

Year 5

In Year 5, we went on a trip to Hatfield Forest to do map reading and make dens.

Firstly, we were put in different groups. Then, all of the groups found a good tree to build the den on. After building our dens, we looked at each group's den to see what they had created. We got out of the wood area and had a break.

Shortly, after the break had finished, each group was given a map with number coordinates on them. We had to fill in a crossword looking at map coordinates and find letters to fill in the crossword. When

we finished doing the map reading we had to make sure that we had filled in the crossword correctly. It was a race to see what group got back first!

Sadly, we had to leave Hatfield Forest and get our bags. It was a fun journey as we got to explore Hatfield Forest. Finally, we got back to school. We all had an amazing time at Hatfield Forest.

By Kim and Sophie



Year 6

On the 25th of June 2018, Year 6 went on a life changing experience to Kingswood, Overstrand in Norfolk.

We shared a dorm with our classmates through the highs and the lows. Miss Braund was always there for us, whatever time and we really appreciated Mr Young and Mrs

Collinson being there for us as well.

All the activities made us more confident and bonded us with our friends. There was a big range of activities to push us to our limits and to have fun. Some of the activities were: aero ball, outdoor laser, bush craft, pond dipping, high ropes, night

line, movie night, night walk, quiz night and campfire. Our favourite activity was outdoor laser because we had to work as a team to eliminate the other team.

Our instructors were James and Darcy. They supported us throughout the week in all the activities. Each day we sang songs before we entered our activities and when we had free time. There were lots of different songs that the leaders created for us. We also had brilliant food with a selection of sugary and healthy choices. Our favourite meal was on Thursday with a jumbo hotdog and American style pancakes with golden syrup. There was also a fruit basket with apples, mangos, bananas, melon and strawberries.

We really enjoyed all of the experiences of travelling and finding out how we coped out of our comfort zone. We had many different tasks throughout the week that we had to complete but no doubt about it, the hardest task of all was making the beds!

Shared Writing



Summer Term Events

Excellence in Hertfordshire Public Health Award

The Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge has won, along with six others, the Excellence in Hertfordshire Public Health Awards. They said they receive many nominations each year, so to win is a great achievement. Well done everyone!

Open Afternoon

Our parents/carers came to our Open Afternoon on 18th July. They really enjoyed seeing our work from throughout the year and celebrating all of our achievements and successes.

Mandefest

Mandefest took place on 8th July – 12-3pm. It was a great event that included games, crafts, face painting, refreshments and music. A big thank you to 'The Friends of Mandeville PTA' for all their hard work, which raises money for the school.



Walk To School Week

This year, 'Walk To School Week' was 21st-25th May. During this week, we tried to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Each class had a poster of the earth and every time a pupil travelled sustainably, a sticker went up on the poster. The aim was to take a 'virtual' walk around the earth to help Buster the dinosaur (the Active and Safer Travel Team mascot) walk from one side of the Earth where it is very built up and has lots of vehicles and congestion to the other side of the Earth where children are travelling actively to school by walking, scooting or cycling. It was a great week that was good for our health and the environment!



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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the thirty ninth 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.

Super Science Week!

In the week beginning the 25th June 2018, Mandeville experienced Science Week.

The whole school was lucky enough to visit Hatfield Forest for a day of science. The types of activities we took part in were fun and exciting for example, den building, mapwork, navigation, orienteering, nest building and habitat finding, minibeast hunting, bug hotel making and a sensory search. "It was one of the most exciting trips I have been on," said Teo (Year 4). "It was fun and den building was my favourite part because we could go in it afterwards," Olivia (Year 4).

Reception and Nursery had a very exciting time making a bug hotel, butterfly feeders, going on a nature walk and planting sunflowers. Alice from Reception told us, "I took my sunflower home and watched it grow. I had to water it to keep it alive."

Year 1 enjoyed snail experiments to find out whether a giant African snail was faster than an ordinary snail. They also found out what snails eat and drink and what they can smell. Ethan enjoyed, "The great snail race because there was a big one and a small one. I thought the small one would win because it weighed less." He was right!

