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HECTOR'S HIGHLIGHTS



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Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Mrs Edwards has asked me to say a huge thank you on behalf of ALL the staff for the wonderful 'Thank You' video from the children. They all loved it and apparently it made lots of them cry in a nice way. I thought it was great too! Apparently the steel frame for the building at the permanent site has arrived and I'm kitted out ready to complete a site visit!



Reception

The Reception children have been busy this week, both at school and home. They're clearly enjoyed the Big Bear Funk on Charanga and I loved Hugo's post about his pots and pans band. The wildlife videos have also been popular, particularly those about nocturnal animals. Thanks to Jonah for sharing the picture of the bat you made out of cardboard, and Freya, your playdoh fox and stop time animation film about it was fabulous! Maisey, you've been really creative, making your own bird feeder and Ethan K, the biscuits you made from a Winnie the Pooh recipe book sounded delicious.

Year 1

In Year 1, the children have been completing activities linked to their class book, 'The Lion Inside'. They've been choosing an endangered animal to research and write about, and learning about animal footprints. Some of them have been going on their own animal footprint hunt to see which animals are leaving prints in the area they live in. They've started to create a fact file about Lions and their own dance to the 'Lion Rap'. What great fun!

Year 2

The children in Year 2 are clearly enjoying their Pirates and Oceans topic and relishing the topic bingo challenges. James, your Treasure Map looked really authentic and your descriptive writing about it was full of interesting adjectives. Eva, your pirate ship created from recycled materials (are they shorts?) is brilliant as is your video maths challenge! Max, Charlotte and Elliott, you made some fabulous Magic Boxes. Thank you Marshall, George, Krishan, Charlotte, Eva, Dominic and Harry, Rioghan and Gwen for all your riddles. We can't wait to see many of you back in school either at the beginning or end of next week - Mrs Bentley has asked if you could all bring in an egg box!



Year 3

Year 3 have been focusing on 'Light' in Science this week. Kit completed the investigation on making a dark box and said that yellow stood out as a colour more than others which was really interesting. They've been evaluating the bridges they made last week, exploring different ways to make it stronger and writing and planning their own list poem based on 10 things in an Explorer's Rucksack! I can't wait to read them when they're finished. Isaac, Amelie, Noah, Kit and Grace, your trolls work from last week was really good. Thanks for sharing Amelie, your science seed powerpoint - it was really interesting.

Year 4

This week Year 4 have spent time planning and writing letters to Mrs Thomas and Mr Alcivar who will be their new teachers in September. They enjoyed the Art Challenge of making Insect Shadow Puppets. Rishi, your puppets video with background music was amazing! Tula and Lily, thank you for sharing your Online Safety poster, labelling what steps Alfie took to stay safe, and Misa, I really enjoyed reading your report on Jessica Cox, the first armless pilot in aviation history. What an inspiration she is! Your cloud spotting task was really interesting - I did it too and saw some cumulus and cirrus clouds.



Year 5

It was brilliant to welcome so many of the Year 5's back at school this week. They really enjoyed seeing their friends and teachers again and also spent time with Mr Cook and Mrs Rogers who will be teaching them in September. Mira, thank you for sharing your Greek recipe for Chicken Gyros, it wally looks tasty and I've asked Mrs Keetch to send the recipe with Highlights so that anyone can try to make it. Fletcher, your Greek Chicken Souvlaki also looked delicious and Daisy, I love the Tzatziki sauce you made. Thom, I was totally immersed in the Ancient Greek Myth you wrote - wow! And finally, Amelia, your adapted Aesop Fable was wonderfully descriptive.

Year 6

Year 6 pupils have been completing their Bikeability Level 2 Refresher and Level 3 courses this week. Many thanks to Avanti for facilitating this and congratulations to all the Year 6's who completed the courses in the searing heat! They've continued to be busy learning their lines for their play they're going to be performing in a few weeks and have been tasked with writing reviews of it. I'm looking forward to reading them.



New Reception Parents

Many thanks to the parents of the new Reception children (September) for joining us for a welcome and information session via Zoom last night. We are looking forward to getting to know the children in the coming weeks.

Thank you

Kasia, Paulina and Angelica want me to pass on huge thanks for the lovely box of chocolate goodies you gave them last week. They are really appreciative and very touched.

Finally... I blushed on Wednesday afternoon after learning that Kate Reynolds spoke about me personally in the Head's Briefing. I can't wait for the lockdown to be eased further so we can meet again.

Please keep sharing all your achievements and activities on Tapestry and Google Classroom - we all love reading about them.

Lots of bearhugs,
Hector

