

Year 6

In the second week of term, Year Six were very lucky to visit The Houses of Parliament. After arriving at the Education Centre, we were shown an interesting video about the history of Parliament; we were very surprised to find out how many times it had been destroyed and rebuilt.

Then we began our tour and, as the opening of Parliament was just about to happen, we were able to see John Bercow (the MP of Buckingham) lead into the chamber with the huge mace, which represents the Queen. A trip into The House of Lords then happened, where we had to stand because nobody is allowed to sit in this chamber unless they are a member; there is a public gallery where the 'commoners' are able to

view the proceedings if they would like to queue outside in the morning. Our visit ended in The Palace of Westminster.

After a pacy walk across to the Southbank, we then flew on the London Eye and saw some amazing views as we orbited London. Our day finished by watching a brilliant 4D London Eye experience.

It was a brilliant trip and wonderful to have the opportunity to see our political world at work.

by Ian and Charlie



Autumn Term Events

Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest Celebration took place on 25th September and it provided a wonderful opportunity for us all to reflect on the meaning and importance of harvest. Each class shared artwork demonstrating their use of a wide range of materials, including sketching pencils, watercolours and charcoal. We also enjoyed celebrating Harvest at Great St Mary's Church, where some children in Years 2 and 3 performed two harvest songs.

National Anti-Bullying Week

In November, the whole school took part in events and activities to mark National Anti-Bullying Week. This year, the theme was 'Make a Noise about bullying'. The key aim was to encourage children and young people to make a noise about bullying, whether it's happening to them or to someone else, face-to-face or online. We all took part in different activities and explored some 'Top Anti-Bullying Tips'.



Travel Plan Success

On 9th October, we received the Silver Modeshift STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools) Travel Plan Award.

We are one of only three schools in Hertfordshire so far receiving the award! It has been established to recognise schools that have demonstrated excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable transport. This term, cycle proficiency training took place for our Year 6 children and our House Captains led our participation in Hertfordshire's Buster's Golden Boot Challenge. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in the 'Theatre in Education: CSI Road Safety Event'.



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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the thirty first 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.

Enterprise Week

The autumn term at Mandeville is always especially fun during the week of Enterprise. Each class creates a company and makes and sells a product.

During the planning and preparations, decisions are made about a logo, a name, a slogan and the advertising. We then use our time to make and sell our goods. This year, Nursery and Reception prepared a café, Years One and Two sold Christmas gifts, Year Three organised a maths game fayre, Year Four made cushions to sell, Year Five made piggy banks and Year Six made cakes and sold them in a café.

Each class then decided how to best spend their profit. This year there have been wide ranging ideas, from buying locker cubes and boxes for the Year Six cloakroom area (with some money leftover for a DVD and treats afternoon!) to movie parties, Christmas parties, reading area renovations, art resources and an outdoor kitchen!

The entrepreneurs of Mandeville had a very successful week, making an overall profit of over £1,000! Our business skills are getting better and better each year!

By Liberty and Poppy

Fundraising



Children in Need took place on 13th November and the Mandeville Action Takers organised competitions for us all to take part in, in or order to raise money for this special charity. In total, £246 was raised which will go towards changing the lives of disabled children and young people in the UK.

This term Mandeville also collected over 60 bags for the Willow Foundation. With Bob and Megs Wilson as the founders, the Willow Foundation uses its fundraising to provide special days to people from 16 to 40 years of age, who have been diagnosed with a life threatening illness. These special days create memories and allow the families to have time together during a very challenging time. After our collection Holly, a representative from Willow, came into school to lead an assembly explaining the good that we have done by donating our pre-loved items.



Early Years Foundation Stage

Nursery and Reception took part in a Christmas Decoration Day. We invited our parents to come in and help us. We made lots of different decorations. Some of the decorations we made were shiny snowflakes, glittery pinecones, sparkling angels and baubles. We had lots of fun and enjoyed having our parents and carers in helping us.

The Early Years Foundation Stage classrooms look wonderful now that all of our decorations are up. We enjoyed eating mince pies and listening to Christmas music too! Thank you so much to everyone who helped us. Merry Christmas everyone!

“I liked doing the gingerbread man because I got to do lots of arts and crafts.”

Lily

“I enjoyed making the tinsel with Mummy.”

Elijah-Rai

“There were all different decorations and I made a star. It was all sparkly.”

Anna

“I made a snowman. I did a scarf and eyes and a hat and legs. Daddy came.”

Dylan



Rivers

On Wednesday 18th November, we had a workshop called ‘The Big House’.

First we went into Maltings Class and had a talk about what being a Victorian was like. Then we went into the hall and it looked like a real Victorian house. Next we were sent to different rooms in the house and given jobs to do. We had to clean the bowls, lay the table, do the dusting and even shave each other!

After lunch, we did a Music Hall show. We told jokes, did singing, dancing and had a flea circus. We finished the day with a story.

