

Year 5



On Wednesday 25th January, Year 5 had an exciting 'Portals to the Past' day, where the hall was transformed into the 1940s.

When we first got in, we had the flags of countries and we had to stick them onto the map. Then we were told about how Hitler changed the German flag and how it used to mean good luck and he changed it to evil.

We also learnt about gas masks. Ben tried a fake one on; real ones had asbestos in and that is poisonous. We also found out about air raids and were

caught by surprise when they sounded a real siren. It was VERY loud!

We learnt about the songs and dances they had and sang a song called 'The Lambeth Walk' (there was once a video of Hitler and his armies doing the Lambeth Walk). We learnt about bombs and how the Germans dropped old bits of metal; Ellie held a piece of equipment that was used to pick them up – a bit like a dust pan and brush.

In one day we found out so much and it was a really good way to start our 'We'll Meet Again' term.

Spring Term Events

Safer Internet Day

This year, Safer Internet Day took place on 7th February, with the slogan 'Be The Change: Unite For A Better Internet'. The day aimed to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children. At Mandeville, we all took part in special assemblies, led by a Herts Adviser, as part of our ongoing work on e-safety.



"I learnt not to tell people my personal information."

Key Stage 1 pupil

"I learnt that you shouldn't use social media until you are 13 years old."

Key Stage 2 pupil

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

Mandeville celebrated World Book Day on 2nd March. The whole school held a 'Vocabulary Parade' and each class took a turn on the 'catwalk' to show off their work and prizes were awarded for the most interesting words and creative costumes.

Winning words included, shelter, hue, disguise, emerge, serpentine, pollinate, quadruple, miscellaneous, biodegradable,

Cubism, octogenarian, ascend, entrepreneur, miscreant, transmissible, divination, iconic and renewable. The staff winner was Mrs Samuel with factotum!

It was a wonderful way to enrich our vocabulary.

Comic Relief

For Comic Relief we raised money by holding a joke competition where we were invited to pay 50p per joke. Also, we paid £1 to wear clashing clothes. The Year 6 winner's joke was: "What did the 0 say to the 8? Nice belt!" We all looked very funny in our clashing clothes.

Thanks to our Mandeville Action Takers for organising this fundraising event. Altogether, we raised £227.62 and we are very proud of our accomplishment.

This money has been sent to help people living incredibly challenging lives.

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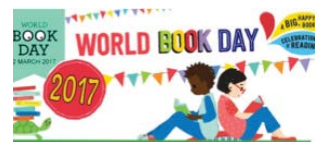


On the 17th of March, Mandeville took part in a 'Space to Earth' challenge where we had to travel to the International Space Station. This activity was set up by Major Tim Peak.

All classes took a turn in going out, Year 5 and 6 went out together at the end; we went round in a cycle from resting to cycling to running. After cycling it was tricky to get up and start running for two minutes!

What a great way to improve our levels of fitness.

By Eti and Henrietta



Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the thirty fifth 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.

Science Event

During our science event this term, Key Stage One and Two studied health and wellbeing. Each class explored a different topic linked to this subject.

Year 6 learnt about the nervous system, thinking about the three main parts that enable us to do anything from brushing our teeth in the morning to involuntary things, such as breathing. On the Life Bus we learnt about the right decisions to make. Year 5 focused on their heart-rate, doing experiments on this vital human act. They thought about friends and friendships in the Life Bus, learning how to say no.

Year 4 investigated how to keep their teeth healthy. They did an experiment using eggs (instead of teeth), coating the eggs in an

unhealthy paste then brushing them with a variety of toothpastes to see which one reacted best. In their session in the Life Bus they focused on the body. Year 3 learnt all about nutrition and healthy eating. In the Life Bus they learnt about the different parts of the brain.

Both Year 2 classes studied the same topic, which was health and body. They did a lot of exciting experiments. These included a coke and Mentos explosion as well as managing to squeeze a medium sized egg into an averaged sized bottle. Year 1 also took the challenge to do the coke and Mentos explosion. This caused a chemical reaction to the coke and Mentos making a massive explosion of coke!



