

Year 5

On 6th July, Key Stage 2 went on a trip to the West End of London to go and see the Disney musical 'Aladdin'. We all came to school at normal time (08:45) then we had lunch at 11:30. We all finished at 12:00 and we were on the coach ready to go by 12:15. It was a long journey to the theatre but we saw lots of famous sights along the way: The tower of London, The Shard, The Cheese Grater, The Monument and The Walkie Talkie building.

When we arrived at the theatre, we were all shocked by how high it was in the Grand Circle, which was where we were sitting. When the music started playing, we were all very excited and then the actors and actresses came on the stage we

all were very happy. During the first part of the show, we were all chuckling away at the funny jokes and when it was time for the interval, we had an evening snack. After about 20 minutes, the show was back on much to our delight. Harry said, "It was funny and entertaining!" and Ellie exclaimed, "I loved it; we had a fabulous view. The Genie was so funny and his costume was shiny!"

After the show had finished, we all made our way out of the theatre and back on the coach. We were tired but happy – what a lovely experience!

It was a long journey back to school, but we finally got back. One by one we got off



the coach, and back to our parents.

We all very much enjoyed the Aladdin trip we all said thank you to Mrs Bishop who had organised it and to the rest of the adults who had accompanied us.

By Thea and Cameron

Year 6

On the 26th June, Year 6 went to Kingswood in Norfolk. Once we had finally arrived after the three-hour coach journey, we were greeted by a lively man called Lukey. He was extremely loud!

Lukey showed us around the site and showed us our dorms, we had already been told what rooms we were in and who our bunk mates were! Once we were all settled in, we chose our beds and had to make them!

The first activity we did was Nightline. It was great fun. We also had room points, which we got from keeping our dorms clean and helping others. Miss Braund, Mrs Collinson and Barry had a week of relaxation as some of the children were doing things for them like getting them water and taking their plates to be cleaned

to gain extra room points. The food was high quality and healthy as they had a salad bar. This was good considering that they had to cook for a lot of children.

On Thursday, Lukey and Olivia took us to the beach where we made sea defences out of sand and they tested them by throwing buckets of water at them. We really enjoyed all of the activities, which we completed over the five days but our favourite activities were laser, high equilibrium and leap of faith; lots of people conquered their fears when it came to the high ropes activities.

Even though there was lots of rain, we made the most of our experience and jumped in muddy puddles to get as wet as we could. We were all sad to leave on Friday and were not excited for another



three hour long journey.

This truly was an amazing week and a great end to Year 6. We loved Kingswood!

By Madison and Alfie

Summer Term Events

National Clean Air Day

On 15th June, we all wore something green to celebrate 'National Clean Air Day'. Did you know that just 10 seconds of idling wastes more fuel than re-starting your engine and two minutes of idling uses up enough fuel to drive a mile? We encouraged our parents to turn off their engines whilst waiting or better still, leave the car at home and walk or use public transport instead.



Art Competition

This term, local schools took part in an art competition with the theme 'Journey To School'. One of the judges was Ms Corrina Dunlea, Director of the Gibberd Art Gallery, Harlow Art Trust and an artist in her own right! A Year 4 pupil from Mandeville was chosen as one of the two winners. Congratulations Daisy!



Mandefest

Mandefest took place on 2nd July and everyone who came had a fantastic time.

We really enjoyed the games, crafts, face painting, refreshments and live music.

A big thank you to 'The Friends of Mandeville PTA' for all their hard work which resulted in an impressive profit of £3308.63!

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.

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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the thirty sixth 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

Creative Arts Week this year was based on the theme 'Fauna and Flora'. Each year group carried out a variety of activities and had lots of fun while doing so!

Year 6

Year 6 made cushions. The material had applique patterns on them. The patterns had to be of a flower, animal or both. We finally put some stuffing in them to make them into cushions.

Year 5

Year 5 did silk painting. They put the silk onto an embroidery ring and then drew a line drawing of their favourite Chinese flower. They are not finished yet but they look impressive.

Year 4

Year 4 made Amazon Rainforest animals that they invented themselves. They created these out of cups and covered them in tissue paper. Year 4 also named their animals.

Year 3

Year 3 made Japanese bridges inspired by Monet's pictures that he painted of the garden in Giverny. They made the bridge out of cardboard and the garden was coloured with chalk pastels.

Years 1 and 2

Years 1 and 2 did flower arranging. They had many wild flowers to choose from. Once they had chosen all their flowers, they carefully arranged them in a jam jar that was donated to them. Another piece of art that they did was seed collages. Once again they used different types of seed like sunflower seeds. The end results were amazing.

Reception

Reception explored 'Under the Sea' for their theme and they made tiles out of clay. They used papier-mâché for their clay work and they also made fish as well.

Clay Workshop

We were lucky enough to have a lady come in and make clay tiles with KS2. Maria, our instructor, helped Year 5 and 6 put detail on them such as bird houses, birds and leaves. She helped Year 3 and 4 to put bumble-bees and flowers on theirs. After they dried, we got the chance to paint them.

It certainly was a very creative week and we are all feeling extremely proud of our art work!

By Summer and Abbie

"I enjoyed making the flowers using different types of beans. We also made lavender bags using lavender from our school!"

George (Year 1)

"I enjoyed learning about Monet and creating a picture in a similar style. We used chalk pastels and similar colours."

Vanessa (Year 3)

"I had high expectations for my cushion and it was quite a challenge turning it into a reality. Threading the needle wasn't easy!"

Harvey (Year 6)



Early Years Foundation Stage

On Thursday 4th May, the Early Years Foundation Stage visited Shepreth Wildlife Park. We really wanted to find out more about minibeasts!

