



Newsletter

March 2023



Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share with you our newsletter wrapping up all the fun the children have had at school this term. You will see from the pictures the fabulous artwork created with Phillippa Gunn, a Suffolk based artist, who has been working with us to improve our artistic techniques. You may have noticed the staff efforts in the window of the staffroom as you've passed by. Alongside that, the children had great fun exploring a range of science investigations with Andy from The Education People and we are delighted that the children in Year 6 had a fun week learning how to ride their bikes safely on the road.

We have also spent the term working very hard in all subjects and the children continue to make good academic progress. I hope you found your consultation session with your child's class teacher informative, and you have a few points to work on with them over the Easter break.

I will take this opportunity to wish you a pleasant and fun-filled Easter holiday, let's hope the sun shines a bit and thank you for your support this term.

I look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 18th April.

Mrs Shenston, Headteacher





Year 6 Bikeability 2023

Year 6 enjoyed a week of cycle training learning how to ride safely on the local roads—all in preparation for their travel to secondary school next year.

Whilst the Cycle Training team from Herts County Council were with us, we ran an appeal for donations of unwanted bikes, which the team could repair and rehome—they were completely overwhelmed by the amount we collected (right), the most ever, apparently!



Bishop's Stortford Pupil Voice Network



Our School Councilors from Years 5 and 6 represented the school at a meeting of the Bishop's Stortford Pupil Voice Network hosted by Bishop's Stortford College. It was an opportunity for pupils to discuss issues affecting the town and well as taking part in some fun activities with other local schools.





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We had great fun sharing our favourite books on World Book Day!



The older children enjoyed visiting our younger children to read their stories and to discover the books our younger children had brought in to share.



Cooking and tasting!



Year 4 have been practising what they learnt in their science workshop, melting chocolate to make Easter crispy cakes!



Nursery have been trying out different snacks, chopping potatoes to make chips

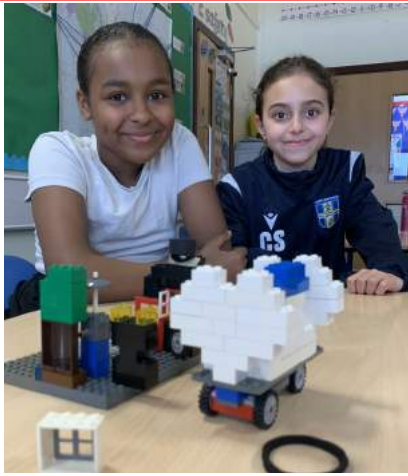


and cutting and spreading hot cross buns.



Year 5 have been exploring food from around the world in their DT lessons this term. They've honed their skills in chopping, combining, rolling, baking and, of course, tasting (!) as they've prepared quesadillas, guacamole and salsa, and baked pretzels.

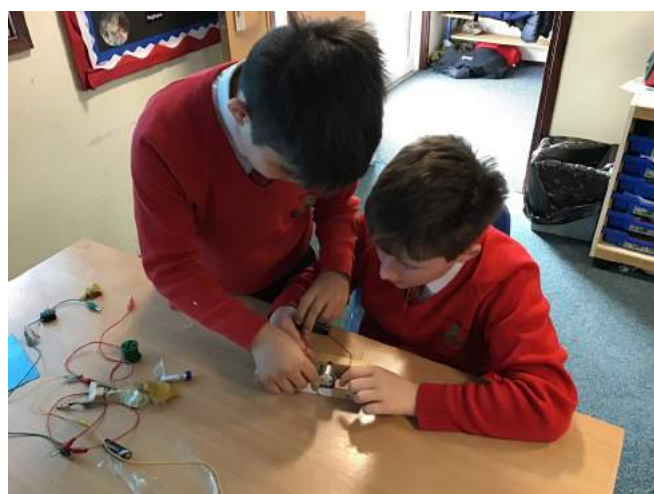
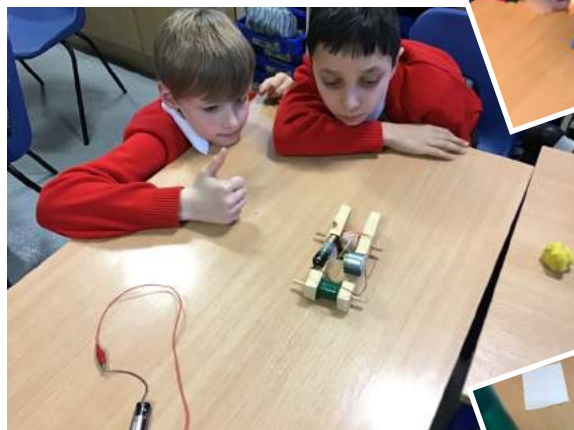




We had fun trying out goal ball and boccia and taking part in the Lego Challenge— whilst raising £347.50 for Comic Relief!



