

**Spring term –  
February - March 2024**



We've whizzed through another short and very busy 2<sup>nd</sup> half term full of fun activities, and lots of learning and events. Here's what we've been up to...

### Class news Unicorn class (Nursery)

The children have been learning about different modes of transport as part of their 'Journeys' topic. They had a fantastic cycling workshop at the Lee Valley Velopark with Mermaid Class, where they practiced balancing skills and learnt how to 'glide' on a balance bike. Some of them even had a go at pushing themselves along using the pedals. It was wonderful to see all the children gaining confidence on their bikes during the workshop - a big thank you to the staff at the Velopark for a very enjoyable day.



### Mermaid class (Reception)

Mermaid class have also been learning about transport this half term and made a hot dog car in one of their cooking lessons using a breadroll and healthy vegetables.



### Dragon class (Key Stage 1)

Dragon class's topic was "Around the World" where they learnt about the oceans and different climates around the world. They cooked different dishes from Somalia, Lithuania, Italy, Colombia and India! The children really enjoyed following the recipes, cooking with minimal support and tasting different food every week. They have been learning about Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity and visited a gorgeous old church in Euston where the children were confidently able to label different parts of the church.



### Werewolf class (Lower Key Stage 2)

For Science Week, Werewolf did a brilliant presentation in front of whole school about which substances melts ice faster. They were confident



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in answering the questions from the children! The class also learned about Celtic art and they enjoyed making Celtic knot design using coloured paper.



### Vampire class (Upper Key Stage 2)

This term, the class focused on World War II as their topic. They were fascinated and interested in learning about World War II and the timeline, from how it started to how it ended. They also learned about a significant person from this time period, Anne Frank, who wrote a diary during WWII. The children learnt about the features of a diary and practiced writing a diary entry as if they were Anne in the Secret Annex. They did fantastic work which included drawings of soldiers and prisoners with great detail.



### Sports and PE

The children enjoyed their lessons in archery for PE this half term. Next half term children in Key Stage 2 will do kayaking again in the Regent's canal and Key Stage 1 children will be learning to play basketball.



### British Science Week

We celebrated British Science Week from 11<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March focusing on 'time' as a theme. Each class took turns to do a different experiment each day of the week and then presented their investigations and findings to the whole school at the end of the day. Vampire class went to Heathlands School for a Science collaboration day to deliver and watch each other's presentations and observe some Science experiments. Everyone enjoyed Science Week very much, and the children are looking forward to doing this again next year!



### Maths Day

In addition to Science, we held a full Maths Day with 'playing with Maths' as the theme. Classes were mixed up with our Year 6 children leading 4 different



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fun Maths activities – Number hunt, Obstacle course, Escape room and board games. At the end of the day the children shared how much they enjoyed the day.



### World Book Day

This year's theme was 'Bears'. It was fantastic to see so many of the children and staff dressed up as bears on the day and sharing bear-themed stories. Some children created their own stories and others retold stories. Meanwhile, EYFS were busy hunting to find the pieces of a puzzle and worked together to discover which bear was on the puzzle. In the afternoon, they were involved in a range of fun activities including pin-the-heart on the teddy bear, acting out letters and drawing a plate full of food for a bear to eat. At the end of the day they all chose a book to take home. Thank you to Lisa for organising such a brilliant and enjoyable day!



### Sign Language Week

We supported the British Deaf Association's 'BSL in our Hands' campaign last week (18<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> March). Three of our Year 6 pupils were invited to recite their own BSL poem in the Houses of Parliament for a special event with MPs to celebrate the start of Sign Language Week. They also presented their own handprint artwork to the MPs. We are so proud of them!



### BSL Recognition Day

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, we had our annual BSL Recognition Day celebrating 21 years since the official recognition of BSL as a language in the UK.



The theme for this year was 'Promote BSL'. We were joined by four other schools: Heathlands, James Wolfe, Blanche Nevile and Brimsdown Schools - a total of 85 Deaf children. We split into four groups to create a newspaper article, a video, a poster and to carry out interviews. We finished the day off in style with a slice of delicious BSL celebration cake.

### Parent Coffee Morning

We held a very successful parent coffee morning at school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, with 7 parents joining in to discuss what they would like in future coffee mornings. We now have the dates for the next 2 coffee mornings in the Summer Term:

- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 9.30-12** Deaf Awareness
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 9.30-12** Reading with your child



### School attendance

Our whole school pupil attendance is at **92.2%** so far this year, so we are on target. Well done! Let's get this even higher!



### Diary dates for Summer Term:

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April:

National BSL Day (BSL Act 2022)

#### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May:

Bank Holiday – school closed

#### Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

#### Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June:

Key Stage 1&2 school sleepover

#### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:

Winning House Trip

#### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July:

Sports Day

#### Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> July:

Deaf Festival Week

#### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July:

International Evening

#### Last day Summer Term–

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2.30pm**



**Have a good Easter holiday!**  
**Eid Mubarak to our Muslim families!**



**School re-opens for the Summer Term on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**



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