Both classes took part in a workshop all about minibeasts. We found out about lots of different minibeasts and even got to hold some! We learnt that an insect has a head, a thorax, an abdomen and six legs.

We met a stick insect. When we held it, it used its legs to grip on to us – it must have thought we were a leaf! We also held a giant African land snail, which was very

slimy and a giant millipede. The millipede felt just like the bristles of a brush. It was so tickly!

We learnt a fantastic song:

*Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen,
Head, thorax, abdomen, abdomen,
Two antennae, six spiky legs,
I'm an insect, yes I am, yes I am!*

"I saw a bat!" **Ethan**

"I was brave and held a snail." **Freya**

We had great fun on our trip



Year 2 Maltings

The Sound Collector (inspired by our trip to Mersea Island)

*A shark came this morning
Dressed all in grey and white
Put every sound into a bag
And carried it away.*

*The bark of the dog
The smashing of the waves
The zzzzz of the crickets
The sound of the caves.*

*When the waves fall down
Crashing with a woosh.
The tweeting of the birds
The rustling of the bush.*

*The loud echo of us
The crunching of the crisp packets
The crumbling of the cliff
The bang of the tennis racquets.*

*A shark came this morning
Dressed all in grey and white
Put every sound into a bag
And carried it away.*

By Joshua C



Year 1



On Tuesday 9th May, I went on a trip to Paradise Wildlife Park.

First we went on the shiny, black coach. I sat next to George S. After that we arrived at Paradise Wildlife Park and we went to see some animals. I saw a stripy zebra. Did you know that zebras all have different stripes?

Next we had a workshop about camouflage. I learnt that some animals can pretend to be poisonous and this is called mimicry. Then we had lunch.

After lunch we went to see some more animals. I saw a jaguar with his prey and we also saw lions. Lions are carnivores because they eat meat and then we went to see an anaconda. Anacondas are a type of snake and they eat pigs and deer.

Finally we had to come back to school. I did not want to leave as it was a marvellous day.

By Bella

Year 2 Rivers

On Monday 3rd July, I had to get to school early because we were going on a trip to Mersea Island. I was really looking forward to it as we had learnt lots about what it was like.

We went on a long, white coach with seventy seats and it took a long time to get there. I sat next to Joseph and we played games like eye spy and rock, paper scissors.

When we got to the causeway luckily the tide was out so we could get across. The first thing we did when we arrived at Cudmore Grove was go to the toilet and then have a snack. Barry our tour guide told us the rules.

We then set off to the beach. On the way we made flags using natural things. I found purple from blackberries, yellow from

dandelions, green from grass and black from charcoal. When we got to the beach we could see how far the tide was out. It got further out throughout the day. We had a sandcastle competition and put our flags on top of our sand castles. Then we had a treasure hunt looking for lots of different things on the beach.

Finally, we made necklaces from stones and shells. I saw a jellyfish on the beach it was the first time I saw one. We then walked back up on the way we went in a World War 2 pill box. It was dark, small and scary. We then had our delicious lunch.

At last we got back on the coach and drove back to school. What an amazing adventure we had at Mersea Island!

By Ollie



After lunch we went on a village trail and found the places that inspired the book Matilda. Finally, we took a long walk to the village church. At Buckinghamshire church we followed the BFG's giant footsteps to Roald Dahl's grave. It was very special but also very sad to be there.

We learnt a lot about this amazing author!

By Alicia, Evie and Zienna

Year 3

On Tuesday 25th April, Year 3 went to the Roald Dahl Museum in Great Missenden to find out what inspired Roald Dahl to write his amazing stories and to learn about his life.

We learnt that Roald Dahl had a big lump on his back because he was in a plane crash in the middle of the desert when he was a pilot in the war. Our guide also told us about a time when Roald Dahl did lots of editing. First he called his book James

and the Giant Apple. Then he changed it to James and the Giant Pear and then changed it again to James and the Giant Cherry, and then finally to James and the Giant Peach!

We visited two different rooms in the Museum, the Boy Gallery and the Solo Gallery. The doors to the Boy Gallery smelt like real chocolate! Then we went to the Solo Gallery where we found Roald Dahl's real writing hut and lots of his personal things including his real hip- bone.

Year 4

We had a big surprise on Thursday 8 June when we found out that a BMX champion, Mike Mullen, was going to be working with our class!

The day started when Mike took a whole school assembly. He told us of his experience as a young child where he was quite lonely and shy. When he discovered the joy of BMX biking he started to grow more confident and had a go at harder and harder challenges.

Eventually, he made up his own tricks and became a world champion!

During the assembly Mrs Wilson balanced on the wheel of Mike's BMX! It was awesome and we wanted to have a go!

Next Mike ran a workshop with our class about the importance of teamwork. We were divided into groups and had to lower hoops using only one finger



each! It was hard but we got there by communicating and never giving up. Then Mike got out an extra long skipping rope and we had to run through the rotating rope without it touching us. Zac was the first to achieve it! We also did this in teams; it was tricky to get the whole team through!

The most spectacular part of the day was when Mike demonstrated his skills in the playground. The children were screaming as Mike whizzed round, very close to them. Insanely, Mike set up a ramp and flew over three staff members including our teacher, Mrs Pitt! To our surprise he then asked for three more staff to volunteer. We thought they were going to swap over but we were wrong and he actually jumped over all six!

Later we put ourselves 'in another person's shoes' and thought about how we should treat other people.

Year 4 had the most super, amazing and exciting morning ever!

By Zac, Edgar and Luke