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The school year started full of hope that we would begin to get back to 'normal'. All you wonderful children settled back to your normal routines and school life began to run as previously. We returned to Masses in Church and whole Phase assemblies. I was able to get around to classes to look at learning and behaviour and I have to say that I was pleased. The class assemblies were a joy to watch because the quality of them seemed to have jumped up a notch.

Then, just when we are approaching the end of term, the numbers of positive coronavirus cases in Ealing begins to rise sharply. I had to make the very difficult decision to stop parents from coming in to school to watch assemblies, Nativities and liturgies. It broke my heart! However, I know that we did our bit to keep our community as safe as it could be for everyone.

Sadly, during Advent Ms. Williams passed away after a long illness. She was a devoted Teaching Assistant for over 15 years in our school and helped many children with their learning; we will remember her, may she rest in peace.

Christmas is now just a few sleeps away. I wish you all a very merry Christmas and I hope that the New Year brings with it renewed hope and love to all.
May God bless you.

Mr. Rakowski



Merry Christmas

What have we been learning in our year groups?

Nursery

I love playing. I love singing Nativity songs. I like to play with the blocks. I have lots of friends. I like to play with everything. We did senses and body parts.



I like to draw pictures. Jesus was born on Christmas. We did lots of singing and dancing. I love to play in the home corner. We had a birthday party in class.



We have had a great first term in Nursery. We have all settled in well. We have made lots of friends. We have done lots of learning in our topics 'All About Me' and 'Seasons and Celebrations'.

What have we been learning in our year groups?

Reception



I Love being a
Honeybee. I have been
learning to read and write. I
have made lots of
friends like Tymon, Anton
and Audrey. I know a very
good friend's kind and
caring. We are a family
at school and Honeybees.



Here all
we have
we have
In the end
Diwali Christmas
as a reminder
of life.

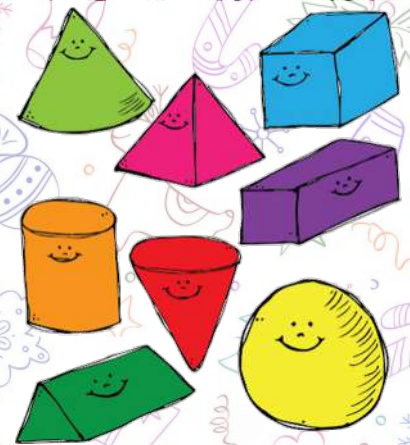


What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 1



In year 1 we have been learning about visitings
for christmas we have also practised our
christmas Nativity I am an Angel.



In Maths we have
learnt about shapes.
There are cubes they
are 3D. There are pyramids
they are 3D shapes.
In English we read the
story stick man by Julia
Donaldson.



What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 2

In Year 2, we have learnt about 2D shapes and 3D shapes. Did you know that a cube and a cuboid are really similar – a cuboid is just a stretched cube.



In English, we have learnt about The Great Fire of London. Did you know that maybe 80,000 people were left homeless.



In R.E, we are learning to prepare for something, like Christmas.



By Enda 2JB

This year in Year 2, we learnt about Black History Month where people with darker skin celebrate their History. We learnt about amazing people like Mary Seacole. She helped British soldiers and Russian soldiers. We also just finished our topic on the Great Fire of London in 1666. Did you know Christmas is so soon? We made Christmas lanterns.

By Zofia 2JB



What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 3

The Start of Year 3

We started Year 3 on the 2nd September 2021. We were all really excited. First, Miss Reddin gave us a cut out heart with squares on it and we had to fill the squares with things we love.

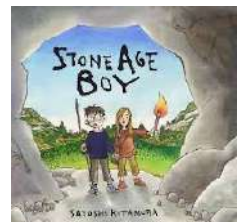
Next, we got to cut out hands and had to draw our goals and favourite things. We also made a poster of class rules and stuck these on the wall. We decorated our hands and stuck them around the poster.

In Maths, we tried to learn some of our EIGHT times tables. We always practice our times tables at the beginning of our maths lessons. We also did some column method tests and once I got NONE wrong!

