

Year 6

This term, Year 6 have been to an amazing place..... KINGSWOOD! It took us around three hours to get there and when we arrived at Kingswood we met our group leader Steven! After Steven introduced himself we had a quick tour. Later, we collected our bags and headed to our dorms, where the challenge of making our own beds met us!

It was a really hectic week; we hardly had any free time and certainly didn't have enough time to miss home – we were having too much fun! The activities we did were fantastic and we all had to face our fears at some point in the week. We were blindfolded in nightline, had to work as a team in scrapheap challenge, became Robin Hood in archery, climbers on jungle vines, lost in orienteering, shot in laser tag, speedy in quad biking, shaky on the high equilibrium and

leap of faith (even the teachers climbed this one!) accurate during Frisbee golf, patient in circus skills and fast in field games. It was exhausting but fantastic!

We also had some quieter times rockpooling and building sandcastles and we enjoyed an ice cream or two. Our favourite activities were laser tag, quad biking and leap of faith.

On the way home, we were each presented with certificates of a memorable moment. A brilliant holiday with good friends never to be forgotten!

Shared writing by Year 6



Summer Term Events

Performances

Year 6 performed 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits', with the choral support of Years 3, 4 and 5 on 30th June and 2nd July. In addition, on 2nd July, the children in Year 2 took part in the musical performance 'Sing Round The World' at The Rhodes Centre. The audiences were extremely impressed with our talent, confidence and enthusiasm.

Summer Concert

Lots of pupils performed in our Summer Concert, which took place on 7th July. A wide variety of instruments were played, including the fife, violin, piano, accordion and drums!



Open Afternoon

Our parents/carers came to our Open Afternoon on 8th July. They really enjoyed seeing our work from throughout the year and celebrating all of achievements and successes.

Summer Fayre

Our summer fayre took place on Sunday 5th July and it had almost stopped raining by the time the fayre started! There was so much to see and do, including stalls, games, attractions and refreshments. Everyone had a fantastic time! A big thank you to The Friends of Mandeville PTA for all their hard work.

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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the thirtieth 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

During Creative Arts Week, Nursery and Reception focused on the habitats of minibeasts. We enjoyed making our own printing tiles and used these to print our own pictures. We painted symmetrical butterflies, used clay to make our own minibeasts, made tissue paper butterflies and even created our own 'Life Cycle of a Butterfly' dance in small groups. We got back to nature and used natural materials to make our own minibeasts!

"I liked drawing on the tiles." Olivia

"I liked making the stone bugs." Ollie

"I used tissue paper to make butterflies." Isabel

"My favourite thing was to make mud minibeasts. I got really messy!" William

The drama of the 2015 Year Six summer production of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits' was the focus of our Creative Arts' Week in Year 6. We spent our time, learning our songs, choreographing our dances, preparing props and perfecting our scenes and we worked brilliantly together to make sure it was the best Mandeville production ever! All of Year 6 would agree that it was fantastic fun. The show was full of humour and the scenery was so colourful. After our final performance, everyone agreed that it went better than anyone could have hoped and we are really proud of our performances.

By Ashton, Liam and Joe

Year 5 created their own Islamic style patterns, using colourful squares. We designed our own patterns and they looked really effective. We also created our Arabian night's pictures. We used different coloured chalks for the background and then we drew a camel, a palm tree, a person, a moon and temple on black card. Once we cut it out we stuck onto our chalk background giving a silhouette effect. Lastly, we made clothing that was inspired by Aladdin. In pairs, children made waistcoats, trousers, shorts, tops and skirts. We used colourful silk fabrics and embellished them using sequins and braiding. We all had lots of fun!

By Olivia

The theme Year 4 had this year was 'Islamic Patterns'. They had to be symmetrical and most of them were complicated. First, we had to copy an Islamic pattern onto half a piece of white paper then, after copying it, our teachers put it onto acetate. After they were all finished, we made tissue paper backgrounds for them. Red, yellow, green and blue were some of the many colours we could use. Then we used the clear sheet to make Hanza Hands, that you wear around your neck to protect you from the 'All Seeing Eye'. Don't worry it is not a real hand it's a charm! We then created our own design from real patterns. We also made cross stitches of them. Some colours we could use were red, orange, yellow and blue. At first, people found it tricky but at the end, we all had amazing, complex masterpieces.

By Jack and Henrietta

In Year 3 we created a magic carpet! It was all to do with the Key Stage 2 performance of 'Ali Ba Ba and the Bongo Bandits'. We all drew a picture on a piece of fabric with fabric pens, then painted the picture with dyes. I chose to do the princess' castle and gems (a diamond and a ruby). I used lots of my learning powers like; have a go, don't give up, use your imagination, keep improving, concentrate and enjoy learning. We weren't just doing art, but we were doing maths as well, including measuring and times tables as we worked out the size of the pieces. When we had finished, Mrs. Pitt sewed our pictures all together. We then each made one tassel to attach to the sides. It looks incredible! Everyone at Mandeville will be able to see it as it is going to be displayed on the back of the piano.

By Gemma

Key Stage 1 had the theme of 'The Environment' and we enjoyed making insect tiles, which were colourful and bright. Other things we made were bug houses and musical instruments using junk modelling. We did lots of weaving using different materials! We drew symmetrical butterflies and we used pastels to draw a tree in a hot or cold environment. Year 2 liked visiting the pond to search for different species of insects. We took part in a drama workshop about different environments in the world.

By Daisy and Toby

Early Years Foundation Stage

This term the children in the Early Years have been learning about minibeasts. During our topic we visited Shepreth Wildlife Park where we got to find out about and hold some different minibeasts, including a Giant African Land Snail and a Stick Insect. We have enjoyed using the Sensory Garden and hunting for minibeasts and exploring their habitats. The children have helped to care for caterpillars and ladybirds and watched their transformations. We sat together to release and say goodbye to our butterflies. These are some of the comments from the children about their learning.

