found it difficult.



Growing Our Own Potatoes

Oaklands have been busy harvesting some of the potatoes that our Eco-Council planted back at Easter. Mrs Copeman helped the Eco-Council harvest the potatoes and after harvesting, Mrs Booth kindly boiled them and we all got to try the delicious potatoes grown by our pupils. We were all very proud of our potato growing success.



Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament

Pupils from Years 4-6 took part in the annual Oak-Tree Tennis Tournament, played at Chingford Tennis club. We were lucky to have glorious sunshine. All the singles matches were very close and it came down to the doubles event where, Oaklands managed to claw back places in the table, playing some impressive tennis in the process. Well done to all of the amazing pupils, who all contributed to a wonderful day of tennis!

Overall results were:

1st Oaklands/Normanhurst – 31 points

2nd Braeside – 18 points

3rd Coopersale 17 points



Reception Owls visit Hylands Park

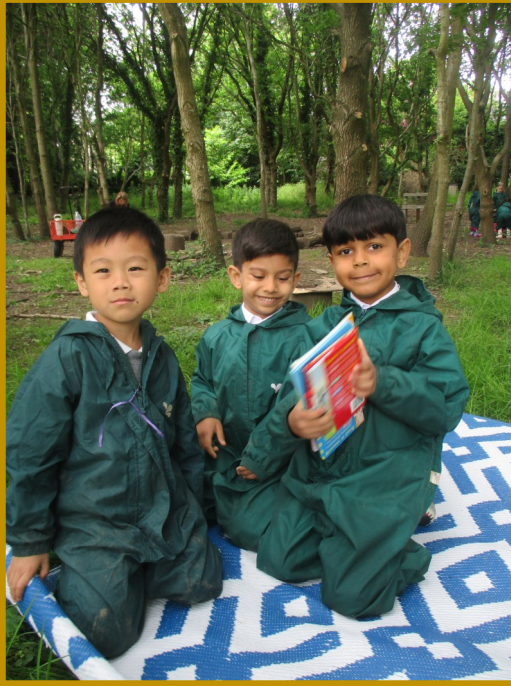
Owls had the most amazing outdoor experience. The morning was spent in a 'secret' Forest School area led by Justine from Green Earth Learning. The children did mud painting, climbed a fallen tree, played with puppets and did weaving on a huge frame. Other activities included using a bow saw to cut slices of a branch, which they then decorated as medals or necklaces, swung in hammocks as well as many other fun activities. After a picnic lunch, everyone gathered around the camp fire to toast marshmallows and make popcorn. Everyone had at least a small try, it was then a trek through the vast parkland to the adventure playground for climbing, sliding and swinging fun.

Owls decided it was their best day ever and going by the silence on the journey back to school, it was clearly a very tiring day in the fresh air.



Reception Woodpeckers in the Wild Woods

Woodpeckers had the best time playing and exploring in the Wild Woods. They made a bridge for the goats in the Three Billy Goats Gruff and read traditional tales. We are enjoying our new topic, traditional tales and we also role-played our favourite stories using natural materials.



Reception Robins The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Robins have been learning about traditional tales this half term. They made masks to act out the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. Everyone took turns to play the troll, bridge and Goats. When we returned back to the classroom after a fun time acting, we wrote some wonderful descriptions of the troll using amazing adjectives. Well done Robins!



Early Years Father's Day Celebration

Children in Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten and Reception spent part of the morning having fun with their daddies in celebration of Father's Day. The threat of rain failed to dampen spirits and enjoyed the range of activities which included beat the goalie, mud stencilling, water target blasting, Lego, drawing and a mini obstacle course.

The children hope that their dads enjoyed themselves as much as they did.



Ducklings

As part of our Science Week, the pupils have been caring for duck eggs which then hatched into 6 beautiful ducklings. All of the children took it in turns to visit the duck eggs and then the ducklings. The ducklings were very well looked after and have now been rehomed in a loving and suitable environment.



Year 1C Parent Drop in

Year 1C had a very successful parent drop in session. The classroom was set up with different maths stations with time, subtraction and addition tables. The pupils had great fun being the teachers and showing the parents how to complete the tasks on each table. Thank you to all of the parents for such a lovely drop in session.



Year 1V Book Clean Up

In Year 1, we read the book Clean Up! As a class, we discussed the damage litter can cause to our environment as well as to animals and their habitats. We decided to recycle and reuse plastic bottles and create our very own bug hotels. On the field, the children gathered sticks, grass, leaves and fruit peels from our break time snack. We filled our bottles and temporarily placed them on the field for the bugs to live in. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity.



Year 2 Visit to Barleylands

Year 2 had a wonderful time learning about all of the different animals on Barleylands Farm. They learnt all about Highland cows and got to have a go at feeding one. They also had the opportunity to pet and feed some goats and make a bread roll using produce grown at the farm.



