

# Class Updates - 30.06.2023



## **Butterflies update:**

**Reminder:** The Reception Graduation Assembly will be at  
**9am on Friday 14th July in the school hall.**

The children have had another busy week finding out about **real life superheroes** and thinking about what careers they would like to have when they grow up—we have had some very interesting discussions and watched the **Redraw the Balance** video **A Class That Turned Around Kids' Assumptions of Gender Roles!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3Aweo-74kY>

In **PSED** and as **part of the RSE** curriculum we have talked about the proper 'doctor' names for body parts, labelled parts of the body (the children were brilliant at using their phonic skills to write the words on post it notes) and revisited the very important **NSPCC Pantosauraus** video about keeping ourselves safe. The children designed some wonderful pants to peg on our washing line too. The children also looked at the human Life cycle and were able to sequence a baby to a mature adult.

We read the story **Body Boundaries Make Me stronger.**



At Forest School this week the children had the opportunity to walk bare foot across a sensory ladder with natural and man made materials. The children enjoyed talking about what the different materials felt like.



Have a great weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

*This week Year 1 have written some fantastic poems about 'Growing Up' which they can't wait to share with you soon! In maths the children are starting to consolidate previous learning to help prepare them for Year 2. We have loved learning about continents in Geography and we are practising a continents and oceans song.*



*Miss Nicholson, Mrs Potter and the Year 1 team*



## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

It's been another busy week in Year 2! In maths this week, we have continued looking at statistics. We have been looking at pictograms and have been drawing our own and interpreting information from these. In English this week, we have been using our research on our favourite animals to write non-chronological reports. We used questions as our subheadings to practise using question marks and also ensured that we used commas in lists.

In computing this week, we have continued using Scratch Jr on the iPads. We practised choosing our own backgrounds and sprites and used coding to create a sequence with these. In PE, we have been practising ready for sports day. We have been practising our skipping, egg and spoon and balance race skills!

On Thursday, Mr Solomon kindly came in to share a careers talk with us. The children had a great time hearing about software engineering and asked some brilliant questions about the career. They particularly enjoyed the Code-a-Pillar!

### ***Miss Allin & the Year 2 team***



## Théâtre sans Frontières - "Les aventures de Lapin"



Last week, KS2 were very lucky to have a visit from the French theatre group *Théâtre sans Frontières* with their performance of *Les aventures de Lapin*. The children really enjoyed the interactive, musical and comic performances and were amazed how much they could understand of the plot, even though it was in French. Here is what some of the children had to say about the play:



*"The play was very interactive. Ethan from Year 4 got up and helped with the acting. It was very funny!"*

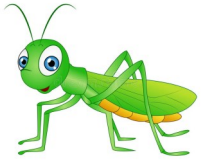
*"My favourite part was the zombie! He was very funny and the costume was brilliant."*



*"The songs were so catchy we couldn't stop singing them all day!"*

*"Even though it was in French and we couldn't understand every word, the way it was acted helped us to understand the story."*





## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

Another week has flown by, and the children have been fantastic! In PSHE, we have been learning about hygiene and how we can prevent certain illnesses. The class completed an activity where they matched different statements to true, false and somewhat true categories. They were excellent at coming up with ideas for being as clean and hygienic as possible.

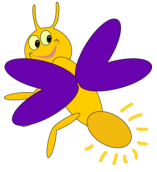
In Maths, we continued to look at time and units of time. The children looked at minutes, seconds, hours and even larger periods, such as years and months. Next week, we will look at telling the time using a clock and being able to read them correctly.

In RE this week, we continued to look at Hinduism and the main beliefs within the religion. The children then created fantastic life cycles showing the different stages of life according to Hindus.