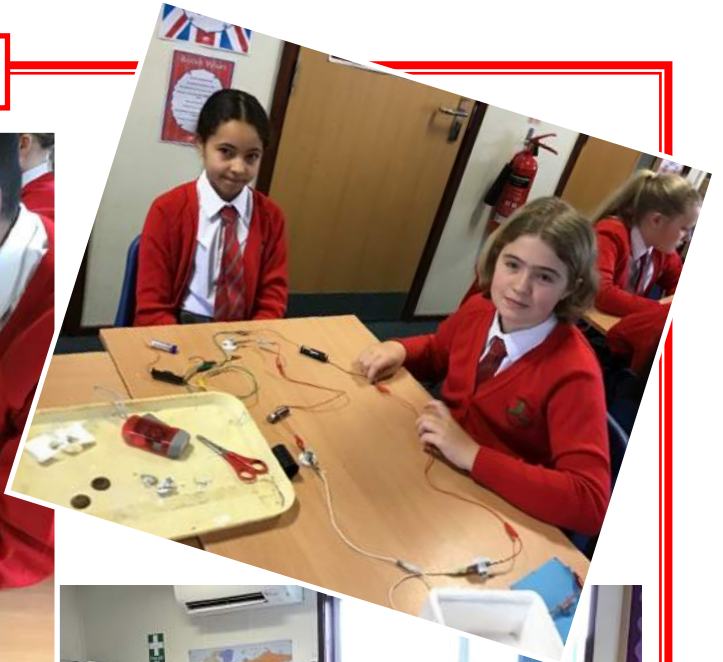
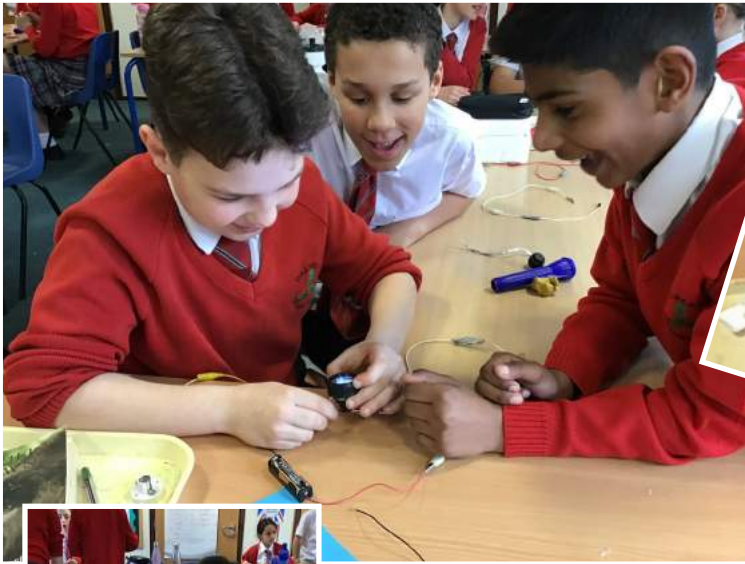
Year 6 Jasmine—Science Workshop



To complement their science topic on changing circuits, both Year 6 classes enjoyed a whole day of hands-on investigations, testing circuits using different components.

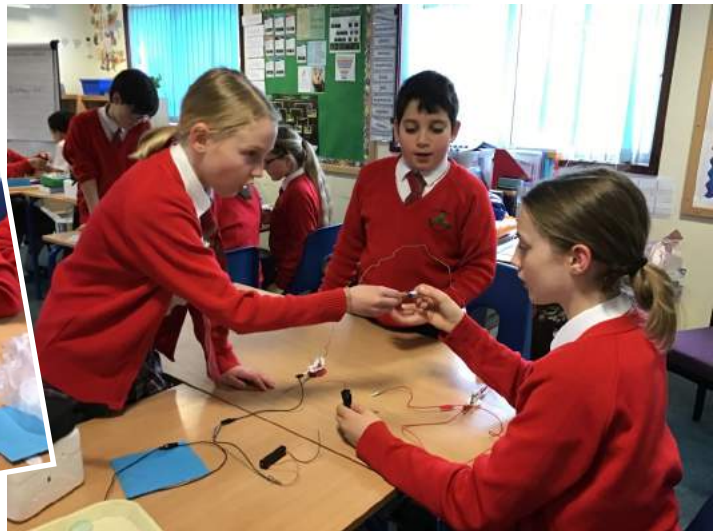
They used a potato inserted with a coin and a nail to power a light bulb and built a moving car from a motor, elastic bands, wood and cotton reels.

