

Year 6

On Monday 21st October, Year 6 all gathered on the playground, dragging along suitcases ready to say goodbye to their parents and siblings and set off on a nerve-racking and exciting adventure to Kingswood. Once we had all boarded the coach and said our farewells, we finally set off.

After a long and tiresome journey, Kingswood was finally in sight. Once we had got off the coach, we met our friendly instructor Eddie. Then we had a tour and collected our bedsheets, which Henry dropped a million times, found out our dorms and tried to make our beds, which was a struggle!

On our first night, we had an interesting experience, which was based on trust and teamwork. This was called Nightline. We went through a forest blindfolded in two different teams. The person at the front of the line was the leader of the group and had to use their senses to tell the rest of their team what was coming up and what to expect. Later on that night, all of Year 6 joined together to have a campfire and learn lots of campfire songs. We got to roast marshmallows and drink hot chocolate. It was a fantastic first night.

It was an early start the next day; none of us enjoyed being woken up. Throughout the week, we did different activities. For our first full on day, we did archery, jungle vines, mini beast catching/pond dipping, aeroball and leap of faith. To finish off, we had a movie night. Each day, we had a little treat after a full-on day. On our third



night, we had a mini olympics and on our last night we had a quiz, which brought us together as one big team. We also celebrated two special birthdays – Jess's and Luis's.

All our activities at Kingswood were: Leap of Faith, Bush craft–fire lighting, Abseiling, Orienteering, Explore the coast, Presentation about the coast, High Equilibrium and Buggy building. The food was amazing and we can all admit we ate a bit too much!

While at Kingswood, we learnt the definition of teamwork. As we were doing all activities, we discovered that a little support goes a long way in making new friendships.

Every morning, we had some time to make our rooms spotless ready for room

inspections. Miss Braund and her assistants came to every dorm and gave out points of how immaculate our rooms were. One room even got extra point for making their bedroom smell like sweet treats!

On our last day, we had to depart, which we were all very sad about. The hardest thing was saying goodbye to our wonderful instructor Eddie. It was very hard to make sure we had all our clothing and accessories and that we hadn't left anything behind! Once we all boarded the coach, we pulled out of the gates and waved goodbye to Kingswood.

It was a great trip and we all feel we came together as one big family. Thank you to Miss Braund, Miss Barrett and Mrs BP.

By Betty and Cecily

Autumn Term Events

National Anti-Bullying Week

The whole school marked National Anti-Bullying Week in November. This year, the theme was 'Change Starts With Us'. We took part in a special assembly and class-based activities, thinking about how we can all make small changes that actually make a really big difference.



Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge

For the fourth year running, we took part in our national award-winning Sawbo Travel Challenge, which took place the week commencing 23rd September. Everyone tried to journey to school sustainably and we had a special passport, which was stamped if we managed to do so. We also had a theme each day, including Eco Monday (wear something green) and Funky Footwear Friday (dress up your feet)! The week ended with a Town Selfie Walk around Sawbridgeworth on the Saturday from 11am to 2pm, starting at Bell Street Car Park. We were even visited by Mark Prisk MP, who found out all about the event from our Junior Travel Ambassadors. It was a great week and we all had a positive impact on the environment by reducing pollution and getting healthier.



Harvest Celebration

Our harvest assembly provided a great opportunity for us all to reflect on the meaning and importance of harvest through wonderful class contributions of songs, poetry and artwork. Our food donations were taken to the Well Beloved Club where they were really appreciated by local people.



Christmas Fayre

'The Christmas Spectacular' was also a great success and raised a very impressive profit of £1,613.17. Thank you very much to members of the 'Friends of Mandeville PTA' and all those people who so kindly donated items or gave up their time to make the fayre happen. We had a fantastic time!



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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the forty third edition of the Mandeville Primary Link Up magazine!

This magazine is produced by the children of Mandeville Primary School to inform the local community of the work of the school and to share successes.

Children in Need

This year, Children in Need took place on the 15th November 2019.

To raise money for this important charity, the pupils at Mandeville wore a spotty item to school and also had the chance to take part in a colouring competition. All of the colouring competition winners from each class, including Nursery and Reception,

received their awards in assembly, winning a chocolate teddy to replicate Pudsey. The winners were Zienna, Ava, Dolcie-Rose, Lilly, Rory, Isla, Rose and Florence.