We have also been reading a really good book called 'Stone Age Boy' and we wrote our own story about it with speech bubbles.

By Elsie 3AR

8 TIMES TABLE



Geography

In Geography we have been learning about climate zones and how a particular climate zone affects the weather. We learned about devastating consequences of human activity and how climate change can alter the weather.

Science

In Science, we learned about forces and magnetic forces. Did you know that magnets don't need to touch objects for a contact to occur?

But...most things aren't attracted to magnets. How sad! I would LOVE to have many things attracted to magnets so I could move them like Matilda!

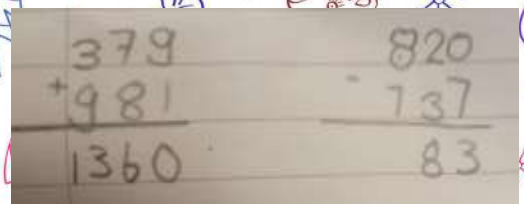
Maths

In Maths, we learnt about column addition and then column subtraction. Do you know these methods?

English

This month, we were busy learning and researching fascinating facts about Roald Dahl. Initially, Roald Dahl didn't like writing, but was interested in sports and school. He was a very good footballer and loved playing squash. When he grew up, he joined the Royal Air Force as a pilot to fight during the Second World War. Unfortunately, he had a crash and went to hospital. After, he no longer could be a pilot so Roald Dahl decided to write for newspapers and magazines. He thought that children's books were quite boring at the time so started writing some books for children.

By Elise 3AR



What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 4

In English I will talk to you about how we made kites, Krindlekrax and the Iron man. I will start with making kites.

Making Kites:

The material we used to make our kites were a combination of the following:

1. String
2. Paper straws
3. Paper

After making the kites, we flew them. We were so excited to fly the kites because me and my partner put so much effort into them. When we flew the kites, they didn't go very high because it was not that windy, but if it was really windy the kites would have flown way higher. We got this idea from 'Danny the Champion of the World'.

Now I will talk to you about the crocodile Krindlekrax.

In Krindlekrax, there was a boy called Ruskin. Ruskin was a scruffy boy because he had frizzy hair and wore a green and white T-shirt. He has thick glasses that makes his eyes look like saucers. You would think by looking at him that he was a shy, quiet boy. Despite his appearance, he was a determined brave 11-year-old who believed he could be a hero and stand up to Elvis. Did you know in Krindlekrax, Ruskin fought the enormous and terrifying Krindlekrax.

For now, I will talk to you about the Iron Man.

The Iron Man was enormous. No-one knows where he had come from. No-one knows how far he had walked. And no-one knows who he was. Until a boy named Hogarth discovered the Iron Man. Well, you see, one day when Hogarth was fishing, he could hear something in the hills. Then, a few minutes later, he saw two green eyes and then he spotted a torso...then arms...then legs.

The work we did on the Iron Man was that we made a drawing of the Iron Man. We also had to use descriptive words to describe how tall, strong and terrifying he was. Also, in one lesson, we acted out the Iron Man falling off a cliff and how shocked he was about the Iron Man.

D&T

In D&T we made moving monsters. The materials we used to make our moving monsters were a combination of the following items:

- Syringes
- Tubes
- Burger boxes
- Feathers
- Coloured paper
- Googly eyes

Firstly, we had to try and guess what it looked like and then draw it out in our books. They turned out ok but some broke. When we put the syringes onto the moving monsters, we tested if the mouth would open. It did work, but then the moving monsters broke!! We had so much fun when we made them!

And next week, we will make the Iron Man and with our coding skills, the Iron Man will change the colours of his eyes AND move.

By Ethan 4MS



What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 4

In our History, we learned about The Romans.

Romans travelled all around the world. They travelled miles and miles to get to England, France and more.

Roman shields were all different. Some were patterned and some were metal.

Romans made metal, gold coins, villages, hospitals, homes and shops.