Have a fantastic weekend,

### Mr Brown and the Y3 team





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

This week in maths, we have been looking at statistic—this is when the children read and interpret data from tables and graphs. The whole class picked it up really quickly which was most impressive! We also looked at co-ordinates and how to identify them accurately. In English, the class have started a short unit on suspense writing. The class looked at an image of an old, derelict house and described what they could see trying to vary their use of adjectives. They then identified different techniques used in suspense writing: use of specific nouns, verbs and adjectives, sentence structure, ellipsis for tension, similes and personification.

In PSHCE, we continued our RSE unit looking at how to keep healthy and well. The children identified common illnesses in children and created posters advising preventative methods such as washing hands. In design & technology, the class finished making their money boxes/purses and began to Paper Mache them to make them more solid and ready to paint.

We are currently first place on the fun run fundraising leaderboard so thank you for all you generous sponsorships so far!

### *Mr Pike & the Yr4 team*



## Year 5 Busybees Update



It has been a jam packed week again for the Bees. They began the week with a bread tasting event which was the first stage of their bread making DT project. They analysed taste, texture and appearance. Emma stated, "My favourite was the French bread with its crunchy texture and soft middle."



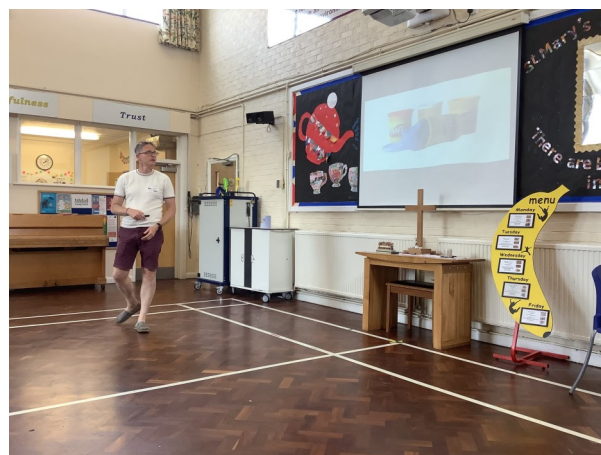
We continued to look at food in English with a recipe for a Green Summer pudding. The children had to work out what was missing and re-write it using all of our ideas for a good set of instructions. Don't be surprised if some of them want to re-create the pudding although it did have some unusual ingredients!

The district athletics event at Carver Barracks was a big success with year 5 performing really well and doing us proud. Theo set a new record for the sprint and there were plenty of 1st, 2nd and 3rd certificates—well done to you all!

We had a really interesting careers talk from Doron who is a software engineer. The children were interested in how diverse the job can be and asked lots of great questions. They really enjoyed the practical demonstration with the coding caterpillar at the end and it was inspiring to see how many of them are interested in this as a job.

Rehearsals for Olivia are going so well—this week it really feels like it's all coming together and we are proud of how well y5 have learnt the words for the songs, singing with such enthusiasm and perfecting the dance moves. We can't wait for you to see the show! Remember to get lots of sponsors for our fun run from family and friends - instructions are in the letter that came home. Have a great weekend.

### ***Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mr Powlesland and Miss Driscoll***





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

This week has been production heavy! With only a few weeks to go, the children have been polishing their dance moves and the soloists and small group singers have been learning their own choreography too! I have to say, the acting is really coming to the fore now that they have learnt their lines. Could we ask, if you're doing some practise with them over the weekend, that you also look at the preceding line for your child so they know their cue? It makes a world of difference!

Half the class went to District sports this week, and they all gave their absolute best! We got lots of certificates and stickers, but the best part of it all was how much the children supported each other and the younger students. They were great Year 6 role models!

The other half of the class managed to squeeze in some Art while the rest were at Carver Barracks. They researched different World War II machines, such as tanks, planes and jeeps, and then used the techniques we've been practising to sketch and shade pictures of the machines. They've come out really well!

I hope the children all had a great time on their secondary school taster days - Mrs Norman, Mrs Wilkinson and I can't wait to hear all about it on Monday!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Clarke, Mrs Norman and Mrs Wilkinson**