Year 2 did a snail race to find out what food they like best and they made posts out of wicker to help plants grow along so they

don't bend over. Elijah-Rai said, "It was hard but good fun!"

Year 3R worked on a campaign Save the planet. Save the bees! "I enjoyed drawing pictures of what the bees see," said Ava B. Christina enjoyed making posters and Greta loved planting flowers that bees like.

Story stones and bird houses were the focus of Year 3M. They also planted flowers in the shelter and took turns to care for them by watering them. Emily W said she really enjoyed looking after the flowers.

Year 4 made kebabs to feed the birds with, to encourage nature in the area. They also went on a listening walk to listen for bird song. Harry said, "We heard robins and blackbirds. The robins were very relaxing when they tweeted but the blackbirds weren't at all!"

Year 5 studied endangered animals and found out that there are different levels of being endangered. They made dioramas with animal habitats in and researched the animals. "We also investigated parachutes to see which would float for longer," said Daisy (Year 5).

What a super week we had!

Shared writing by Year 4

Porridge

On Wednesday 8th July 2018, Year Six performed a play called Porridge. The play was about a mischievous bear, who stole Mother Hubbard's recipe book and tried to get away with it. The play was very silly and everyone ended up with their suitcases being swapped at the end as they couldn't follow instructions.

Our favourite characters were PC Doughnut and Little Bill because they were really silly and made the audience laugh.

Year Six shared their fantastic acting skills and made every one laugh throughout the whole play. Ellie S, Charlotte S and Alfie performed amazing solos and we were blown away with their voices and confidence.

Key stage 2 helped to build the songs as the chorus and shared their singing skills with parents.

It really was a great play!

By Neala George and Elliott

Early Years Foundation Stage



On Monday 18th June, Reception visited Stansted Airport Aerozone. During our visit we found out how the airport has changed over the years.

We dressed up in different uniforms, we made paper aeroplanes and tried different investigations. We also got to meet the firefighters from the airport and practised squirting the hose.

One of our favourite parts was meeting Buddy the dog. He has a very important role in the airport searching for bad things. We waved to the passengers on the planes as they took off and landed.

Finally, we went into the airport and checked ourselves in with our passports. We had such a fun day!

“We watched the aeroplanes take off and land.”
Abigail

“I liked doing activities in the Aerozone.”
Maisie

“I liked seeing the green plane.”
Lincoln

“I loved dressing up. I was a fireman!”
Harry

Year 2

Year Two were really lucky to take part in the Music Festival at the Rhodes Centre in Bishop’s Stortford. The theme was ‘Space’ and we got to perform in front of lots of people. Everyone was a bit nervous before we started but in the end it was great fun. We made hats and they all had different planets on them. Mandeville sang a song about the eight planets all by themselves. They also played musical instruments to help describe each planet.

By Holly and Isla-May

On a scorching hot, sunny day Year Two went to Mersea Island because we were learning all about islands. Luckily the tide was out and the coach could cross the causeway without getting stuck! We arrived at Cudmore Grove after a long journey on the coach. Before lunch we went to the beach and had a scavenger hunt, made sandcastles, looked at the tide and saw evidence of coastal erosion. We also had a paddle in the cold water. We sat in the shade to have our lunch and then we went to the park for a play. “The park was fun for climbing and jumping off from, it was

Year 1

On Tuesday, Year 1 went to Hatfield Forest. First, Year 1 got off the shiny, orange coach. Next we sat under an oak tree. Then we had snack.

Next, we were looking for mini-beasts and we had to put them in trays, which told everyone how many legs they had. We had a pot and a tickling stick to catch them. The mini-beasts that I caught were a spider, an ant and a worm.

Next we had lunch! It was a scorching day and we had to do a lot of walking. We went to the bright blue lake and then we built some dens. After that we had to go to the toilet.