There is also a famous wall called Hadrian's Wall. In some parts it is 6m high and 3m wide. It is 73 miles long.

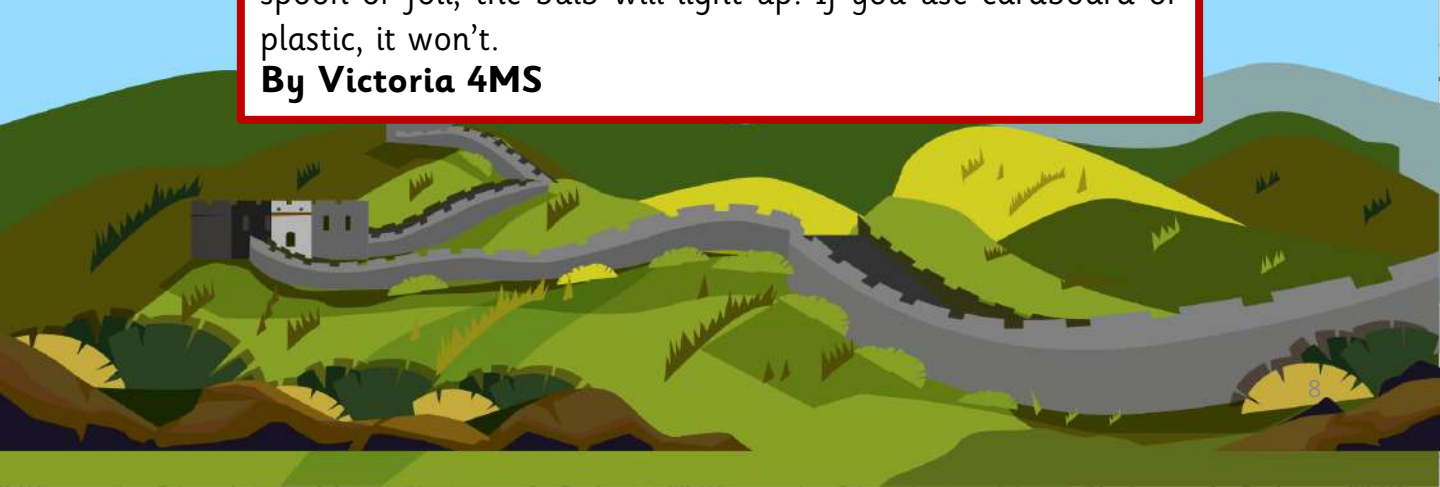
Hadrian's Wall was built in AD 122. 15000 men built it. It was built of stone and turf. There was a ditch in front of the wall and at every mile there was a gate and a fort. It takes a week to walk along the wall. It was built to protect the Northern boundary of the Roman Empire. The Romans left Britain in AD 410. Hadrian's Wall started crumbling but you can still see it today.

In Science, we have learned about Electricity.

Did you know Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity. He tied a metal key to the kite string to conduct the electricity. We made our own light bulbs light up. We used batteries and crocodile clips to connect the circuit.

When making a circuit, you can use anything but it has to be a metal because it conducts electricity. If you add a metal spoon or foil, the bulb will light up. If you use cardboard or plastic, it won't.

By Victoria 4MS



What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 5

The Sea from afar

The Sea called me from afar
Despite my Ignorance, I could still hear it
Ever movement every pace
It attacked me with haste and disgrace
I could faintly hear the sea's whining
As it swailed the sand buying

Suddenly, I tripped into the sea
Falling into the sea with a splash with no glee
Then I fell into a dream
Swept away unto a lean
I woke up like an old lady
Well I felt like one at least
maybe

The wind was blowing
And it was clearly showing
The fish sped past like flash speeding away
Into the abyss

Edgy eels ate eggs beside me
The Coral awaiting child
I felt like a baby

Knew to its surroundings
It was just me and
the sea...

Hello there! Scrolling through The Saint? Why not take a read about what Year 5 have been learning about? If you're new to The Saint, then welcome! If you're not, then welcome back!

