



Year 5 Class Newsletter

Just like that we have made it to the end of Year 5. We can't quite believe it! What a busy and productive term we have had and there is still a little more to come with trips next week as well. I think we are all ready for a well-deserved break ready to refuel for the new year with Mrs Carton (again) and Mrs Pell (also again!). I think the boys sum the end of term up pretty well. Thank you for all your support this year and we hope you have a restful summer (or as restful as possible).

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Miss Pickering who has worked with and taught the class this term – she has been an asset to the class and will continue to working at Glenmere as the Year 5 teacher next year. We would also like to say thank you to Mr Dixon, who will be leaving us this year, for all the support he has given the children and all the sporting opportunities as well – I for one, know how much the class love this. And finally, thank you to Mrs Buschbeck for all the work she has done this year teaching Year 5.



Jungle Book

It goes without saying how truly incredible every single one of you were with our class production of The Jungle Book. There were the odd moments of panic when many looked blankly at us for forgetting their lines but they all pulled through and my goodness what shining stars you are.

We knew from the start how musical you were when working with Mrs Dorrington but this just showed it even more as well as the acting skills too. Everyone was incredible from Jaxon and Darcie with their solos, to Zara, Evan, Max and Zein with their characters and Evelyn as Sher Khan's trusty (or not so trusty) side kick. The monkeys just made everyone smile and laugh – a real good comedy act and the wolves were terrifying. Not forgetting Poppy and Georgie as Bill and Chill. And no production goes ahead without music and props which was expertly done by Louie, Max, Callum and Alfie! It really was a team effort. We will be taking many photos at tonight's production to share with children – keep a look out in the school newsletter!

It has been brilliant to be able to have you as parents back in school this term as well! Thank you to all those who joined us for the computing afternoon where you were being taught by your children how to make your own computer games – I think it is fair to say most of the time the children were acting as the expert.



As part of our personal growth, they have been working on their resilience to overcome challenges and create their own toolkit. They definitely enjoy the active aspects of this curriculum.

Sense of Community

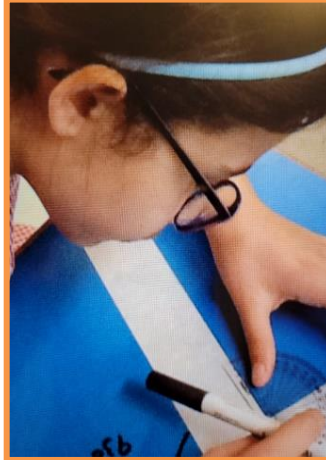
At the end of last term (I know that was spring but...), the class wrote their own community newsletter, reporting all the different things that have happened in school lately to share with the local community. They then delivered these to houses near and around school. They were great and loved doing this and will be doing them for the summer term next week





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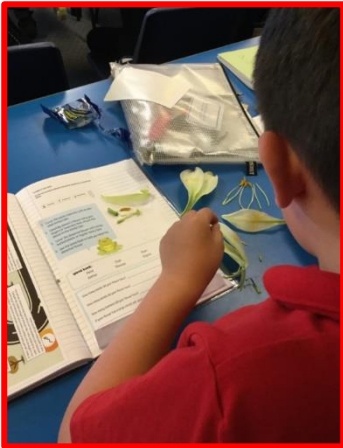
Our maths topic this term has been all about properties of shapes. The children have been investigating different angles and different types of shapes, having fun in plenty of practical lessons to help us!



One of the first lessons Miss Pickering taught them was music and the children did not disappoint! Their music topic this term was "dancing in the street", listening to and appreciating Motown classics. It was great to hear some of them recognise the songs (even if they did think it was from the 1800s!) and see some very funky dance moves!

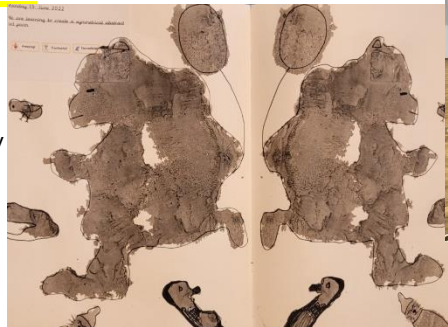
In Science, year 5 has been investigating lifecycles. They have become real mature scientists, using professional scientific language to describe lifecycles of different types of animals and plants. Year 5 especially enjoyed dissecting lilies, seeing first-hand the different parts of a flower and creating an 'explosive view' of a flower (it certainly made their books smell nice).

We would like to give a special recognition to two members of the class who were recently nominated for the OWLS trust children's awards. Louie was nominated for 'Science' for his incredible scientific understanding and contribution to lessons. Scarlett was nominated for the 'Bravery and Courage' award for her constantly positive attitude this year – even before and after her operation. She really was incredible. And, not only did they both get through, they only went and won them. We couldn't have been prouder! Scarlett wanted to thank two charities which have supported her: Heartlink and Keep and Beat.



It wouldn't be a Year 5 newsletter if there wasn't some sport thrown in! We have our sports day this term and the turn-out was great – many came to support and cheer on and the children enjoyed all the different races – although we think some were less keen on the skipping races!

Year 5 have had great fun in their art topic this term. They have been investigating different artists and how their images tell a 'story'. They particularly enjoyed the lesson where we recreated Banksy's famous 'Clacton Pigeon' mural, displaying more British Values within ours. They have also enjoyed getting rather creating with Rorsarch inspired 'inkblots'. It was truly magical see what the children saw from some simple shapes.



There have been a number of different activities from cricket to rounders, to football to the LADS morning at Parklands! There has been so many opportunities for everyone in the class



We were also lucky enough to have our own assembly from an expert in cyber safety and how to keep ourselves safe online and looking at what cyber bullying might look like and how to respond.

In English we have been writing formal persuasive letters, with the focus of plastic pollution in our oceans. Some have been writing to the Queen, Davin Attenborough and Boris Johnson. The persuasive skills and techniques they have demonstrated have been incredible, making many of us consider our own actions. I think we have some new David Attenborough's and Greta Thunberg's on our hands!

Year 5 were incredibly mature and sensible during our Relationships and Sex Education this term. Well done!