

### A message from Kevin Ward

This half term we have seen lots of great activity, and several new projects. Our **SPORT RELIEF** day raised £160 for the charity and children and staff had great fun doing lots of sporting activity throughout the day.

The same week we enjoyed welcoming **MAGIC LANTERN** back into school, with our old friend 'Magic Matt' delivering art appreciation sessions to each class, with topics ranging from Easter to the Ancient Greeks, the British Isles and the Romantic era.

Miss Innie has got us involved in **Transport for London's School Travel Programme**, starting with a brilliantly attended 'Biker's Breakfast', to which 70 children brought their bikes. She is working on gaining accreditation for the school which will bring in lots of new initiatives, and she has signed us up for this year's **'Bike Around the Borough'** in June. With lots of other great activity to read about in this newsletter, I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday.



### Year 6

In Year 6, we have been busy practising for our **SATS** which are happening in May (14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>). I am feeling a little bit anxious about it all and I think that some of my friends are too. To help me to prepare for the SATS, I have been doing extra revision at home and during playtime at school. I have made some revision cards which are colour coded (yellow=arithmetic, green= test questions, blue=grammar). During the Easter holiday, I will continue revising but I will make sure that I take breaks. I am going to do all that I can, to make sure that I can **SHOW OFF** what I can do when the tests happen. I am sure that we are all going to be great. **Amelia Gad Y6**

### Year 5

This half term year 5 have been concentrating on reversible and irreversible changes in science. This involved a lot of **eating ...** and we were able to incorporate our studies on the Greeks also into an eating *science* experience.

We made scramble eggs for an early brunch on Friday and the week before we had a Greek feast instigated by Mr Ward. This included the loaves of beautiful bread made by the class and enjoyed by everyone, including other teachers who were



passing by. In English we have been writing stories about Bloddon and his amazing adventures. In class we really enjoyed reading *Journey to Jo'burg*, a story set during the apartheid period in South Africa. We wrote newspaper reports about the character's journey. We are looking forward to the Easter break and the start of a new term.

**Ms Ercan, Mrs Keogh and Ms Debbie.**

#### **Year 4**

Year 4 have been very busy this half term. We have written and published a newspaper ***The Holmleigh Oracle*** and thank you to everyone who has purchased a copy! We utilised our RE knowledge and news report work to perform an **Easter play** looking at the key moments in the Easter story. After the performance, we showed our news report videos based on the archaeological discoveries at Sutton Hoo. We also visited the **Royal Albert Hall** for *Classical Spectacular* and enjoyed the fantastic music complete with pyrotechnics! The Publishers **Puffin** filmed the class enjoying a virtually live broadcast and then filmed individual children asking authors/illustrators questions for the next show. Watch out for us on the big screen soon!

**Ms Gaylor and Ms Amena**

#### **Year 3**

In Science Y3 explored forces and then using their knowledge of magnets made some amazing magnet toys. In Literacy, we used some National Geographic resources to find out all about our favourite animals and then wrote some great reports which are on display outside of our class room. Come and have a look. We have just started to explore the wonderful world of fractions, which we will continue learning about next term. Next term, in literacy we are going to write some stories which will include speech (and inverted commas hopefully).

**Ms Innie and Ms Leyla**

**Year 2** During this month, Year 2 has been writing fantasy stories about dragons and humorous poems in about aliens in underpants in our Literacy lessons. We learnt about forces in science, and used this to investigate pushes and pulls using cars, ramps, magnets and the play equipment at our local park. We learnt about the story of **Easter** in RE and how this is important to the Christian religion. 'Where we live' was our topic in Geography and we looked at the country we live in and our local area. It's been a busy Spring term and we're looking forward to the Summer term.

**Miss Rose and Miss Monica.**

#### **Year 1**

This month we have been learning about capacity in Maths. We have really enjoyed estimating, measuring and comparing the amounts of liquid in different sized containers. In History we have been finding out about Neil Armstrong and what he achieved in his life. It was great learning about his trip to the moon and how this affected the world of technology. Our favourite highlight of the month was our trip to the **Science Museum** where we took part in a workshop called 'The Three Little Pigs'. It was all about the properties of different materials and which ones would be best to build a house. While we were there, we even spotted a statue of Neil Armstrong and his space craft!

**Ms Esma and Ms Srur**

## Reception

Reception children have been using the flurry of snow as a stimuli for writing poems and using simple adjectives to describe the experience. As we move into the summer term we are looking forward to a few more trips out of school with the help and assistance of parents.

**Ms Claire, Ms Farzana and Ms Freeha**



**Nursery** This month in the nursery we have been observing the changes of **Spring** through close observational drawings of daffodils and talking about the changes in the weather. We have been focussing on mathematical development through a variety of small group experiences to support children with comparative language such as more/less.

There has been a sustained interest in superheroes which has led to the creation of a '**Superheroes Hut**' in the outdoor space and role play involving dressing up as superheroes.

This month the nursery have visited the library and each child was given an exciting book called

'**Max The Brave**' By Ed Vere. This will be the focus book after the Spring break. You should all have your copy at home now, please share and enjoy with your child...it's a great story. **Ms Angie, Ms Debbie and Ms Nurit**

## Other important news

### Please help! READING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are grateful to our parent volunteers Karima and Sophia supporting our daily reading programme in year 1. However we need more helpers. The **Daily Supported Reading** will resume in Reception Class after the Easter break. A minimum of 3 mornings (except Fridays) commitment for a term is required. You do not need to have a child in Reception class to volunteer. The sessions take place between 9am and 9:30am. You will be trained and supported by a member of staff. If you are interested and would like to volunteer please contact Ms Claire or myself. Thank you. **Ms Aydemir**

**ERASMUS + VISIT TO SPAIN** This was a great success, with our four children living with their Spanish families and enjoying a full program of great activities. Have a look at the website for a daily account of the visit. The next visit in this project will be to Poland in September.



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Due to financial constraints and pressure of work we are finding it difficult to maintain after school activities. Below is a timetable for next term. We hope to be able to add more clubs as the term progresses. In the meantime, sign up for the clubs below in the normal way.

We cannot guarantee acceptance in any club as demand will be high, so we will operate a policy of first come first served. Behaviour will also be taken into consideration when offering places. ***All clubs must be paid for in advance, £20 per term.*** We can only offer 1 free club to families who qualify, and that cannot be guaranteed, depending on age, numbers and behaviour.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Stories and Songs Mr Ward (from April 30<sup>th</sup>)</b>	<b>Nature Club Tim</b>	<b>Tae Kwon Do Clive</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Cookery Parents</b>	<b>Ks1 Football Finbar</b>	<b>Sewing Ms Ercan (from May 22nd)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Reading Club Ms Claire</b>	<b>Athletics Mrs Sullivan</b>	<b>Book Club Ms Boateng (from May 23<sup>rd</sup>)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Ks2 Football Finbar</b>	<b>Talk and Draw Ms Debbie (Y5)</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>K2 Netball Ms Karen</b>		