Anyway, in Year 5 this term we have been learning about figurative language.

Can you guess what this is? No cheating...

Done – great! Did you mention any of the list below?

metaphors, simile, personification, hyperbole, onomatopoeia and idioms (not idioms!!!)

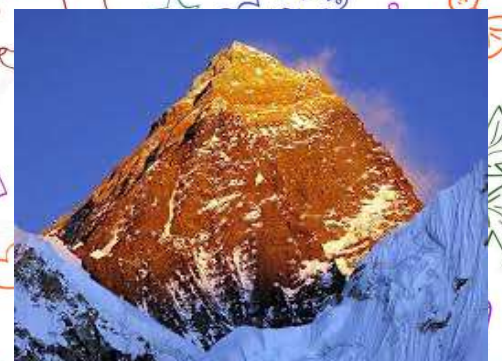
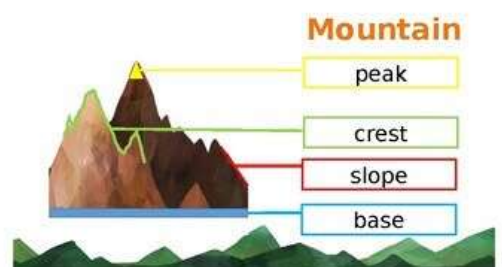
During our lesson, we also wrote a poem about the sea using figurative language.

We have also been comparing two books by Michael Morpurgo (have you heard of him?) *The Wreck of Zanzibar* and *Kensuke's Kingdom*. Both are great books which I would recommend but I personally think that *Kensuke's Kingdom* is just a little bit better.

In our Geography, we have been learning about different types of mountains and the different parts.

Let's see what you already know. Here is a short quiz about mountains (no cheating!)

1. What is the top of a mountain called?
2. What is the side of the mountain called?
3. What is the biggest mountain?
4. What is the smallest mountain?
5. Which word has this definition 'a mass of snow, ice or rocks falling from a mountain'?



1. A summit or peak. 2. A slope. 3. Mount Everest. 4. Mount Wycheproof. 5. Avalanche.

How did you do?

By Emma 5W

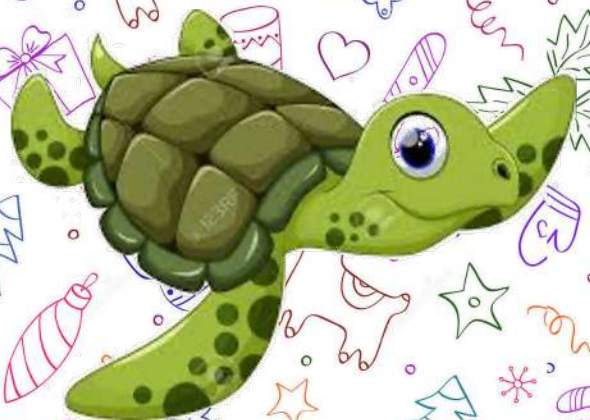
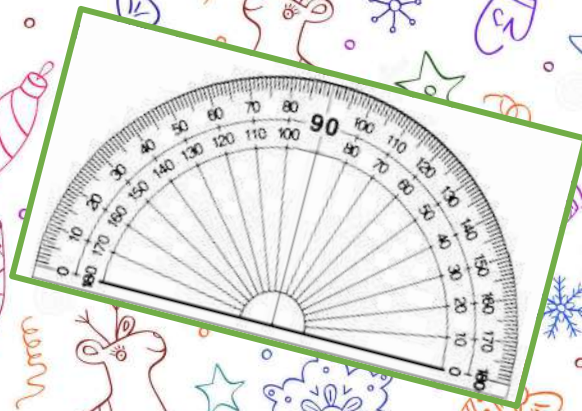
What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 5

In Maths, we have been having a lot of fun. Here are some of the things we have done. We learnt about angles and have been using protractors to find 10° , 20° and 90° . If it is a 90° degree angle, then it is called a right angle. If it is less than 90° degrees then it is an acute and if it is more than 90° degrees it is an obtuse.

