

SCIENCE WEEK

Wow what a week! Every class dived deep into science through all the different core and foundation subjects. Even though some of the outdoor learning sessions had to be cancelled due to bad weather, we were happy to welcome parents into the school to see all the fantastic learning we have been doing.

Nursery: This week, Nursery have done lots of fun experiments. They made Skittles rainbows, did the explosive cola and Mentos experiment and made elephant toothpaste, slime and shadow puppets. What an amazing week!



Reception: The children have had a fantastic Science Week; we have linked our learning to this half term's topic of 'Once Upon A Time'. This week the children have been reading the story The Three Little Pigs. We have focused our learning on materials, discussing questions such as 'Are they natural?' and 'Where do they come from?'



The children enjoyed visiting the Country Park to collect natural materials to build their own three little pigs houses.

Year 1: This week, Year 1 have focused on Bubbles as part of their Science Week investigations. They started by testing out which bubble mixture was the best using criteria such as longest lasting bubble and biggest bubbles. They then made adverts for the best bubble mixture. They were extremely bright and eye catching. On Thursday, parents were invited in to make their own bubble mixture and we enjoyed finding which material made the best bubble wands. Everyone had so much fun playing with the bubbles.



Year 2: During Science Week, Year 2 have been continuing their habitat theme and have designed and built microhabitats for small animals and mini-beasts. They also went to the Country Park with some parents to go on a microhabitat hunt. They searched for clues by looking at how the ground or plants may have been

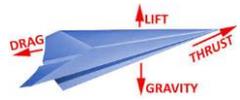


rearranged by an animal to make a nest. They looked for nibbled leaves to see if anything had been feeding there and they searched for signs of digging or holes that

could be the entrances to dens or warrens. The children have also conducted experiments to research the absorbency of a variety of paper towels. They then wrote a consumer review based on the data they collected.

Year 3: Year 3 have had a great week investigating toothpaste and looking at what makes a good toothpaste, as well as trying to create our own. We thought about the aspects we like in a toothpaste, including colour and smell. As well as this, we learnt a really surprising story when we were at Tower Bridge about a bus that flew over the bascules while the bridge was open. We spent some

time investigating how the constant speed and momentum helped the bus to travel over the gap in the bridge and then learnt about aerodynamics by creating our own paper aeroplanes and investigating to see ways in which they could be more streamlined to fly better.



Year 4: During Science Week, we were testing out Duracell's claim that their batteries last longer than their competitors. We found out that Duracell is NOT the best battery on the market



- it's Energizer! Using these results, we created a consumer report to inform the general public of the TRUTH We presented our

data as a bar graph. In Bale house, we solved the water crisis that storm Ciara created for South Norwood residents. We have had an absolute blast during Science Week and are already excited for next year.

Year 5: Year 5 have been investigating GLUE! Well, the strength of different adhesives. They have been using different glues to stick hooks onto a base wood. Then hanging different weights to the hooks to test their strength.



They have had great fun coordinating themselves and working out which glues are best for different situations.

Year 6: Year 6 became detectives to find out who stole Miss Glencross' sandwich. The children went around taking fingerprints and shoe prints to try to work out who stole the sandwich. They also had to decode a secret message and look at hair samples left behind at the crime scene. After speaking to eyewitnesses and analysing the biometrics found, they worked out that the culprit was none other than Mrs Child!



Reception's Trip To The Country Park

The children in Reception had a fantastic time visiting the Country Park on Tuesday, exploring nature and collecting materials to use to build the three little pigs houses. We are always keen to follow the children's interests in Early Years and our Country Park trip inspired many great play and learning opportunities, such as building a campfire in the outdoor area and retelling some of the children's favourite traditional tales as they walked around the Country Park. Once again, the children impressed all of the grown-ups with their wonderful enthusiasm for learning. The trip encouraged the children to have wonderful detailed conversations about the world around them. They did not stop talking the entire time on the trip and this is fantastic for their early speak and communication skills. We look forward to taking more trips outside and seeing where the adventure takes us.



Year 1 Sightseeing Trip Around London

On Wednesday, Year 1 travelled though London by tram, train and boat. They were extremely excited as we pulled into Central London and they spotted The Shard and the Walkie Talkie building for the first time. It was even more exciting as we boarded the boat and saw so many more sights such as Tower Bridge, Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament and a favourite of most of the children was the London Eye. We walked along the River Thames looking for other features of the city. It was a lovely day enjoyed by all.



Year 2 Rio Dress Up Day

Today, Year 2 dressed up in carnival costumes. We have spent the half term learning about Rio de Janeiro and comparing it to Blackpool! Rio hosts the world's largest carnival every year and in class, we have designed colourful carnival masks to wear to our very own carnival.



