



Newsletter

May 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoy looking at our newsletter rounding up the exciting learning and fun we have been having since our return after Easter. Our Coronation Tea Party was simply lovely and even the weather couldn't spoil our day. I particularly enjoyed listening to the children sing that afternoon.

We have sent children on school trips this term too and invited Phillippa Gunn back to complete her art workshops with the children. Watch out after half-term for our Art Exhibition dates.

Not content with the purely academic side of school life we have ensured that all children this term have had access to basic first aid training - a necessary and vital skill we should all have, and Year 6 took part in the town-wide Crucial Crew event.

There will be plenty more to come next half-term as we turn our attention to plays, presentation evenings and concerts and meeting our new teachers.

I wish you a lovely half-term break, let's hope the sun shines.

With best wishes
Mrs Shenston
Headteacher



PTA Hop, Skip and Jump

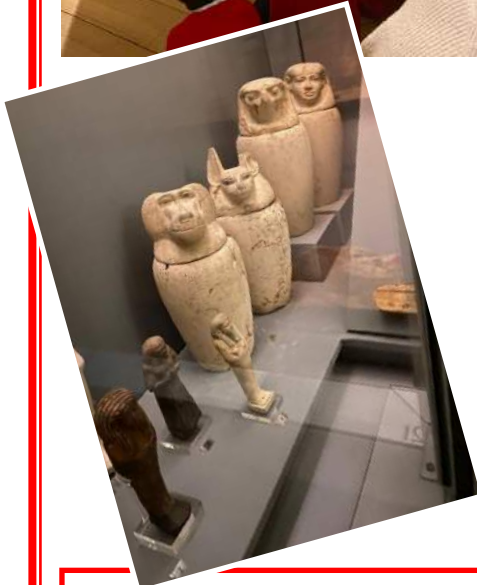


We had great fun hopping, skipping and jumping our way around the school grounds raising almost £2,000 for our PTA!



Year 4 residential to Tolmers





**Buttercup Class—Egyptian studies
at the Fitzwilliam Museum**

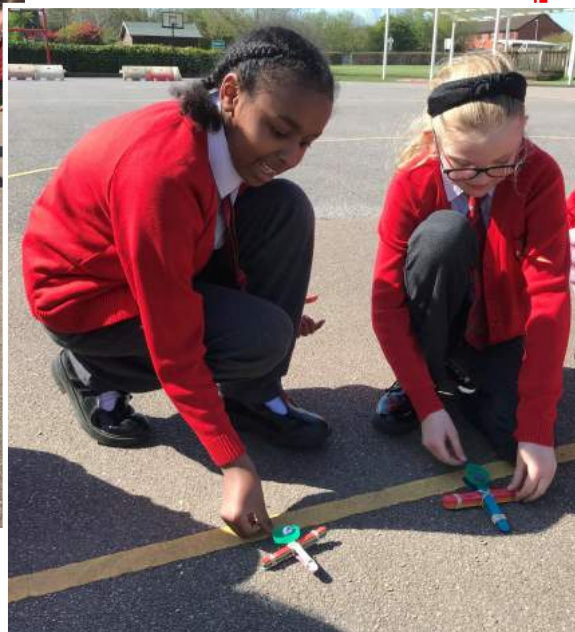


Year 5 Science and DT



Year 5 chose a sunny day to finish off their science topic on forces—making catapults to test out in the playground!

They also completed their D&T cookery topic on foods around the world, making some delicious spring rolls—involving chopping, mixing and wrapping before the all-important tasting!





Coronation Celebrations



Coronation Tea Party



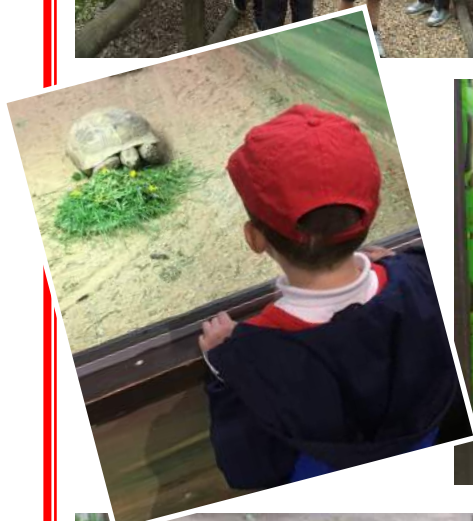


**Year 2 visit to
Shepreth
Wildlife
Park**





**Year 1
visit to
Shepreth
Wildlife
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First Aid Workshops

Classes in Years 1-6 all enjoyed an informative day taking part in a series of first aid workshops run by Daisy First Aid.



Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 joined other local schools for a workshop run by Hertfordshire Crucial Crew, a programme dedicated to helping Year 6 children keep themselves safe. The programme teaches the children about personal and general safety and how to prepare themselves for possible hazards or challenging circumstances.





Reader of the Week Award

Thanks to some very generous donations by families, we were able to take our School Council to visit Waterstones to choose some brand new books, which will be awarded as prizes in our new Reader of the Week scheme.



Many congratulations to Hayden in Buttercup Class who won the award for the Most Beaver Badges Gained in a Year at The Bishop's Stortford and District Scouting Gala Awards.

Hayden was also nominated for the Beaver Scout of the Year award and got to meet the Deputy Lieutenant of Hertfordshire!

Beavers Award for Hayden





Year 6 Honeysuckle Art Workshop



Year 6 Jasmine Art Workshop





**Clover Class
visit to
Shepreth
Wildlife Park**





Girls Football Festival

We are very proud of the incredible teamwork shown by our Year 5 and 6 girls football team who represented the school at a Girls Football Festival on the new 3G pitch at Grange Paddocks. They won four matches in a row and had very little rest time compared to their opposition in the final, Thorn Grove. They narrowly lost the final 2-0, but Heidi, who stepped up to play in goal, was named Hillmead's Player of the Tournament and Poppy was given a special mention for scoring five goals during the festival.



Year 3 Multi-Skills Festival

There was also some great teamwork in evidence at Birchwood as our Year 3 team tried out a variety of fun games and activities organised by Birchwood pupils in Year 7—9, including a few familiar faces from years gone by!