In Art, we made turtles with clay and painted them. It was great fun so I know Year 4 will be excited to do this.

By Finian 5W

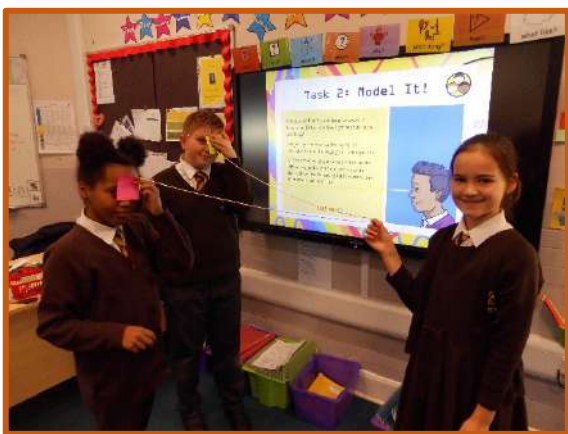


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Year 6

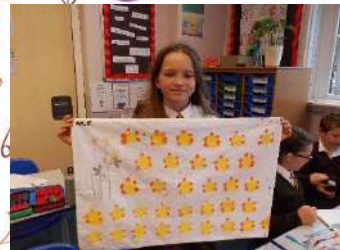
In Year 6, we have had lots of fun in Science and Art.

In Science, we have been learning about light and how we see things. Did you know that without a light source (sun, lamp, tv or other light) we won't be able to see things? If the light source was the sun and you wanted to see a football, the light will need to travel from the light source to the football (in straight lines of course) and it would then reflect and travel to our eyes.



My favourite lesson was when we used a mirror, torch and paper to understand how light reflects. We placed the mirror at different angles and shone a torch into the mirror so we could see where the light would go. Then, we had to score a goal by placing mirrors at different angles so the light reflected off the mirrors (from the source) into the goal!

By Lena 6B



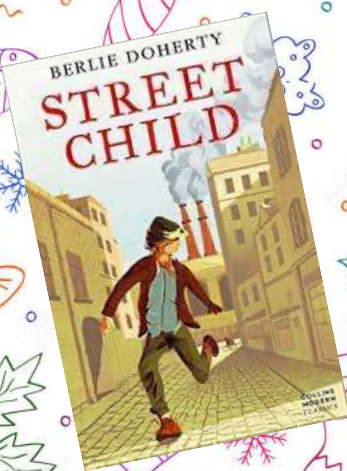
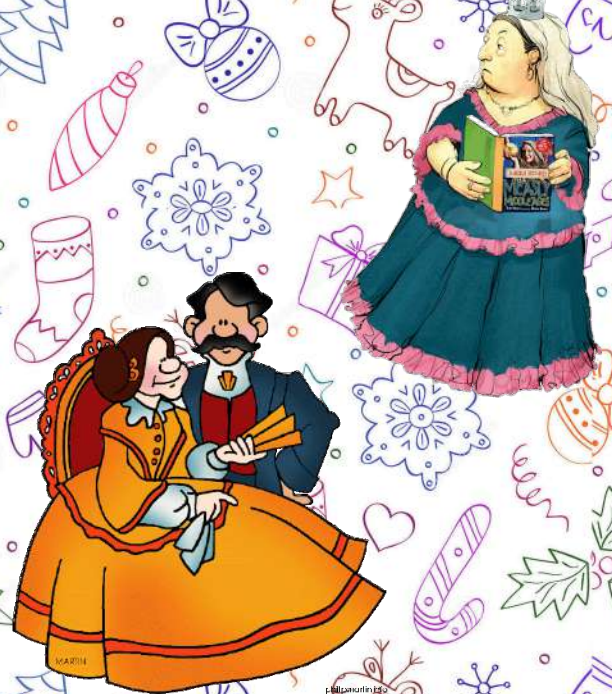
In Art, we made repeated patterns inspired by William Morris. First, we looked at artwork by Morris and other artists to compare their styles and sort the paintings into two different groups. Then, we planned our own design for a printing block inspired by William Morris designs. Out of cardboard, we made our printing blocks using images of nature (just like Morris) and used these to print onto fabric.

