

Year 5

On Wednesday 17th January, Year 5 had a spectacular day, here in the school hall, when 'Portals to the Past' came to send us back in time to World War Two.

We dressed in clothing of the time and learnt something straight away from their mesmerising introduction. In just 40 minutes, we learnt that the Germans invaded almost all of Europe until England stepped in. We found out that the Prime Minister was Winston Churchill on the English side and Adolf Hitler on the other side for Germany.

Just before break, we had lots of boards of information and we had to work in groups to find the answers to quiz questions.

Breaktime was a little chilly for the boys, as that we had short trousers on so our legs felt like they were turning to ice!

Later, after an eventful break, we came back in to find our General for the day was standing in his mud green waistcoat, waiting ready for us to be ready to attention – it was quite a shock! We put ourselves into two rows very quickly and efficiently and were now ready to see how to be a brilliant Home Guard. We learned how to hold our guns (we didn't actually have one though!) and we were taught the secret of marching: we had to stand up straight, no slouching and no talking – a challenge for us! We had so much fun as the Home Guard!

In the afternoon, we learnt two songs called 'Run Rabbit, Run' and 'The Lambeth walk'. We even danced the walk.

After an exciting time, escaping danger in the underground during an air raid, our warden let us out and the day was over.

We found out so much. It was brilliant!

By Elliott, Joel and Mason



Year 6

On the 16th of March, Year 6 had a Greek Day.

First, we all learned about the different city-states in the ancient Greek era: Sparta and Athens. We learned about their differences and food. The Spartan food sounded disgusting!

Then we learned about the Persian attack on Marathon and about how the Athens fought them off, even with the Spartans being late.

Then, we did a quiz all about Greece. It included things like Alexander the Great, myths, Olympics, philosophers, Gods, city-states and men/women. After that, we played a very fun ancient Greek game that was all about strategy. Then we went into the hall and tried to solve a puzzle Archimedes made; it was fun! Then, we played a game called Athens vs Sparta.

After that, we did a vote about what the girls in the class should have had to do in a Greek way and then the modern way; it was hilarious for the boys but not so much for the girls.

Then we learned about Greek warfare and their battle strategies along with weapons and armour and what they were used for.

Finally, we did a mini Olympics (Athens vs Sparta). We did chair hooping, galling throwing and the team leaders did a blowing challenge.

The day had come to an end. We enjoyed it a lot!

By Oakley and William

Spring Term Events

Safer Internet Day

This year, 'Safer Internet Day' took place on 6th February, with the slogan 'Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you'. The whole school took part in key assemblies and class-based activities linked to this theme as part of our ongoing work on e-safety. Safer Internet Day reminded us of how important it is to stay safe online and to be aware of the dangers of inappropriate use of mobile technology and social networking sites.



World Book Day

As always, the whole school celebrated World Book Day in March by taking part in lots of different activities, including our famous Vocabulary Parade. Our words and costumes were as creative as ever and it was a wonderful way to enrich our vocabulary.

Hertfordshire Schools' Gala

On 11th March, pupils in Years 5 and 6 performed at the Royal Albert Hall along with many other Hertfordshire schools. It was an amazing experience and we were all very proud of what we had achieved.

Put A Spring In Your Step

On 20th March, we took part in 'Put A Spring In Your Step Day'. This year it included a 'Spring Torch Relay'. Each of the five local primary schools got together for a day encouraging sustainable journeys, with pupils and local community groups walking, scooting, cycling and running a 'torch' between each of the schools and Sawbridgeworth Town Council.

Life Bus

Mandeville was also visited by 'Coram Life Education' bus this term, where we took part in different sessions that helped us think about how to keep ourselves healthy, as well as make good choices about healthy eating, fitness and emotional and mental well-being. Many thanks to 'The Friends of Mandeville PTA' for funding these enrichment activities for us.



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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the thirty eighth 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.

