

Head Talk

This half term has sped by. The children have had some brilliant experiences both inside and outside of the school. We have visited the Mayor of Colchester, learnt about the Great Fire of London and had a real Fireman visit the school to name but a few!! As we head towards half term I do hope you get a chance to rest with your families and reflect on how much your children have progressed since September. See you in a week!

Chinese New Year

Thank you to all those people involved in celebrating the Chinese New Year last week. The Chinese tuck shop was very popular and the children enjoyed trying new foods. An amazing profit of £256.56 has been donated to Hamilton Primary School Funds.

Year 2—Great Fire of London

On Wednesday Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed a visit by Ian from History Off the Page where we learnt more about the time of The Great Fire of London. During the morning we visited shops of the time and made items including a hand sewn handkerchief, bread from the bakery and beeswax candles. Children re-enacted pulling houses down with fire hooks and passing buckets of water to help put out the fire. By the afternoon the fire had gone out and we explored what was left of London by digging through the dirt to find interesting remains. It was a magical day where history was brought to life.

‘The best bit was when I was in the cart’ said Charles.

‘It was the best day ever because we made lots of things,’ said Alyssa 2SMR.

Gifted & Talented History Afternoon

On Tuesday afternoon some children from Year 5 and 6 went to Prettygate School for a History afternoon with Miss Buttery, a previous Hamilton teacher.

The children learnt about the Royal Family and how to debate an issue.

Thank you to the parents who drove the children to the school.

Year 2—Fire Engine Visit

After our fascinating visit from Firefighter dad Mr Turner last week, we learnt a lot about the differences between firefighting in 1666 and today.

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to have a visit from Colchester’s Green Watch fire crew with their brand new fire engine. Year 2 had a fantastic afternoon on the playground learning about the fire engine’s equipment and personal equipment of the firefighters themselves. They even got the chance to climb into the cab of the fire engine, see the blue lights flashing and hear the sirens.

‘I liked going in the fire engine. I also liked it when Lee did the searching shuffle.’ Jake Wood 2LE/JG

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'I enjoyed it when he accidentally turned the hose on.' Charlie Fletcher 2SMR

Book Week

It will be National Book Week between Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March. There will be a week of activities to celebrate the birth of Roald Dahl 100 years ago.

On Thursday 2nd March we would like children to come to school dressed as a character from a book! This could be a Roald Dahl book, or a book of your choice. There will be a prize for the best costume in each class.

Please see the attached leaflet for more information about the week.

Individual Photos

Van Cols will be visiting the school on Thursday 23rd February 2017 to take Individual and Family Group photos.

Parents Forum

Just a reminder that there will be a Parents Forum on Tuesday 28th February at 2pm in the Infant Hall.

There will also be a member from the Health Improvement Team also on Tuesday 28th February from 3-4pm in the Infant Library for any parent wishing to speak to them.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Once again the school is collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. There

is a collection box in the reception area if you have any you would like to donate.

School Quiz

There are still tables available if you wish to enter the PSA Quiz on the 3rd March at 7.30pm in the infant school hall. Cost is £30 per team with a maximum of 6 per team.

There will be a bar on the night selling alcohol, soft drinks and snacks.

Please contact hamiltonpsa@gmail.com with any queries.

Treasure Island at Leisure World

Please find attached information on a performance of Treasure Island starring some of the stars from Cbeebies on the 26th February 2017.

Calendar Dates

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 23 rd February 2017	Individual Pupil Photos
Monday 27 th Feb—Friday 3 rd March 2017	Book Week
Tuesday 7 th —Thursday 9 th March 2017	Learning Conference Week - NO CLUBS
Tuesday 14 th March 2017	Year 3—Troy Production to Parents
Thursday 30 th March 2017	Foundation visit to Marsh Farm
Thursday 30 th March 2017	Year 5 visit to Layer Marney Tower
Friday 31 st March 2017	Last day of term for pupils

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 th April 2017	Non Pupil Day
Wednesday 19 th April 2017	First day of term for pupils
Thursday 4 th May 2017	Non Pupil Day
Monday 8 th May—Friday 12 th May 2017	SATS Week for Year 6
Tuesday 23 rd May 2017	Class Photos
Monday 29 th May—Friday 2 nd June 2017	Half Term
Monday 5 th June 2017	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 6 th June 2017	First day of term for pupils
Friday 21 st July 2017	Last day of term for pupils

Autumn Term 2017

Monday 4 th September	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 5 th September	First day of term for pupils
Monday 25 th September	Non Pupil Day
Monday 23 rd —Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Monday 30 th October	Non Pupil Day

Email Information

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