



Head's lines...

Dear Parents/Carers,

I couldn't let the term end without taking the opportunity to share with you all the exciting learning and activities that have been happening in school over the last few weeks.

We have enjoyed watching some great class assemblies, including Reception's very entertaining retelling of the Gingerbread Man! As I write, the children are all in the hall enjoying a presentation of Charlotte's Web from a visiting theatre company. Hopefully it will encourage many to then read the classic story or another novel over the Easter break.

Thank you for your continued support across this term. The recent Book Fair raised close to a £1,000 (a new record!) which means each class now has a selection of new books for the children to enjoy. We also raised £348 last Friday on Red Nose Day. I also know many parents have offered to help in some way with the redevelopment of our outside areas. We really appreciate this on-going help and participation.

I hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable Easter break.

Best wishes, Sharon Barton



Art Competition stars

Congratulations to Betty from Year 5 and Zaineb and Zak from Year 6 on their success in a recent art competition 'The Future of Technology' run by IT company Ajilon in Stevenage. The children had to design a technological gadget for the future and, from the hundreds of entries, just 26 were chosen for a charity book to support the Royal Brompton Hospital. Our 3 pupils were in the top 26 and many more were runners up. Well done!

Important Dates

End of term Rec-Yr6	Friday 31st March 1:30pm
Start of term	Tuesday 18 th April 8.55 am
School Marathon	Friday 21 st April
NURSERY CLOSED (Polling day)	Thursday 4 th May

Please refer to the school info sheet for more dates

Stansted Mountfitchet Castle Trip

Year 1 and 2 enjoyed their recent trip to Stansted Mountfitchet castle, bringing their topic to a close in style. Earlier in the term, they had a castle day where they dressed up and were visited by an historian dressed in authentic knight's armour. They talked about the best place to build a castle and created a mediaeval village on the playground in chalk. The children have loved learning about castles and it has inspired some excellent writing too.

The sun was shining for their trip day and the children also got to feed the animals that roam on the site. They had a picnic lunch before visiting the toy museum and putting their maths into practise playing on the penny games.



Talent Show



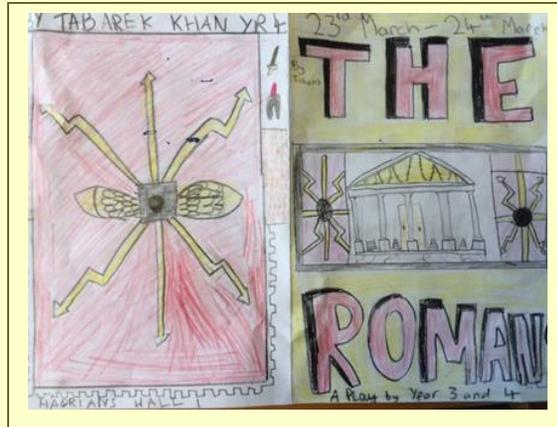
What a difficult job we had as judges choosing winners from those that entered the Red Nose Day talent show. Well done to everyone who auditioned and those who performed.

EYFS/KS1 winners: Reception singers, Runners up: Martha Johnson and Zach Baker
KS2 winner: Lucia Ruiz Palma, Runners up: Hannah Larkins and Eve Scott

Year 3 & 4 Performance

Last week we were treated to a fabulous performance of 'The Romans' by the children in Year 3 & 4. It was a great show that allowed all the children their chance to take centre stage in at least one scene. So many children were brave enough to sing a solo and all delivered their lines so confidently and clearly.

Thank you again for your support with learning some difficult words and for producing such a wonderful array of costumes to bring the production alive. Well done Year 3 & 4 – a great show!



Scary standards re-created

On Monday this week, Year 5 & 6 travelled back in time to experience a typical Victorian school day in 1889. The teachers were quite formidable as they came out to collect the children, brandishing their canes! Having duly paid their pennies, the day went on to include marching drills outside, writing on slates with chalk and learning a poem off by heart.

Kian and Tarun said they enjoyed the experience but on reflection would rather stay in 2017!



Parent workshops

Thank you so much to all 100 parents who were able to join us for one of the maths sessions over the past 2 weeks. The children loved having you in class and from the feedback received so far we know you found the mornings useful too. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey – your comments will help inform future sessions.



Forest School continues to be ever popular with whichever year group is taking part.

Year 5 are seen above enjoying the first open fire in our new log circle.

The choir excel again...

Our choir certainly made lots of parents and staff proud when they performed at the Alban Arena on Tuesday this week. They sang beautifully as part of the St Albans Primary Music Association 'Songs from the Past'. Eloise also represented our school in the orchestra.

What a lovely evening – thanks again to Miss Rowlatt for supporting the children in getting ready to perform.