In the Art room, we painted our printed block and pressed it down onto our material until it was all covered. I really liked when I stamped the design onto our fabric because it was entertaining and enjoyable.

What have we been learning in our year groups?

Year 6

In Year 6, we have been doing English. In English, we have been reading the book 'Street Child'. This book is about a boy called Jim and when his mum died he had to go to the workhouse, but, will Jim escape? My favourite lesson was when we drew the house owner who evicted Jim and his family; he was called the Stickman. This was a lesson which we learnt a lot about rich people back in the Victorian times and how they didn't care about poor people. Did you know that during Victorian times, 8 year olds had to work? Did you know that the workhouse was set up by churches?

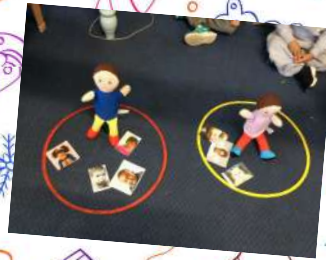


In History we have been learning about The Victorians which links to our English book. We learnt about Queen Victoria and I found it the most interesting topic – you will be shocked with what you find out. My favourite lesson so far was writing a fact file on Queen Victoria. I found out things I never knew before. Did you know she was only 5foot tall? Did you know she had 9 children and 42 grandchildren? (That's a lot). She is also the second longest reigning Queen after Queen Elizabeth II.

By Kinga 6B

Nursery

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Reception

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Year 2

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Year 4

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



Year 6

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?



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WELCOME TO

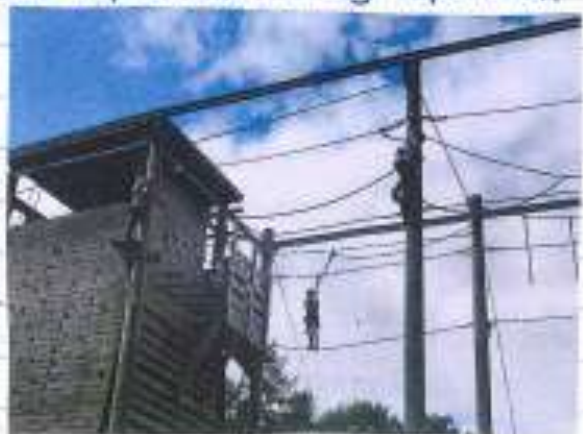
Boreatton park

This is where your life begins! You're going to do what you've wanted too! And see what you want to see! Here at Boreatton park! When you arrive, you'll automatically be told to wait by a certain place with your luggage. By now you would of probably already seen lots of things. Like the mansion. You will then get told who your in a cabin with and where and put your stuff in (the cabin). And when you put your things in the cabin you can stay there for a bit then get called outside for a tour then an activity. You get told your activity group.

When you are there. If you do a night activity until about 9.30. The next day then you will do all the activities. You'll obviously have breakfast and then an activity. My FAVOURITE was the big swing, and I'm telling you now, go on the HIGHEST, you will not regret it. It also hurts your legs ~~big~~ because you're not sitting down on anything, all you're sitting on is your harness and just clipped onto a bar. My second favourite is trapeze! And then high ropes. Which I definately recommend going on!

This is the high ropes! →

You probably already been on before, but trust me! It's higher than it looks. You can NEVER fall and go on the ground. But when you fall (obviously not to the ground) it gives you a little bit of a wedgie! It's gigantic!



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Theres another one you'll enjoy Raft building. This ones fun because you fall into the water but then you have to take a shower (which is a good thing) But it is a long way and when you have to go back you will feel or probably feel rocks in your shoes is. It will hurt. Well to me it hurt.