“I held a snail and it was slimy. We don’t turn into things, we just grow.”
Sophie

“We learnt about the life cycle of a frog. It starts as frogspawn.”
Layla and Max

“I found out that ladybirds eat aphids.”
Ronia

“I learnt a snail had a foot and a stick insect has spiky legs.”
Theo

“I enjoyed looking for minibeasts and finding butterflies.”
Sophia

“Caterpillars turn into butterflies. They need their cocoons to turn into butterflies and they need to eat food.”
Mason



Year 1

On Monday 6th July, Year 1 went to Hatfield Forest because we are learning about trees. First we travelled on a bright, black Olympian coach on a wiggly road to the forest.

Next we collected some leaves off the trees and matched them on a mat,

which had different pictures of leaves on. After that we went to wash our hands in the clean toilets with pink soap because we were going to eat our lunch. After that we used our senses to hear the sounds in the forest and I heard birds screeching. My favourite activity was making the smelly

potions.

Finally, we got back on the big, black coach and we went home. I liked the trip because I liked learning about trees.

By Jack P



Year 2

On Monday 29th June, Year Two went to Mersea Island. It was a very sunny and hot day. We travelled there by coach and it took an hour to get there. When we got to the causeway we could see that the island was surrounded by water, at high tide the island is completely cut off but we got onto the island before high tide.

When we arrived at Cudmore Grove we met a park ranger named Marie. She was a knowledgeable lady! Our first challenge was a scavenger hunt and our group had to find a long

piece of grass, a leaf from last year, a crooked twig and some pine cones.

Next we went to the beach. On the way we saw some cows and a boat that looked like a pirate ship in the sea. Once we got onto the beach we saw lots of shells and Marie taught us their special names. We then got into teams to make the biggest sandcastle; we used spades, water and teamwork! Afterwards we had a delicious lunch.

After lunch Mrs Wilson gave us some rope to make a Hag Bracelet. We used

shells and stones with holes in them to make it. Then we made a memory twine, we had to collect things that we had found on the beach, to remind us of our day on Mersea Island. We collected feathers, crab legs, small shells, seaweed, plants and driftwood to make them.

Finally we got back onto the coach for another hours drive back to school. We had had a fantastic day out!

By Olivia and Millie

Year 3

On Wednesday 13th May, Year 3 travelled to Birchwood School on a massive coach to take part in the Bishop’s Stortford Football Club tournament. We were against lots of other schools.



Year 4

On Monday 7th of July 2015, Year 4 travelled to the amazing Colchester Zoo.

First, we arrived at school. We then made sure we were ready for our long coach journey. It was quite a pleasant ride with only a few bumps. After what felt like hours, we arrived at Colchester. We pulled into one of the many large spaces reserved for coaches. We got off of the coach and headed to the entrance.

As soon as we got to the guest area, we split into groups. Our group explored about sun bears. After that, we walked down a steep hill to find the jaguars. The majority of us couldn’t see the jaguar, as it was on higher ground. We followed the passage and found ourselves at the penguins’ hideout. Realising the time we raced up the exhausting hill to

When we arrived we were all really excited. We split into 3 groups: group 1 was yellow, group 2 was red and group 3 was blue. Group 1 went to play their match against Spellbrook. They won and the score was 1-0. Cameron scored and we were all so happy for him.

After that, we won every game except one that we drew. Next, it wasn’t us playing but it was Little Hallingbury versus Pelham. If Little Hallingbury had won we wouldn’t have been in the final but the final whistle blew and it was a draw, 1-1. The referee came over to us and said that we were in the

final – we were all so excited!

We got into our positions. We took kick off and Hector was running. He passed to Cameron, who passed it back to Hector who tapped it into the back of the net. Next, Cameron scored then Hector scored again and finally Alfie to bring the score eventually to 4-1. Mandeville beat Reedings and we were incredibly happy.

We skipped back to the coach and told the rest of the teams all about it.

By Hector

meet the other group. Once we had met up, we went into an exciting room full of animals. The other class came out so we went in. Whilst we were in the classroom we learnt a lot about the animals of rainforest. The poison dart frog was our favourite by far!

After we ate lunch, we had another explore around the zoo. The first thing we did was take another look at the penguins from a different angle. As we had already seen the penguins, we moved on to the butterflies.



We came back together, got on the bus and went back to school. What an amazing day!

By Harriet and Florence

Year 5



At the beginning of the summer term, our class started learning about China and the Shang Dynasty of China. We did various things such as Shang Dynasty timelines, Cheng Tang posters and Lady Fu Hao fact sheets.

Later on in the term we learnt about

the eight Chinese dragons and what they represent. We all chose a dragon, in groups of four and we made them using collaging techniques. We also had the opportunity to make old Chinese opera masks, which were wooden masks with strange and unusual faces on them. We papier-mâché a balloon to make the face shape and then we painted our designs onto them.

We also made our own presentations about China and researched a lot of facts such as clothes, cars, traditions and food. A few weeks ago we made Chinese sculptures, which are made out of clay. These sculptures are half animal and half human. We chose animals from the Chinese zodiac.

After we had made them, we painted them bronze, as this is what they would have originally been made from.

Our favourite part of our China topic was cooking and tasting the Chinese stir-fry that we made. It was very tasty! We were also lucky enough to have a Chinese teacher visit us, she taught us how to speak key phrases in Mandarin and taught us about the Zodiac animals. Finally, at the end there was a competition to draw the best panda and the three winners would win Chinese toy panda key rings.

By Ian and Freddy