Year 6 Honeysuckle —Science Workshop



As part of their workshop on electricity and energy

Year 6 also made their own batteries using coins, tin foil and vinegar and wired up a model vehicle to make it move.





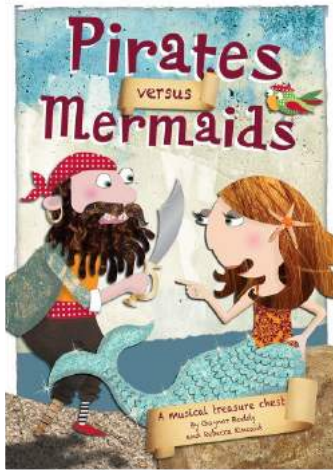
Year 5 Science Workshop

Year 5 spent a day enjoying plenty of practical activities which challenged their thinking about forces.

They investigated the angles of slopes and their effect on gravitational pull.

They looked at friction and how it affects speed as well as air resistance and its effect on falling objects. They finished the day with a challenge to build a Knex wheel using levers to control the speed.





Year 3 and 4 Play





Year 1 Art Workshop

Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed their art workshop, taking inspiration from the work of Andy Goldsworthy, specifically his piece *Magical Land Art*, which was created from natural materials such as soil and leaves.



Sunflower Class art



Our Reception Class have been looking closely at snails! They have been using different materials to make images of snails and looked at the artwork of Henri Matisse to design their own versions of his work, *The Snail*.



Super Gymnasts!



Our gymnasts have enjoyed taking part in the inter-school Key Steps competitions this term, with our KS2 team winning bronze medals!



Daisy Class bunting

Daisy Class have been working on their sewing skills in DT, designing and making bunting suitable for Reception-aged children.





Buttercup Class had an amazing day at Celtic Harmony Camp! After a very unusual welcome where they were attacked by spears, they took part in archery, quests around the woods, face painting and warrior training. The day ended with a story and some magical fire... They are now warriors fit to fight by Boudicca's side!

Year 3 visit to Celtic Harmony



Year 5 and 6 KNEX Challenge



Lilac, Honeysuckle and Jasmine Classes took part in the Go Construct K'nex Challenge 2023. Working in pairs, the children were challenged to design and build a crane to lift and move a large heavy bag of rubbish and rubble.



After planning their solution, they had one hour to build and test their crane. Using their skills of teamwork, communication and problem solving they came up with imaginative and creative models to solve the problem.

The pair who built the winning model in each class received a medal and a winner's certificate. Their model will be entered into the Regional Final to be judged against the other schools taking part. Our STEM ambassador was really impressed with the ingenuity and engineering skills shown by all the children who took part!

Good luck to our finalists, Catherine, Ariana, Iren, Alice, Freya, Ralphy and Felix!



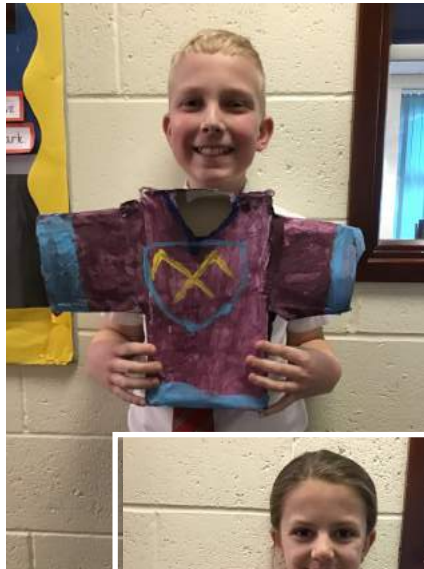
Sunflower Class Honey Tasting



Sunflower Class have been learning about bees and had a tasting session, learning to spread honey on bread. Next term visitors from Bees Abroad will be coming to school to show us how honey is made!



Bluebell Class sculptures



Year 4 have been taking inspiration from the artist Henry Moore, making sculptures perfect for various parts of the school—pizza for the kitchen, ducks for the pond, bikes for the bike shelter, footballers for the playground....