In assembly, Miss Braund explained how much money we raised for Children in Need: we raised an impressive £226.30. This means that more people gave in £1

donations than last year.

As a result of us raising money, children across the UK, who are less fortunate than us, will have more chance of living a happier, safer and healthy life.

By Olivia and Mary-Jane – Year 6

Enterprise Week

On Monday 4th November 2019, Mandeville Primary School held an Enterprise Week from EYFS up to KS2. This special week takes place each year and we have the opportunity to use our maths skills and learn more about business and finance.

Nursery and Reception made mindfulness gift bags for £1.00 and Key Stage 1 made hot shots and chocolate cones, which were £1.00 each. Year 3 made foot bath salts, which were £4.00 and garlands, which were £1.00, while Year 4 made and sold different types of bread for £1.50 a bag. Year 5R and 5M made Christmas cards for £4.00 for a pack of five, and finally, Year 6 sold delicious scones; the flavours were butter, cheese and cheese and onion.

On the morning of Thursday 7th November, we held a whole-school selling event. The children in each class sold all of the products we had made during the week to our parents and carers. We had made sure that our effective advertising encouraged them to attend and we even sold refreshments in the hall. Remaining items were available for purchase on the playground at the end of the day and advance orders were used for any one who couldn't attend on the day.

After we sold everything, each class calculated the profit they had made. As a school, we made a grand total of £888.93! We have decided to use this money for something as a whole school and are now busy deciding what it will be. There will be



a lot of voting to make the final decision. It is all very exciting!

By Aida and Vanessa – Year 6

Early Years Foundation Stage

Our parents and carers came in to school to take part in Decoration Day with us. We made baubles, decorated biscuits, gingerbread men, Christmas trees and wrapping paper. We had great fun and even got to eat some Christmas treats!

"I liked making everything."
Mae

"I loved making the snowman."
Elliott

"I liked making the Christmas trees."
Florence

"I loved making the biscuits. It was my favourite bit."
Joshua

Year 1

On Wednesday 6th November, as part of Enterprise Week, Year 1 visited Nationwide Bank in Sawbridgeworth.

First, we got to school and got into our groups. We had to walk with our partner to the bank in town. Next, we met Linda, Wendy and Lisa who work at the bank. Then, we split into three groups to see the different parts of the bank. In one place we

looked at the safe and where all the money is kept. In another place we looked at the tills and pretended to work in the bank and be customers. Lastly, we got to look at the cash machine and find out how it worked.

Finally, it was time to leave and walk back to school. It was such an exciting day!

Shared writing by Year 1

Year 2

Year Two went to St Paul's Cathedral on the 14th November to learn about what happened to it in The Great Fire Of London in 1666.

We all got on the black coach and sat with our friends. It took a long time but eventually we arrived. After a short walk we went down some steps into the crypt. We met our guide and put our things in a small room. Then we sat on some pews and listened to facts about the cathedral. We learnt that the cathedral we were in was the 5th cathedral. All the others burnt down because they were made of wood. Sir Christopher Wren designed the cathedral out of stone so it wouldn't burn down again. We looked around the crypt and

found artefacts that had survived the fire. After a while we climbed the stone stairs into the cathedral. It was amazing! There was an orchestra rehearsing and they were playing beautiful music. Our guide made us dress up and we were Samuel Pepys, Thomas Farrinor, a maid, King Charles II and normal people. We passed buckets along the line from the River Thames to the fire.

After that we went back to the crypt and had our lunch. When we had finished we went back up to the cathedral and then went up to the stone gallery. We had to climb lots of steps. Eventually we got to the gallery. We could see all round London and we saw The Shard, Tower Of London, The Walkie

Year 3

On Thursday 14th November, Year 3 went on a Golden Boy coach to Celtic Harmony Camp to be Stone Age farmers.

When we arrived, we were met by a Stone Age lady named Sarah who led us up the lane towards the Camp. At the huge gates to the Camp we had to say, "We come in peace". The guards opened the gates and we had to say, "Aahh" and our name as we walked in so that we travelled back in time!