Year 5 Trip To The British Museum

Year 5 travelled to the British Museum this week. They visited the two Egyptian exhibits and were able to see their topic come to life. They stood next to genuine Egyptian statues and saw real mummies. They were astounded and amazed at the advancement of this ancient civilization. I was also very proud to receive an email complimenting the children "as socially astute, polite and engaging with members of the public".



Netball Match

"On Monday, the Oasis Academy Ryelands Netball Team played a match against All Saints Primary School. We played two matches and we won both. The score was 15 to us. Our player of the match was Rihanna." – **Gabby, Eagle & Shaneisa, Hawk**



Upcoming Class Assembly Dates

Please note class assemblies are on Thursdays and start at 9.05am. We welcome all parents / carers and family members that would like to come.

5 th March	Sparrow
12 th March	Owl
19 th March	Woodpecker
26 th March	Chaffinch



Makaton words of the week
Who and Why.

All the children are enjoying learning the new Makaton signs and joining in with the signing of our songs in Sing & Sign assembly. Please encourage your children to show you the signs they are learning, they are doing so well!



Golden Ticket Winners

Our Golden Ticket Winners this week:

Claire – Raven	Nelly – Kingfisher
Riley – Starling	Ria – Magpie
Imaan – Heron	Martin -Woodpecker



Stars of The Week

C - Community. We care for our community and help others whenever we can.

A - Aspiration. When you work hard and believe you can do anything you then have options.

R - Resilience. We never stop trying even when it gets tough.

E - Enjoyment. Developing a love of lifelong learning in our community.

The Circle of Inclusion. (which surrounds the word CARE)

- We believe we are one family: we play together and learn together and no one is left out.

Our stars of the week this week were:

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Community

- Florin - Kingfisher
- Nelly - Woodpecker
- Leo - Magpie
- Kaydee - Heron
- Whole Class – Raven**

Aspiration

- Millie - Wren
- Ajae - Sparrow
- Katie - Goldfinch
- Amenita-Nevaeh - Owl

Resilience

- Joshua - Eagle
- La'marion - Hawk
- Stanley - Starling
- Zuriel - Chaffinch

**Enjoyment
Ambassador**

- Miguel - Robin
- Mrs Brooks**
- Miss McCrea**

Children's Choice

- Israael chose Junior for Enjoyment
- Kavari chose Sheldon for Inclusion



Punctuality

Please remember that the children can be on our playground at 8.40am and our school bell rings a few minutes before our official start time of 8.50am to get the children ready for their learning.

This week's punctuality for each class:

Robin – 0%	Wren – 0.6%
Sparrow – 1%	Starling – 0.6%
Chaffinch – 1%	Goldfinch – 0.3%
Kingfisher – 0.6%	Woodpecker – 0%
Magpie – 1.4%	Owl – 0%
Heron – 1%	Raven – 0.3%
Eagle – 0%	Hawk – 0%

Class Attendance Figures for this week

Robin	94.9%	<p>Green Group 97% - 100%</p> <p>Yellow Group 95% - 96.9%</p> <p>Amber Group 93% - 94.9%</p> <p>Pink Group 90% - 92.9%</p> <p>Red Group 0% - 89.9%</p> <p>Whole School Target: 97.5%</p>	Wren	89.4%
Sparrow	97.8%		Starling	94.4%
Chaffinch	96.9%		Goldfinch	92.5%
Kingfisher	98.3%		Woodpecker	93.3%
Magpie	91.7%		Owl	93.7%
Heron	96.4%		Raven	96.3%
Eagle	94.5%		Hawk	97.6%
School Weekly Total	94.8%		School Year to Date Total	97.6%

Spring Term 1 Key Dates

Date	Activity
Monday 17 th – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	All children return Parent Forum - 9am: Key Theme Weeks Within The Curriculum Year 6 Police Talk
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th March	Book Week
Wednesday 4 th March	WE Day – Wembley Arena
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th March	Sports Relief Week
Monday 9 th March	Parent Forum – 9am: Attendance
Thursday 12 th March	Year 6 British Museum
Tuesday 17 th March	Year 6 trip to Synagogue
Monday 23 rd March	Parent Forum – 9am: End of Year Reports
Wednesday 1 st April	Poetry Recital
Thursday 2 nd April	FOR Disco Y3 & 4 One day bike training
Friday 3 rd April	Last day of term – 1.30pm finish. All children must be collected by an adult



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WHEN: THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY

VENUE: HEAVERS FARM PRIMARY SCHOOL, 58
DINSDALE GARDENS, LONDON, SE25 6LT

WHO: 7-12 YEARS

TIME: 9AM-4PM

COST: £15



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