



Barrow Hedgelines

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YEAR 3 BIRDMAN VISIT By Milla Van Zyl & Harrison DeMarco (Oak Class)

Year 3 were in for a treat because we had a bird workshop. We were all thoroughly excited beforehand. As we came into the room, there were lots of birds including: a Peregrine Falcon, Barn Owl and a Snowy Owl. Mrs Hayes' favourite bird was the snowy owl!

owl!

One of the many facts we learned was that every bird has a different call to their mum and dad. As a treat, we got to stroke two of the birds; they felt really soft. We also got to keep some of their old feathers and two owl pellets! It was a great talk linked to our 'Predator' topic and we were able to share all the facts that we have picked up so far about predatory birds.



YEAR 6 - OUR VICTORIAN SCHOOL DAY

By Orla Shiels and Hannah
Eastland (Sycamore Class)

At the beginning of Year Six's Victorian Topic, Sycamore, Chestnut and Willow travelled back in time.

On the 7th January 2016, we experienced the typical day for a Victorian scholar. We arrived at school to find ourselves entering a different era. Our day started off with a hand inspection, followed by a school inspection.



We learnt the three R's: Reading, Writing and Arithmetic.

After our first lesson of the day, we learnt about objects that you were likely to find in the schoolroom; we found out that the 'Dunce Hat' was used when people could not answer questions.

All these lessons were starting to make us tired therefore, we took a break outside. We played skipping with ropes and we also tested our skills with the metal hoops. So far, we were having an amazing time.

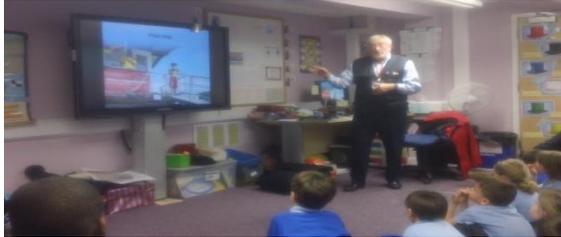
We finished off with a lesson on how to control our breathing, when we finally turned around, the inspector had gone! Our Victorian School Day was an experience we would never forget. We were also very glad that there were no more canes in sight!



YEAR 2 RNLI VISIT

By Isabella May-Martin and Naia Hymans (Woodpecker Class)

At the beginning of our topic Richard from the RNLI came to visit the whole of Year 2 in Kingfisher classroom.



He told us about sea rescues (including animals and people) and how to get attention if you are drifting off to sea (put your hand up straight, so that people don't think you are waving!

He told us about ringing '211' and '999' to get help if you notice someone needs rescuing at sea. The tip to remember the number is two eyes, one nose and one mouth.

He taught us about the different flags on beaches. They tell you where it is safe to swim, where or when it is not safe to swim and also where the people can go surfing.

Thursday 4th February Year 2 are completing a sponsored silence to raise money for the RNLI.

YEAR 1 VISIT TO SCIENCE MUSEUM

By Alice Walsh and Eashan Thiru (Squirrel Class)



"I think it was fun going to Discovery Motion Theatre because the chairs

started to move and it was 4D".
(Eashan)



"I liked seeing the shiny lunar module. I also liked the building section because we made a tower taller than Mrs Keller". (Alice)



NEW CLUB - UKULELE

This year we have introduced a new club run by five Class Teachers (Ms Davies, Mr Shaw, Mr Pearce, Miss Wilson and Miss Linney).



This has proved to be very popular! The teachers are very impressed with the children's enthusiasm and cannot

believe how quickly some of the pupils have picked up the skill of playing the ukulele. They cannot wait to get in to the new Studio Hall to practise!

BETT SHOW 2016



Ms Cat Davies recently attended the Bett Show on Friday 22nd January 2016. Above is a photograph of her attending a Raspberry Pi session. She is keen to establish a coding club with KS2 children once the new build is complete.

YEAR 3 SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

In the Autumn term, we were contacted by the Cambridge University Clinical Research Centre who asked if we would invite Year 3 children to participate in some research into pattern spotting ability (abstract intelligence). 22 parents wanted their children to be part of this project and we have received the following update from the University: *"At the moment we are still looking at the data. At a first look, we have seen a correlation between how well the children did on the eye tracking game (where they had to focus their attention) and their ability to solve the puzzles (which we call fluid intelligence). We expected to see this kind of relationship, but it is exciting because it opens up the possibility of seeing if we can train children using this game to try and increase their 'fluid intelligence'. It would be great if we could do this, as later on this fluid intelligence is associated with academic achievement, and even the kind of jobs people end up doing".* We are excited to be part of this project as we are always keen to work with colleagues in the field of

education and we will keep you posted on this when we hear more!

PHILOSOPHY FOR CHILDREN

Teachers have recently received training in how to complete "Philosophy Circles" with their classes. Year 2 and 5 were lucky enough to have a visitor (arranged by Mrs Covey – PSHE Leader) who demonstrated to the Year Group teachers how to develop the questioning in such a circle.



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NEW BUILD



Recently I have spent thirty minutes in each class (with four classes still to go!) talking to the pupils about the plans for the new build.

I have shown photographs provided by Lakehouse of the new rooms as they take shape and aerial views of the new build. (See above and below).



CHROMEBOOKS

This afternoon I was able to visit Kingfisher (Year 2) Class using the Chromebooks to research about the RNLI. The children were very enthusiastic about using them.



PLEA FROM MS WALLIS AND CLASS TEACHERS

Please can you ensure your child(ren) has tracksuit bottoms, spare socks and a fleece for outdoor PE lessons. We currently have many children in shorts and T-shirts and they are feeling the cold!

Can you also ensure that your child comes to school with a bottle that has water replenished daily?

SAINSBURYS ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



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We are collecting the Active Kids vouchers again. Please remember to post in the collection box in the Reception Room by the front desk.

LOST & FOUND

Found: A silver wide-band ring was found in Staplehurst Road on Thursday 4th February. It is in the office for collection.

Lost: Pair of black Reebok size 12 trainers with purple tick.

DATES UPCOMING:

Friday 5th February - NSPCC Number Day (activities in class)

Tuesday 9th February 3:30–6pm Parents' Evening

Thursday 11th February 5–8pm Parents' Evening

Friday 12th School Improvement Conference (school closed to children)

15th -19th February Half Term