The Camp was fantastic with real round houses with thatched roofs. When the fire was lit inside we could see the smoke coming through the thatch. We did lots of Stone Age activities with Sarah. One favourite was the trading as we traded wood logs, cloth, wheat, pottery, wool and gemstones which was so much fun! The

wood, logs, wool were five points each and pottery, gemstones and cloths were ten points. Everyone ended up with different things! Another activity was grinding the wheat into flour using quern stones. We put the flour into a bowl and mixed it with a little water to make bread rolls. Sarah had never heard of supermarkets where we buy our bread!

Next, Sarah showed us the spiral garden where they grew herbs for flavouring food and dying wool. We all twisted bracelets, which we then placed in dye made from plants. We could choose yellowy orange or blueish purple. The colours were really vibrant. Later we used dyed wool and learnt how to card it ready for spinning and then wove colourful cloth on vertical looms.



Talkie, Tower Bridge, The Tate Gallery and lots of other places. It was good fun looking for all the buildings. Then we went back down the steep stairs. We collected our belongings and walked quickly back to the shiny coach. We went back to school.

Finally, we arrived at Mandeville. Some people fell asleep on the coach because they were so tired! It had been a great day and we had learnt lots of things. We definitely want to go back.

Shared writing by Year 2



Before we left, we had one last visit to the composting toilet, which was environmentally friendly as it used no water and recycled our waste.

We all enjoyed our visit to Celtic Harmony Camp. We thought it was the best day ever!

By Andrew, Jasmine, Poppy and Robert

Year 4

On Friday 18th October, Year 4 went to the Royal Gunpowder Mills. We went to learn about the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings.



Year 5 Maltings

During Enterprise Week, Year 5 made Christmas cards. Our company was called R.M. Festive Foils.

First of all, we voted on our name, logo and slogan (Festivity Counts). We also carried out market research to find out which were the most popular designs, background colours and to decide whether we should personalise the cards or not.

The next day we used our maths skills to work out our profit (profit is the money

We did four workshops. We made brooches, which Vikings would have worn on their cloak; it helped them to take their cloaks off quickly in battles. We made Viking Long ships, which were decorated with shields on the outside of the boats, as there was not enough room on the inside. It also helped to protect the Vikings during battles and meant they could grab their shields quickly when they were attacked. We also learnt how the Vikings gave their weapons names, like Bone Crusher. Then we learnt about Anglo-Saxon home life. This included dressing up, and finding

out about the chores they did and the food they ate, including rats in the stew! We did a trail, collecting letters from the Viking alphabet, called Runes, to crack a code. We found out that the symbol for Bluetooth that is used today actually is a letter of the Viking alphabet.

Overall, we had a great time and learnt a lot of new things.

Shared writing by Year 4



left after subtracting expenses). Then we created graphs to show what we found out from our market research. We discussed which designs would be the most popular.

The day after, we made the Christmas cards. We took it in turns to emboss, but everyone folded, stuck the background onto the card and some people personalised them.

Then came the day of the sale! We all had a different job, which consisted of personalising, advertising and sales people. By selling the cards for £1.00 we made £231.40 profit (our expenses were £64.00) and we sold all of our stock!

We loved running R.M. Festive Foils!

Shared writing by Year 5 Maltings

Year 5 Rivers

Science Horizons came in to visit Year 5. Mike, the astrophysicist, inflated a huge dome-shaped planetarium. We got to look inside it and Mike projected the night sky around the dome so we could see the constellations of the stars. He told us lots of Roman and Ancient Greek stories about the constellations, including the Gods, fights against sea monsters and saving princesses.

Mike then taught us about the Space Race between USA and Russia. He showed us pictures of spacecraft and we talked about the journeys into space. Next, we looked at original toys from the Space Race period which children played with.

After lunch, we looked at meteorites and saw videos and photos of famous ones.

Then we got to see parts of meteorites in real life. We saw moon rock samples and a sample of Mars taken from the Mars Rover. There was a wide range of big and small samples of rock and meteorites. We got a magnifying glass each to study the meteorites. We learnt that these are rough on one side and smooth on the other because of the friction caused by them falling through Earth's atmosphere. It burns and smoothes the surface of the rock.

It really was a fascinating day!

Shared writing by Year 5 Rivers