Reception looked at the senses in their lessons, deciding to do some experiments. In one they tested their hearing by seeing when they could no longer hear a particular sound.

Overall, we had a very enjoyable science event and found out lots of fascinating facts!

By Scarlet and Florence

Put A Spring In Your Step

Following the 'Sawbridgeworth Travel Challenge' last term, we took part in a 'Put A Spring In Your Step' day on 20th March with the four other local schools. To celebrate the first day of spring, and as a way of uniting Sawbridgeworth and surrounding villages, everyone – pupils, staff, governors, parents/carers and Town Councilors – were encouraged to wear something green and walk, cycle, scoot or park and stride to school. We enjoyed dusting off our bicycles, sprucing up our scooters and limbering up, so we could all do our best to ditch the car on that day. Some people even chose to park and stride or car share.

We also took part in 'The Big Pedal' which is the UK's largest inter-school cycling and scooting challenge that inspires pupils, staff and parents to choose two wheels for their

journey to school. Powered by Sustrans and funded by the Bike Hub, the 2017 challenge ran from 20th-30th March. On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils, staff and parents/carers cycling or scooting to school.

In addition, this term, we were approached by HCC's sustainable journeys team about taking part in the Junior Travel Ambassador (JTA) scheme. We have been chosen as one of just seven schools across Hertfordshire. The scheme is designed to give children a voice in matters of road safety and sustainability. It aims to help adults understand how their behaviour affects children and their journey to school, by offering a child's perspective. Following a meeting with Mrs Goldthorpe (Road



Safety Officer) and linked governors, we decided to invite Year 5 to take part and in total we received seven applications. Two children have been chosen as the first JTAs and they are extremely enthusiastic about their new role. Well done to Ben and Isobel who, along with Buster (Hertfordshire's sustainable travel mascot) helped to promote 'Put A Spring In Your Step' and 'The Big Pedal'. We hope that we got everyone in the local community talking about sustainable travel!

Early Years Foundation Stage

On Tuesday 21st February, Nursery and Reception went to Thorndon Country Park. Nursery took part in the Gruffalo Trail and Reception learnt about the Three Billy Goats Gruff.

Nursery enjoyed finding out about the habitats of different animals and hunting for the Gruffalo in the forest.

“I liked the bit where we saw the snake. It went in its log-pile house.”

Julian

“I thought the Gruffalo was real. I went near him but he was just a bit of wood.”

Alivia

Reception looked for troll faces in the trees then used wood to build mini bridges for the goats. Then they used large branches to build a bridge they could all walk over! They got very muddy making their own troll faces using natural materials. Here are some of the recounts written by Reception.

“First we got on the bus. Then we made bridges. Last we made mud trolls.”

Toby

“First we got on the bus. Then we made small bridges. Next we made big bridges. Finally we made mud trolls.”

Amelie

We had such a fun day and got very muddy!!!



Year 1

Year 1 went to Science Alive at Harlow Leisurezone to learn about home entertainment as part of our How Does It Work? topic.

“I learned how old TVs and new TVs are different. In the olden days TV wasn’t in colour. They were all black and white.”

Isla May

“Toys were not made of plastic because plastic wasn’t invented.”

George S

“I learned that a radio was called a ‘wireless’.”

Mason

“People used to have to walk up to the TV to change the channel and the volume. They didn’t have a remote control.”

Cora

“We learned how to make a cup and ball toy. We used paper and a plastic ball but in the olden days they were made of wood.”

Oliver

“The first remote was called a Lazybones.”

Natasha

“I found out that some old TVs had such small screens that they had a magnifying screen over the top. This helped the family to see the whole screen.”

Ava

Year 1 learned a lot that day!

Year 2 Maltings

Year Two went on a trip to Hatfield Forest. Inside the forest we were running about all over the place collecting things for a piece of art. Our one had four sections. It was amazing, but the other ones were good too! It was such hard work. We all got a round of applause when we had completed them.

