

9TH FEBRUARY 2024



THE PREP WEEKLY



Message from Mr Lovett

I definitely think that half-term is coming at a good time - the opportunity to rest and shift all of the bugs and viruses that have been doing the rounds! Amongst all of the activities that have been taking place this week we have been focussing on Lent in assemblies. We have been discussing the significance of this period and you may remember that last year, your delightful children, decided that I wasn't allowed to shave and had to learn how to play Happy Birthday on the piano. Our Prep pupils remembered this by articulating that Lent is generally about giving something up but can also be about doing something more often such as learning a new skill or trying to act a certain way. The 40 acts of kindness is a great example of this and I will be setting the children challenges on this theme during the Lent period. You will be delighted to hear that the Prep Department have decided to set me the following challenges this Lent - to only drink water during school hours and to become vegetarian. I also have to learn how to perform the 'cup song' (I better get researching!) I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and come back rejuvenated for the run up to Easter.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 19th Feb

Prep 1 & 2 Trip to Dinosaur World.

Tuesday 20th Feb

Wednesday 21st Feb

Thursday 22nd Feb

Friday 23rd Feb

U11 Doel Cup Football Tournament @ Coach Road.

Around the classes

The Lodge

By Miss Hulbert

It is Chinese new year this weekend, The Year of the Dragon, and the children read 'Peppa's Chinese new year' book and watched a video of street performers dressed as a lion and playing instruments. The lion dance symbolises good fortune. We have been making a lion out of a cardboard box all week, giving all the children the opportunity to contribute to its creation. Each child has been demonstrating their creativity through choice of colours and skills, including design and cutting. We also revisited the street performers playing music and joined in with our instruments. The children have shown good recall relating to this festival and its importance to the Chinese people.



The Stables

By Mrs Wray-Chance

This week, we have been celebrating Chinese New Year. We have learnt lots of information about how Chinese New Year is celebrated, we have made Chinese Lanterns to decorate the nursery, played in our Chinese Restaurant and Takeaway role play area serving oodles of noodles, practised using chopsticks, made dancing dragon puppets and copied some Chinese writing. Another fun and busy week.

Reception Class

By Mrs Broom

Reception class had a space science day this week to end their topic on space. They loved using the stomp rocket to launch into space and count how many giant leaps to measure how far they went. They did a bubbling planet experiment, made fruit kebabs, and finished off with a picnic in their homemade rockets complete with colander helmets!



Aladdin

Prep 4, 5 & 6 had an exciting trip to the Theatre Royal in Plymouth on Wednesday afternoon to watch a performance of Aladdin. In a packed out crowd the children were wowed by the singing, acting and spectacular props that made this a memorable show. Our Prep pupils certainly got into the spirit of the show and were proud of themselves leading clapping and dancing along throughout. It was wonderful to see the children enjoy the performance so much and will no doubt get their theatrical juices flowing in upcoming preparations for their own production of Shrek.

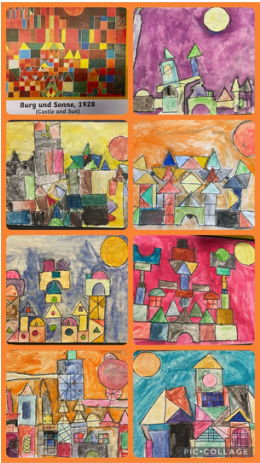


Around the classes

Prep 1

By Mrs May

Prep 1 were inspired by the Swiss artist, Paul Klee, and have created their own version of his famous painting, Castle and Sun. They extended their Numeracy shape work to draw around 2D shape templates and used water colours to bring their castles to colourful life. They are deservedly very proud of their masterpieces, which took several lessons to complete.



Prep 2

By Mrs Miller

Prep 2 are very proud of their interpretation of the abstract painting Castle and Sun by Paul Klee. They decided on shapes and colours to use that reflected their own ideas. The pastels gave them opportunities to try different shading, colour blending and highlighting. Great job Prep 2!

Prep 3

By Mrs Young

This week in maths Prep 3 have been learning about measurement. The children have learnt about millimetres, centimetres, metres and equivalent lengths. The class enjoyed using practical methods to measure items around the classroom including themselves! Well done Prep 3!



Work of the Week Friday 9th February

Max Whiteway-Wilkinson

Joshua Bolton

Daisy Arthur

Huey Magill

Pen Licenses:

Henry Whitlock

Louis Martin

Around the classes



Prep 4

By Mrs Hughes

This week's Science lesson involved finding out the results of our teeth enamel experiment. The children enjoyed brushing their eggs that had been sitting in various liquids to find out which were damaging or not to our enamel. The results were interesting and the children used fantastic language to describe their observations! Ask them about it!



Prep 5

By Kellan Hersey

This week, Prep 4, 5 and 6 went to see the show Aladdin at the theatre. It was really good. There was a magic carpet and the genie was very cool. Prep 5 made rock cakes in Food Tech and in Art, the others did life-sized portraits. Last but not least, we made posters to advertise our Harry Potter shops.



Prep 6

By Mr Partridge

This week Prep 6 have been doing a lot of arguing - as part of our English unit discussing the merits of keeping animals in zoos. It has been great to see their growing application and focus in writing, producing more work and taking more care over technical elements. We also enjoyed our trip to see Aladdin which will hopefully inspire future Shrek rehearsals.



BIRTHDAY'S COMING UP



Eliza Morgan
Thomas Pring
Henry Foulds
Poppy Yates
Mali Eykyn
Margot West



Pancake Races



Tuesday morning saw us host our annual Pancake Races in the Prep Department. A tradition that dates back over nearly 14 years still sees the children dress up in silly hats and wigs plus an apron, navigating an obstacle course whilst holding a frying pan and pancake. Each year group raced in their houses culminating in a final event consisting of one boy and one girl from each house having to complete a lap of the cross-country course and finishing across the line together. This year the prestigious 'Crystal Bell' was awarded to Ugbrooke who were closely followed by Luscombe with Powderham finishing in 3rd place.

Prep Life Gallery



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