

# Learning is exciting at Wheatfields Primary!

**Reception** Firstly we just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone that came to our 'ladies we love' afternoon tea last week. The children worked very hard to make decorations and cards and it was lovely to see so many adults spend the afternoon sharing stories, making crafts and enjoying a cake or two. We had a fabulous time and we thank you all for coming and supporting the event. This week in EYFS has been EGGstra special as we have been preparing for Easter. The children have been very busy making Easter cards, decorations and sharing their own Easter traditions. We have also been writing in our bean diaries and caring for the plants - we are hoping to see them grow very soon! It has been a very busy but fabulous term in EYFS, we hope you have a restful and happy Easter break.

**Year 1** This week in Year 1 we have been reviewing the 'or' sound in Phonics and we have also looked at the alternative spellings for this sound as well! The children have been learning about the different features that they need to help them write a recount of their trip to Whipsnade Zoo in Literacy this week. We have been looking at writing sentences that use the capital letter 'I' and looking at changing singular nouns into their plurals. In Maths this week, we have been embedding the skill of using a part-whole model to subtract and write number sentences that match the part-whole models. In Topic this week the children have been learning about the important books that are in different religions and why they are important.

**Year 2** We've been learning about Edith Cavell in Topic and she hid around 200 soldiers in her hospital when the Germans came to capture them. We have learnt about 2D & 3D shapes in Maths. We learnt about how many sides there are on a 2D shape as well as how many vertices there could be. We recognised circles, spheres, ovals, squares, pentagons and hexagons. In writing we learnt about noun phrases and informal letters. We looked at an informal letter written by Florence Nightingale to her mother and father. We discovered the features of an informal letter as a team. IN PE we participated in our last Hockey session. We learnt how to stop a hockey ball, strike a hockey ball and dribble a hockey ball. We are looking forward to next term and the adventures we will go on!

**Year 3** What a busy week in Year 3! We began the week with writing a non-chronological report about London using the facts we collected last week. These were fantastic and the children showed that they understand and can use the features of non-chronological reports. They had organised their information into paragraphs using sub-headings and included all sorts of interesting facts about London. In our Topic lessons this week we have been learning about why Holy Week is important to Christians. We have talked about what happened from Palm Sunday right through to Easter Sunday. This term has been exceptionally busy in Year 3. The children have worked very hard on lots of different topics. We wish all of them a happy and restful holiday - they deserve it!

**Year 4** Year 4 really enjoyed their Easter Science investigation. The results were quite messy but there were some very creative designs. Our next Science topic will be forces and magnets. In Maths we have finished off our work on time and are looking forward to moving on to shape after the Easter break. In Literacy we have finished our report writing and will be looking at 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes next term. Swimming starts the first Thursday back, and on Tuesday we will be starting Athletics.

**Year 5** Wow. What a term! Year 5 have certainly enjoyed learning about the rainforests through our texts: The Great Kapok Tree and Varmints. We have thoroughly enjoyed writing our own narratives, specifically looking at setting and character descriptions and delving into the world of dialogue. As well as writing our stories, we have enjoyed participating in World book day with the rest of the school. In Maths we have wisely spent our time becoming magical masters. We have been visualising our questions and answers, been efficient with our methods, we have applied and collected our knowledge to solve problems, recognising how to deepen our understanding. We have particularly enjoyed using the formal written method and bus stop method to prepare us for fractions! You wouldn't believe how busy we've been but amazingly we have found time to practise our art skills, learn about climates and regions of the rainforest, learn and practise the skills of tennis and hockey and learnt how to play the African drums! Wow!

**Year 6** We would first like to congratulate our three Year 6 finalists of the Public Speaking competition, Ruby Parker, Henry Clark and Sophie Canning, for outstanding speeches on Tuesday. Hearty congratulations to the winner, Sophie, whom we understand has inspired many of our staff members to consider camping as a possible holiday option this year! Our Science hats were firmly on this week as we planned and carried out a science investigation. We were looking at the relationship between asteroids and crater sizes. In our groups we had to come with a scientific question and then discussed and planned how we were going to investigate this relationship. There were lots of things to think about including variables / non-variables, fair testing and human error. We will let you know how we got on after the Easter break.

**Music** It has been a busy and varied term in music. Y3 started the term learning about Reggae Music but since half term we have been learning about the Physical Theatre group, STOMP. This week we created our own STOMP sequences using junk percussion! In Y4 we have been learning about Indian music and created our own arrangement of a song using the three main layers used in Indian music; melody, rhythm and drone. We have got much better at keeping a rhythm going at the same time as singing! In Y5 we have enjoyed playing the African drums and have used all the skills we have learnt to compose our own Polyrhythm pieces based on word patterns from our literacy. In Y6 we have learnt about Gustav Holst and the Planet Suite. We have composed our own Earth pieces using melodic motifs, rhythmic ostinatos and other musical devices. A highlight of the term was our Spring Concert. 50 children performed to a packed hall; many performing in front of an audience for the first time!