After lunch we went back into the forest for some 3D model making. We were in five groups and we all rushed quickly off again searching for more things through the forest. We were looking for natural things

suitable for making a 3D model of a made up animal. Again we received a round of applause but unfortunately our model fell down then. We called ours a Log-o-saurus. It had six legs and retractable antlers.

Finally we took our wellies off and jumped on the coach for home time. I had a fantastic time and I would love to do it over and over again. What a brilliant day it was!

By Joshua



Year 2 Rivers

On Monday, Year Two waited for some eggs to arrive, however they didn’t and we felt disappointed. On Tuesday afternoon eighteen eggs arrived. Everyone was so excited!

When we were quiet you could hear the chicks chirping in their eggs. The eggs rocked from side to side. The eggs were kept in an incubator at 37°C. We put the iPad on them so we could watch the eggs hatching on the whiteboard.

When we came to school on Wednesday some of the eggs had hatched. The chicks

looked scrawny, brown and wet. During the day we saw more chicks hatch. When the chicks had hatched for 24 hours we transferred them into the brooder. They now looked fluffy and yellow.

Every day we needed to clean them out, feed them grain and make sure that they had enough water. There was a lamp in the brooder to keep the chicks warm. They all huddled up under the lamp when they went to sleep. We weighed one of the chicks with a diamond shape on its back. Every day it got heavier. The chicks got bigger and needed more room so we had to make the

brooder bigger. We made some rooms for the chicks with boxes. As the chicks grew their wings started to develop.

One day a chick escaped from the brooder and wandered around the classroom. One even flew on top of the brooder! On the day the chicks were leaving, Year Two felt a little bit sad but we were happy that they were going to go and live with a family.

Shared writing by Year 2 Rivers



Year 3

We were all very excited to be taking part in a triathlon. A triathlon is three different sports. The first sport I took part in was cycling. The bike was on a special stand so when I put my feet on the peddles, it still worked, but I didn’t go anywhere.

I wasn’t the only one on a bike, there were about 18 children from Year 3 and 4, the

other children were running or resting.

Miss Brayfield, Mrs B-P, Mrs Pitt, Mrs Du Casse and Mrs Clark all joined in. Each activity took two minutes, then we rotated round to either run, ride or rest. After we had finished the triathlon, we went onto the field and started some stretches, to cool down. Miss Brayfield said it was bad for

your body to just suddenly stop doing lots of sports and it was important to stretch and let your heart gradually slow down.

It was really good fun and I wish we could do it every day.

By Jess

Year 4

On a lovely, sunny day, early in March, Year 4 excitedly set off for Hatfield Forest. Upon arrival, we were met by Tina, our educator for the day.

We were put into groups and each given a compass. Tina demonstrated, with a giant cardboard model, how to use a compass to follow a bearing. A bearing is measured in degrees. Once we had had some practice, we set off in our groups using the instructions we were given. Each group had different instructions that were a list of bearings, with the number of paces to take on each bearing. Eventually all groups found their way to Tina, who was hidden deep in the forest! She then gave us a second set of instructions that we carefully followed as they led us back to our lunches!

After lunch we had a playtime and found a muddy ditch to play in, with lots of

children getting their wellies stuck in the mud, most of them on purpose!

Our afternoon activity was investigating animal habitats and diets. We used binoculars to look across the lake and find various species of bird. Birds have different beak shapes for different types of food, e.g. a duck has a rounded beak to eat weed from the bottom of the lake. A pair of swans came right up close to us. We also saw moorhens and mallards (the most common type of duck).

Next, we got into groups and Tina gave each group a picture of an animal or bird to discuss the creature’s habitat and nature. In our groups we were given the challenge of building a bird’s nest that was safe from predators, comfy and sturdy enough to hold eggs. We had great fun gathering materials and constructing our nests!



As we left Tina gave us each a booklet called ‘50 things to do before you are 11¾’. When we arrived back at school we started putting stickers in our booklets.

We had an amazing, fantastic, brilliant, awesome, epic day!

By Dylan, Jasmine and Neala