It was a brilliant day!

Shared Writing

Year 1

Maltings

During the Autumn Term, Year One went to the Orchards in Sawbridgeworth. Maltings wrote recounts of their trip.

“We went to the Orchards. We met Rob. Next we tasted some apples. Then we got to pick some apples. Finally we went back to school.”

Archie and Sofia

“I learnt that when an apple is not ready the pips are white. They go brown when it is ripe.”

Callum

“My favourite was the red apple.”

Patrick

“Now I know there are 76 different apple trees in the Orchard.”

Emmie

“Orange trees in America are from the Orchard.”

Hannah

Shared Writing

Year 2

We arrived at school very early so we could get on the big coach to take us to The London Museum. We have been learning all about The Great Fire of London.

Once we arrived, we split into two groups. One group went for a walk through London and we saw different halls where people would have stayed when the Great Fire started. Next we saw five churches, all in a circle. They were all designed by Sir Christopher Wren. They impressed us very much because they had lots of cherubs in

the stone outside and they looked wonderful.

We continued on our walk and we stopped to pretend we were putting out the fire with water buckets. It must have been a tricky job to put out the fire in 1666 because they didn’t have any fire hoses.

After our walk we had our lunch, which was delicious! Then our groups swapped over and we went inside the museum. It was lots of fun inside because we got to explore things from

1666. We found things like rats that spread the Black Death, models of wooden houses and a baker’s oven; this helped us understand why the fire started. Year Two enjoyed trying on the old and new fire helmets and watching a video of how the fire spread so quickly.

We had a fantastic day and it helped us understand our topic!

By Henry and Olivia

Year 3

Year Three had been looking forward to this day for ages and now it was finally here! We were embarking on our journey to the Natural History Museum in South Kensington, London.

After an early start, the coach journey took a very long time because there was a lot of traffic and delays. When we arrived, our first stop was a place called the Discovery Room. A scientist assistant named Rosie explained how to use the equipment and we were allowed to examine any specimen from the hundreds available. All of us completed a discovery sheet for the items we chose. We used microscopes, weighing scales, magnifying glasses, visualisers and rulers. Toby reported on a turtle, Rafi on a butterfly and Jack a chrysallis.

Year 4

On Tuesday 20th October, Year Four had an Anglo Saxon Day. A real Anglo Saxon came in and taught us about how they lived and how they fought.

When we came into the hall, there were boards around the room for the quiz that we were going to do later. Then the man got Nathan up to try on some Anglo Saxon armour.

Next, we acted out a set of what they would do at dinner because they all had their dinner in the same room. First, the Queen would grab the drinking horn then she would serve the King. The King would drink half of the wine but will still leave some

Year 5

At the start of Year Five, we were lucky enough to be visited by Impeyan, a company that brings the zoo to you!

First, out came the birds of prey, Cassie the Kestrel, Tekki the Harris Hawk and Archimedes the Burrowing Owl. They were amazing! Then came Bella the Tarantula! “I was a bit worried when they put her on my hand,” said Alfie “but she was really soft and hairy!”

“I held the White Tree Frog,” said Joseph. “It was sort of soft and squishy and rather cold!” The Indigo Snake was black and kind of spooky because its eyes were a different colour from its body, they were

Next, we had lunch and then we went to see the dinosaurs. It was very exciting! The best part was the imitation T-Rex, which was an animated model that even roared! Toby even thought it looked real. It was so awesome it was almost scary!

After that we travelled up an escalator to the centre of the earth. Once there, we saw lots of fossils and watched a movie clip of a volcano erupting. Finally, we went in a mock-up of a Japanese shop where we experienced a simulated earthquake. Rafi helped Toby up when he fell over!

It was a fantastic experience and everybody had the most best, brilliant and most exciting day of their lives!

By Jack, Toby and Rafiur

for everyone else. The storyteller would play the lyre and tells stories. They would go round with the horn and give it to the most important person working their way to the least important.

We also acted out another scene about the Battle of Hastings. The Normans vs Anglo Saxons! The Normans won. It was a close battle!

Then, after the battle, the man finished the story. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed it!

By Lilia, Olivia H and Isobel

orange! Etienne and Harvey helped the tiny Sugar Glider to fly, it was so fast we couldn’t take a picture of it.

The Chinchilla, the Armadillo came next then a skunk called Whiffy, luckily he didn’t make a smell! We just had to call Miss Hales when they brought out one of her favourite animals – the meerkat. She had a quick cuddle but he was so cute and cheeky he crawled into Mrs Lamb’s hair.

Last of all we all sat on the floor and we let a huge Custard Python slither across our legs, some of us were excited but some of us were quite freaked out. It was weird and exciting at the same time.



Did you know?

- Spiders shed their exoskeleton when they grow.

- Scorpions glow when you shine a UV light on them.

- If you stroke a snake one way it is soft but if you stroke it the other way it’s hard and scaly.

By Joseph and Alfie