Then it was home time. I had a great day!

By Nathan



brilliant and I want to go back there,” said Jacob. After playing for a little bit we went back to the beach but the tide had come in so we had to go to a different beach. We hunted along the beach searching for different shells and stones with holes in to make necklaces. After that we went back to the coach for the journey home. What a tremendous day we had there and would recommend that you visit it. “It’s a beautiful place and I’m definitely going to go there again,” said Natasha.

Shared Writing

Year 3 Maltings & Rivers

We were all so excited! It was Friday 25th May, the day before our half term break, and Year 3 Rivers and Maltings classes were going on a trip to Celtic Harmony Camp for an Iron Age farmer’s day experience.

We all travelled together on a great big coach and were met by an Iron Age lady, Freya, who led us up the lane toward the Camp. When we arrived at the massive gates we had to put our hands on our hearts and say, “We come in peace”. The guards opened the gates and we had to say “Ahh” and our name as we walked in so that we travelled back in time!

Our classes were given names – Maltings were the Wolves and Rivers the Bears. Both groups did the same activities but at different times although we did enjoy lunch together. The Camp was amazing with real round houses and one even had smoke rising out through the roof from fire inside.



We used quern stones to grind wheat into flour, which we then made into bread dough. The quern stones were round and really heavy as they were made of stone. The top disc, which we turned half a turn backwards and forwards, had a hole through it to pour the wheat grains in and the lower disc was stationary.

Freya explained how different plants can be used to create a variety of colours to dye fabrics and we all twisted our own bracelets which we dipped in dye, we could choose between yellowy orange or blueish purple. The colours were really vivid without using any chemicals at all!

Later we used dyed wool and learnt how to card it ready for spinning and then wove colourful cloth on vertical looms. Teams of three worked the loom together to separate the warp and weft and operate the shuttle. It took us a long time to weave 1cm; it must have very tiring for Iron Age people to weave a whole blanket!

The weapons display was phenomenal! Freya and the Iron Age men demonstrated the use of spears and swords. It was fascinating to hear how

they produced their weapons and to hear dramatic stories of war. We were horrified to learn that if a soldier suffered a severe injury to a limb whilst they were fighting then the limb would be cut off!

Near the end of our day, we were treated to an amazing display of firelighting, inside a round house, using just a stick and string to create a spark through friction! Together with wood shavings and straw, it was fantastic how quickly there was a roaring fire ready to cook the stew for an Iron Age dinner!

Before we left, we had one last visit to the composting toilet, which several of our group found rather disgusting because it had no flush! Actually, it is a really clever design because it is environmentally friendly, using no water or chemicals and we were very relieved there was no bad smell either!

We all thoroughly enjoyed our visit to Celtic Harmony Camp; it was definitely a super trip to remember!

By Ava and Theo (Maltings) and Harrison and Freddie (Rivers)



Year 4

On Monday 25th June, we were lucky enough to have Martin Rapley, the Big Bug Man, visit our class to show us his Rainforest Insects.

He brought in Amphibians, Millipedes, Arachnids, Insects and Reptiles. We were able to handle all of the creatures. Some people had Indian and Thai Stick Insects on their shirts. We also saw an Australian Prickly Insect. It was fascinating seeing it lift up its back legs as a defence mechanism. The Stick Insects were beautiful shades of green.

After looking at, and holding, the millipedes and watching the Dead Leaf Cockroaches fly it was time for a new animal. Our faces were very shocked when he pulled out a Mexican Red Knee Tarantula! We were very brave and all held it on our laps, shoulders or even some people’s heads! We were lucky enough to be able to hold and watch Tripod, the chameleon, eat some live locusts from Martin’s hands. Her tongue is twice the length of her body.

Last out the box was the cold-blooded constrictor snake, a North American Rat snake. We were all able to wear her like a scarf as she curled around us. One of our favourites was the European Tree frog, which was three weeks old and very lively.

It was a brilliant morning and we all LOVED it!

Shared Writing

