

Newsletter



Year 5 Visit to **Mandir Temple**

At the end of January, Year 5 visited a Hindu temple in north London to learn more about the Hinduism which they have been studying in class. The children enjoyed soaking in the atmosphere and learning about the culture and beliefs through answering questions, exploring the informative exhibition and observing a traditional, Hindu ceremony. The guides at the temple were particularly impressed with how respectful and curious the children were and we were very proud of them! We were not allowed to take pictures inside the temple, but it was lovely to have a group photo outside the magnificent temple at the end

Richmond Borough **Swimming Gala**

The Borough swimming finals took place in February, with swimmers from Years 4-6 participating. There were individual races and relays throughout the morning. Our fantastic swimmers brought in medals and ribbons from each event! Everyone had success, including medals in freestyle, mixed relay, backstroke, freestyle relay and butterfly! Well done to all our swimmers!



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Dentist Visit to **Infant House**

Children in Years 1 and 2 were lucky to have a dentist visit school to talk about healthy mouths and teeth. They learnt about why we need teeth, what teeth are made of and the four different types of teeth. They then had to rank orange juice, Coke, Ribena and a smoothie as to which one they thought contained the most sugar. We were all very surprised to find that the smoothie contained the most sugar and had a whopping eight teaspoons of sugar in the one small bottle! The children took home a goodie bag including a two minute timer and two disclosing tablets to see how well they have been brushing their teeth!



Reception's **Big Bird Watch**

Reception embarked on an outdoor adventure as part of the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. Equipped with handmade binoculars, the young explorers walked to Priory eager to observe various bird species and tally their findings. This activity not only engaged them in the fascinating world of bird watching but also introduced them to the concept of data collection and observation skills. The children enjoyed a sensory-rich experience that was filled with discovery and appreciation for the wonders of the natural world.

Art Week

Art Week started with EYFS creating canvases based on Beauty and the Beast. On Tuesday, Infant House were treated to four workshops. Mrs Edwards focused on portraits and Ms Williams helped the children create polar bear landscapes. In external workshops children worked together on a set of silkscreens on the theme of plants. Years 3 and 4 worked with chicken wire to create a 3D fish. In felt making, they used wool to create scenes from the natural world. Ms Childs' Zine making workshop was very popular, where children explored their own interests, making a mini book. The week ended with Year 5 and 6 working with glass mosaics to create panels and pendants to take home. In another workshop, they produced positive affirmation graffiti murals using stencils and spray paint. Ms Hogan led a calm and collected Japanese scroll activity in the classroom. The week was very creative and allowed pupils to try new materials.



ISA London West Cross Country

At the start of February, our KCP runners took part in the ISA London West Qualifiers, all the way in Hampshire. After a long journey, we arrived at the event that was hosting 36 schools and over 850 children. It was perfect running conditions, and the route included some woodland areas, some mud and plain old grass. Supported by each other and their travelling parents, our runners took to the start line. In the field of 35 schools, our runners showed what they are made of! A silver in the Year 4 boys' race, the Year 4 girls team coming 3rd overall and four runners qualifying for the national finals! Congratulations to all involved!



Year 1 History **Explorers Workshop**

On Monday 19th February, Year 1 had a special time traveller visit them who brought them back in time to the 15th Century and then to the 20th Century. The children embarked on a voyage from Genoa heading west across the ocean to then launch into space in Apollo 11. They recounted the lives of Chrisopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and discovered the similarities between the two men. The children shared their knowledge of these explorers and what life was like with the time traveller. The children enjoyed using their creativity and imagination to travel back in time to the lands of these significant explorers. Thankfully, they returned safe and sound back to Kew College Prep in time for snack!