~~Before the trip~~ I just want to say. 1st day= Dinner then night activity then the rest of the days are breakfast then 2 activities then lunch then 2 more activities then dinner then a night activity. I have 2 funny memories, one is that Estelle screamed SO LOUD in my EAR! On the big swing and in the cabin, me and my friend went into our sleeping bags and started dancing on our bed. (I apparently nearly fell of the top bunk while dancing)

I love PGL! And 5 days isn't that much! Just enjoy while it lasts! EVERYWHERE I GO, PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHERE WE COME FROM!

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Year 6 Victorian Day

On 07.12.21, we entered our classroom and most children in Year 6 were dressed as Victorian children. We noticed the date on our board was very different because it said 7th December 1854. At 9am, our teachers explained the class rules and we were given our Victorian names. Some were really funny like Friendless, Time, Mineral or Formerly.

Our first activity was Scripture Reading; we read the Bible out loud. When one boy was asked to read, he didn't know where we were so he had to wear the Dunce's hat. Another boy in our class was calling out and so he got beaten with the cane.

Next, we did Victorian arithmetic. We chanted our times tables and we actually found out we were not very good at our 7 times tables. Then we did some problem solving activities involving Queen Victoria. We also practiced our handwriting in our Copybooks; it was very fun using the cursive handwriting style.

After break, we learned some interesting facts about Victorian schools. Did you know that rich children had to learn at home until the age of ten. In our activity, we had to compare modern schools with Victorian schools. In the 1800s classes were so big, so they had monitors to help children who found learning hard. A girl in our class broke the 'monitor' badge and got punished and beaten with a cane by the teacher (but not really)!! We could hear her screams from outside the classroom!! We also had a go at writing on slate which is what they used in Victorian times.

After lunch, we learned about Victorian jobs for children: chimney sweeps, street children, factory workers, coal miners, countryside and domestic servants. Did you know some children actually died doing these jobs?

To end the day, we did a quiz that had 15 questions in it. We also looked at a punishment book from St Joseph's School from 1904-1961. The most laughable punishment was a person who broke a tree and received 6 smacks with a cane.

Today was very enjoyable and we learnt lots too – mainly that you shouldn't be naughty in a Victorian school!

Zuzanna (Amelia) 6B and Lena (Gertrude) 6B

Year 6 Victorian Day





Praise Be to You

At St Joseph's we strongly believe that we can make a difference – together! Each and every action we take, no matter how small, forms good habits for the future and will help to build our children's legacy of an improved world.

From Nursery to Year 6 we have been delighted by the responses of pupils and their families as they:

Learned the lingo for recycling in September
Can you remember what these signs mean?



Which bins would I put these items in?



Walked/ scooted/ cycled to school in October.



Cut down on consumption and supported the local community by visiting our local libraries to borrow our reading books in November.



And now are saving approximately 16,500 cards from being written in December! Unfortunately, many cards don't end up being recycled. Did you know that glittery cards cannot be recycled? Instead we each made one beautiful, thoughtful card for our whole class. Take a look at our festive class displays.

Thank you, St Joseph's community, for supporting your children in their monthly Laudato si' tasks and showing our children what a big difference we are able to make – together!

Chaplains



Meet the Chaplains. There are 10 chaplains from Year 5 and 6 (including Gabriela in Year 5) and their job is to help spread the Catholic ethos around the school. In October, they completed training lead by Sister Judith and have planned some great community projects to lead after Christmas.



Roald Dahl Day

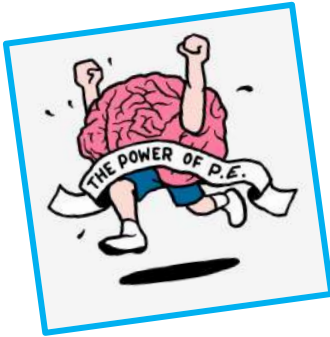
In September, we celebrated Roald Dahl Day by coming into school dressed as our favourite character from any Roald Dahl Book. We also did lots of fun activities throughout the day related to his life and stories.



School Sports

Meet the Sports Crew! They will help to promote PE across the school and they will lead lunchtime games for Lower Phase children.