Year 2S Finger Puppets

In D&T 2S have been learning about puppets. They made finger puppets into different animals by cutting out the shapes and decorating them.



Year 2Z Sewing

2Z have had lots of fun in D&T sewing their own animal puppet. The children used their needles and some wool in order to sew the puppet together and will bring it to life with different eyes and noses!



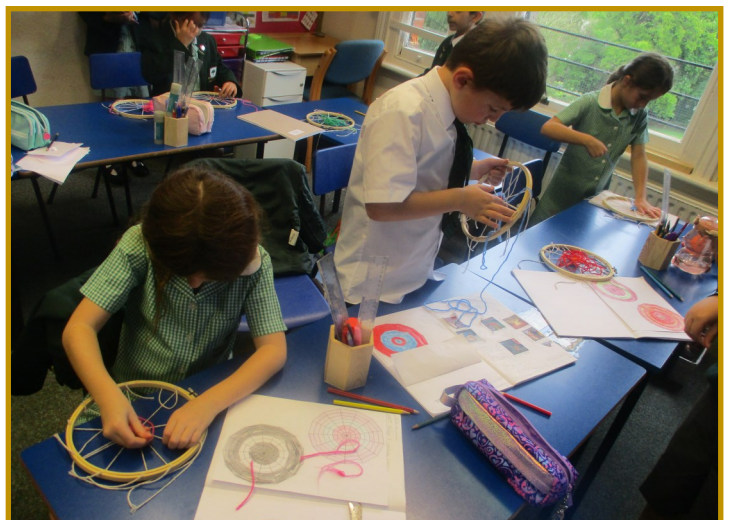
Year 3CA Rainforests

In our Topic lessons, we are learning about rainforests and the climates that they are in. In this particular lesson, the class split themselves up to pairs or worked individually and researched the climate of a particular rainforest climate they had chosen. At the end of the lesson, each group shared a weather forecast for that rainforest. We have some budding meteorologists in 3CA!!



Year 3CO Weaving in D&T

3CO have enjoyed getting stuck in to their weaving topic in D&T! The children have quickly learnt that this is a task that requires concentration and patience which they are demonstrating brilliantly! It's also been lovely to see the children helping each other during the weaving process. We are all so excited to see the finished products!



Year 4C French

Year 4 are busy practising their knowledge of number in French as they near the end of the academic year.

The children have learned a great deal in the last nine months. As well as number they have explored sporting activities, pastimes and hobbies.

Many of the children look forward to visiting France in the future in order to put their knowledge of the language into practice.



Year 5Z Brentwood School Visit

Year 5 enjoyed their visit to Brentwood School this term. They loved baking portrait pizza's in Food and Nutrition as well as singing and drumming in a Music lesson. The taster morning was a great opportunity for the children to gain experience of life in a secondary school. Finally, the visit was concluded with a tempting lunch which the children thoroughly enjoyed!



ISA U11 Tennis Championships

On a glorious Friday, in the sun, at Woodford Wells Club, 5 of our talented Year 6 Tennis players took part in the ISA U11 Tennis Championships. All the pupils had 5 matches against 5 other schools in the team competition, where they would play singles matches to try and get to the magic 10 point mark. In an amazing exhibition of tennis, we managed to beat all of the schools to finish top of the table and take the trophy back to Oaklands.

Final results were:

Oaklands 4 – 1 Coopersale

Oaklands 4 – 1 St John's

The Webber 0 – 5 Oaklands

Lockers Park 2 – 3 Oaklands

Oaklands 3 – 2 Avon House



The children also took part in a singles competition, playing in the 'Italian Open' and the 'French Open'. They all did very well, against some very talented pupils, and a big congratulations to Alice who just missed out her Semi-Final match, and Max who came a very respectable runners up.

Well done to our superb Year 6 pupils; Sammy, Hannah, Max, Lucy and Alice.

Grade 2 Guitar Awards

Well done to Sammy and Ethan have been awarded distinction in their grade 2 Guitar exams.



Year 6 Visit from the Magistrates

On Tuesday Year 6 had a visit from two Magistrates who work at Highbury Magistrates Court. They spoke about the judicial process and how ordinary people can become a Magistrate, however when the children knew that this was a voluntary job they weren't too keen. They learned about the layout of the courtroom and the people who work there. The most exciting part of the morning involved the children assessing the severity of different scenarios and voting on which one was the worst. A big thank you to Mr Wright and Mrs Gibbon.



3 Tees Cricket Festival

Pupils from Year 2 took part in a 3 Tees Cricket Festival on the Oaklands field, with our sister schools Normanhurst, Coopersale and Braeside in attendance. It was a great atmosphere with excellent batting, fielding and sportsmanship to round off all the matches. In a close fought contest, the final results were:

- 1st – Coopersale
- 2nd – Oaklands
- 3rd – Normanhurst
- 4th - Braeside

