

Weekly Highlights

7th March – 11th March

Gem Jar!

This week Miss Collister has been visiting classes to collect the gems for the school Gem Jar. When classes work together and show themselves to be Ready, Respectful and Safe, they are awarded with gems. When our school Gem Jar is full to the top, all children get a treat. We are challenging the children to fill the jar before the Easter break. I wonder what the reward might be?

Young Writers

As part of our learning during National Children's Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, some of our children wrote poems for a national writing competition. We are delighted to announce that work produced by some children in school has been chosen for publication! This is a fantastic achievement and we cannot wait to see our children's work when the book is published in May. We will certainly be purchasing some for our class libraries.

Sport

This week has seen the girl's football team in action against St Thomas More with a thrilling end to end game, in which one girl scored a hat trick to help the girls to a 3-2 win. The mixed year 5/6 rugby team also competed in a tournament on Thursday evening, winning one game and losing the other two with a margin of only one try between them. Both teams are in action again next week and we wish them the best of luck.

Book Review Completion

We had an amazing response to our book review competition and it was so difficult to choose a winner. A massive thank you to everyone who entered, the quality was so high we will be displaying many of these around school. Mrs Campbell did have to pick winners, however hard it was, and she is delighted to have been able to announce our KS1 and KS2 winner - they will receive the book of their choice as their prize.

Inside the Classrooms

This week I had the pleasure of teaching in Year 2; we explored a newspaper report about the Great Fire of London, learning some new historical facts alongside developing our reading comprehension skills.

I nipped into Year 5 where a debate on whether women should have the same opportunities as men was in full swing! Lots of 'Hear, hear, hears!' rung out, as did the sound of the hammer as one of the class members acted as speaker!

Now that spring seems to finally be on its way, EYFS have been on the lookout for the different signs of spring and have started planting seeds to brighten up our playground. Our caterpillars have also arrived today, giving the children to the opportunity to closely observe the changes they will go through.

Year 4 have been writing about climate change and the changes that will take place unless we cut greenhouse gases. They have linked this to non-chronological reports. Year 4 have also been banging the drums as they learnt about sound, looking at the vibrations on a drum covered with rice.

I've popped in to see Year 1 who told me all about Palm Sunday and why some important people were jealous of how much the people loved Jesus.

My spelling skills were tested as I joined Year 3 in preparing for the Spelling Bee – they were working in teams to get the maximum number of spellings correct in record speed!

Year 6 are thoroughly engrossed in their work around Hamlet, giving Mrs Campbell a detailed synopsis of events when she nipped in to see them!

Next week, Year 6 are going in an adventure! Some children are off to Robinwood, whilst others have chosen to stay in school and we have a range of exciting activities planned for them with Miss Donlan and Mrs Whiteman. I hope they have a great time - I'll be joining in the fun in school during the days and going up to Robinwood for a sleepover each night!

Now the weekend is here, I hope you all enjoy the time together. Myself and my daughter have a treat planned, we're off to watch *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night*, one of my favourite books by the author of 'BOOM', a book I've borrowed from our Y6 library recently! On Sunday, I'll be watching my son play rugby (fingers crossed for a win) before returning home for an afternoon of films on the sofa! Mrs Rose tells me she's in a football tournament this weekend - lets all wish her luck!