Creative Arts Week

This year, during Creative Arts Week, we have been looking at the four elements – water, fire, earth and air.

Water: Nursery and Reception

In Reception, they have been exploring water marbling and painting.

Earth: Years 1 and 2

Year 1 and Year 2 have been enjoying their Creative Arts Week together. They have been working on weaving, natural collages and tiles. They also have been making baskets and robins.

Fire: Years 3M, 3R and 4

In Year 3 Rivers they have been recreating Lichtenstein artwork. In Year 3 Maltings they have been sketching. They also have

done things such as fire dances and made a firebird out of pencil and paint. Year 4 have also been focusing on the subject of fire. They have been watching and making fire scenes. They have also been creating the background to 'The Scream' by Edward Munch.

Air: Years 5 and 6

Year 5 have been recreating pictures in the style of Picasso. Year 6 have been making leaf wind chimes. They used clay to make the leaves and attached them onto a wooden structure with fishing wire. They also painted them the colours of leaves like brown, green, yellow, red and orange.

It certainly was a very creative week!

By Jack L and Olivia H

Change4Life

We run a 'Change4Life' club before school and the children who attend have chosen to call themselves 'The Crazy Crew'.

"I like coming because we have fun games. I now like strawberries because they are sweet."
Jazzy

"I like apples because they are juicy and red. I like coming here because we eat nice fruits. I now want to keep fit all the time!"
Lucy

"I like change for life because now I like more fruit!"
Flynn

Sport Relief

On the 23rd of March, we raised money for Sport Relief.



In our Mandeville Action Takers groups, we had discussed what we would like to do to raise money. We all suggested ideas. Then we voted on which idea we liked the best but we could not vote for our own!

The winning idea was the danceathon. We all brought in a pound and then at 10:30am, Years 5 and 6 went into the hall to do the danceathon and we danced to songs from 'Just Dance'. We danced to a range of different songs including Ariana Grande. We had to dance non-stop for 20 minutes, even when the music changed!

Everyone went mad with flossing even when 'Just Dance' wanted us to do something different. At the end, we were all flossed-out!

Every class had their turn in the hall and we found out that we raised £203.05. It was really fun but it was even better knowing that we were doing it for a good cause.

By Charlotte S And Alfie W

Early Years Foundation Stage

On Wednesday 21st February, the Early Years Foundation Stage visited Thorndon Country Park.

Nursery took part in a Gruffalo themed day doing activities such as building houses for the mouse and making a mud mouse. Reception enjoyed looking for the Troll, playing music during the story and making bridges for the Billy Goats Gruff.

“I put sticks and leaves on whilst making a mouse house.”

James K

“The snake was very good.”

Zachery B

Reception wrote recounts of their visit.

“First we got on the coach. Then we had snack. Finally we shot the fox over the river.”

Henry E

“First we went on the coach. Next we had snack. Finally we made troll faces.”

Sophia J

We all had a fantastic day and got very muddy!



Year 1

On Tuesday 6th March, Year 1 had an architecture workshop with Martin.

We built a bridge using just sticks of all different lengths and rubber bands. At the beginning we all made our own pyramid with a square base but squares are not a strong shape. So we added an extra stick in the square to make two triangles. Triangles are really strong shapes!

Then we put them in groups of four and finally we made the base for our bridge. Next we had to make tall tripods for the legs of our bridge. These use triangle shapes too. Finally we lifted the base of our bridge to put it on its legs.

“I liked learning to tie the elastic bands.”

Andrea

“It was quite tiring carefully taking our bridge apart at the end.”

Tommy

“I had a really fun day!”

Tyler

“I learnt that a triangle is a stronger shape than a square!”

Tom



Year 2

Year Two visited Cambridge on the 24th January. First we got onto the big, black coach and we sat next to our friends. The journey took ages but eventually we arrived at the Botanic Gardens.

We put all our things away and did some bark rubbings. There were lots of different plants and trees to see. We also went into the huge greenhouses, which were very hot. We liked the desert one with lots of cacti.