SPORTS CREW



Sports Teams

Netball



Tag Rugby Fest

Hockey



Girls' football team



Girls' football team

Football

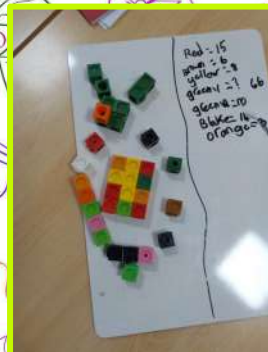


Hockey



MATHS WEEK!

$+$ $-$ \times \div $=$ 3835
 Car colour: Red, Blue, White
 Number of cars seen: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20
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Guess the teacher



Celebrating Your Achievements

Southampton Criterium Race Report by Mujtaba Taimur

On Saturday 4th September 2021, I made a trip with my family up to Southampton to race in a criterium – U10 youth a bike race on a relatively short circuit which you ride around multiple times over the course in City Centre of 15-20 minutes, with the aim of being first across the line at the very end. I'd chosen to do this race as per to wonderful Southampton city & racing atmosphere, there's also a lot of strategy, tactics, and game-playing to learn – since you're riding in a big group.

On the start line, after a few quick words to us about the race timing, the commissaire raised his hand to count down: 3, 2, 1 and we were off.

I got off quickly, rushing to be toward the front of the pack as we entered corner number one. In my excitement, I ended up on the front, pedalling too

Fortunately, some riders came up beside me and I pulled myself back, regrouping. The first couple of laps went fast as Willian (green shirt) try number of attacks to get away however me and Jacob D (yellow shirt) counter attacks neutralise him. Rest of the laps I was leading as hard as possible and not allow both to recover. As we approach to the bell (last) lap just before corner Willian attack again, I counterattack swiftly overtook him 20 meters before finish then approach finish line with 10-meter gap and confirmed 1st Position. Jacob D got 2nd and William 3rd.

At the End, it's all a lot of fun, learning from senior's races and off course podium with Southampton's Mayer.



Celebrating Your Achievements

Karate and Gymnastics



Well done for achieving a Bronze medal in your Karate for your effort.



Well done for achieving a Silver medal in your Gymnastics competition.



Would you like to share your achievements?

Please send pictures and writing about your achievements out of school to The Saint email address below:

thesaint@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk

Games and Puzzles



Games and Puzzles

WHAT'S YOUR ELF NAME?



The letter of your first name

A Angelic	H Hunky	O Outgoing	V Vivacious
B Bouncy	I Innocent	P Playful	W Wiggly
C Cheeky	J Jolly	Q Quirky	X Xtra
D Dangerous	K Kooky	R Rude	Y Yummy
E Energetic	L Lively	S Silly	Z Zesty
F Funky	M Merry	T Tipsy	
G Giggly	N Naughty	U Ungrateful	

The month you were born

JAN	Sugar Plum
FEB	Giggle Pants
MAR	Candy Cane
APR	Sweet Buns
MAY	Snickerdoodle
JUNE	McFluff
JULY	Tinsel Pants
AUG	Von Toymaker
SEPT.	Sparkle Pop
OCT	Holly Frost
NOV	Twinkle-Toes
DEC	Pickle-Pants



Jokes

What do you call
Santa Claus when
he doesn't move?

Santa Pause



What did the cow
get for Christmas?

A COWculator!



Why is it always
cold at Christmas?

Because it's
Decemberrrrrrrrrr!



What do elves learn
in school?

The elf-abet.



What's Santa's
favorite candy?

Jolly Ranchers!



What did the
Gingerbread Man
put on his bed?

A cookie sheet!



What's red and white,
red and white,
red and white?

Santa Claus rolling
down a hill.



What do you call a
snowman in the
summer?

A puddle!



Would you like to share something?

If you have an idea for an article or you wish to share some different information to include in our school newspaper, please e-mail your ideas to:

thesaint@stjosephs.ealing.sch.uk



Thank you very much to everyone who contributed to this issue 😊