After we went outside but it started to rain so we came inside and had lunch. It was so funny at lunch because Romer had a bug in his lunch box and he screamed really loudly. Once we had finished our lunch we set off walking to the Scott Polar Museum.

When we got there we had some time to look around we then went into a special room. A lady talked to us about Robert Scott and his expedition to the South Pole. William and Ava got to try on some special clothes. They said that they made them feel very hot. They were clothes that we wear now to keep warm. Robert Scott’s clothes were a lot heavier, not comfortable and not as warm. They didn’t keep out the cold or the wind that special clothes do now.

At the end the lady told us a story; it was very enjoyable.

Finally, we got back on the coach and set off back to school. We had an excellent day

in Cambridge although it was tiring. What a fun trip it was!

By George H and Brianna

Year 3 Maltings

Our first activity in Creative Arts Week was listening to Mrs Pitt playing four amazing shiny saxophones for us! She introduced us to her saxophones and told us their names and interesting facts about them. They were called soprano, alto, tenor and baritone (called ‘Barry’) for short.

The soprano was the smallest and played the highest notes and Barry played the lowest notes and was so big he had a spike to rest on the floor. To make the deeper notes the tube is longer so it is curved around otherwise the instrument would be too long! All of the saxophones had keys and a mouthpiece holding a reed, which has to be licked before you play. This makes the vibrations to create the lovely sound.

The tunes Mrs Pitt played included Star Wars, Beauty and the Beast, Madness -

One Step Beyond and Pink Panther. The Madness tune was played on the tenor and was REALLY LOUD! We loved the music!

Next, we collected our sketchbooks and pencils and, while Mrs Pitt played to another class, sketched her in action! Later in our classroom we had the saxophones mounted on our tables and we sketched different parts of them. Emily, Dolcie and Sofia chose the bell, Patrick chose the big keys. We noticed lots of details like the intricate engraved patterns and the beautiful curves, which we shaded on our sketches using 6B pencils to make them look 3D.

It was fantastic learning about saxophones!

By Sofia B, Dolcie-Rose, Emily D and Patrick G



Year 3 Rivers

On the 14th March, Year 3 Rivers took part in an architectural workshop where we learnt how to construct a Roman villa.

First we got into groups of four and then we were given three rubber bands and six wooden sticks. Then, we placed the rubber bands on the sticks to make four triangles, which made a rhombus. Inside we put three large sticks and tied all three to the

sides of the rhombus, which created a hut. Afterwards, we built two big squares. Next, we arranged all the squares together to make a massive square, which looked like a spider’s web. We placed the medium-sized sticks above the large sticks, which formed the top of a house. Then we put big sticks along the top so they all connected together to make the top of the Roman villa.

As a class, we gently eased the wooden sticks onto the square to raise it off the ground to make the Roman villa. We were excited to see it lift off the ground and to go under it. It was a great experience!

By Raif, Chloe L and Ollie



Year 4

On Monday 5th March, Years 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to enjoy a day at Leventhorpe doing a combination of dancing such as Jazz, Zumba, Contemporary and Hip Hop Pop.

Firstly we were put into groups and did a refreshing warm up. Then my group started off doing Jazz. We learnt a dance that was exciting and very tiring. Then we did Hip Hop and we met Jen. She started by teaching us some names of moves, then we pulled it together in a

dance and it looked great. Next we did Zumba. It was such fun. We learnt that Zumba originated in Switzerland and the lady taught us said that we should always be bold and unique and, of course, loud. After that it was time for Contemporary, which means modern and up to date. We danced to a slow and steady song to show expression in our dancing. It was very challenging.

To finish off the afternoon we did a big showcase to show off our learning to all

our parents, including my mum. All the teachers were at the back making sure we remembered the dance. I think all the parents could see we were enjoying ourselves. It was a brilliant day!

By Betty