Year 5

On Thursday 19th March, Year 5 visited Duxford Imperial War Museum.

Firstly, we went around hanger one, which held a range of planes. The guide allowed us to board a Concorde and a B.O.A.C. Comet.

Secondly, we entered the learning room. There were lots of activities including, spot the plane where you had to identify the shadows of each plane with the card you had.

There was a model Morrison shelter, it was a very tight area. We also went in a fake living room set in the 1940's. There were lots of objects, for example, a smoking pipe, an old radio, a china tea set and a leather sofa with a woollen quilt.

After lunch, we went to the Land Warfare area in hanger eight. We went along a fake landing craft and saw a tiger tank. It was massive! Another guide told us about anti-aircraft guns, which were very interesting.

Later on, we went to hanger four, which was the Battle of Britain area. There were even more planes from WWI to WWII. It also had wax figures to act out situations during the war.

Lastly, we were allowed to spend five pounds on anything in the shop. This was great fun! At 2pm we got on the coach after spending our money. It was the best trip so far!

By George and Corin

Year 6

On Tuesday 20th January, Year 6 went on a magical trip to the Harry Potter Studio Tour in Leavesden.

When we arrived, our amazing journey began as the doors opened to the Great Hall. We saw the delightful treats on the tables, whilst statues of the main characters stood in front of the teachers' table. We explored many sets, costumes and flew a broomstick and the flying car. Some of us even tried out some spells!

On the journey through the tour, we searched for many golden snitches and collected stamps for our passports. As soon as we reached the halfway point, we had our lunch then walked along the Hogwarts' Bridge, took a picture in front of the Dursley's home in Privet Drive and went into the flying car and motorbike.

Before leaving the halfway point, we saw the enormous chess pieces from The Philosopher's Stone and then went in to the special effects area, where we saw many magical creatures.

Going through Diagon Alley was a real treat – Olivanders, Gringotts and the Apothecary – we were almost blown from our broomsticks in amazement. The puking pastels were particularly funny! What followed was the most amazing part of the tour – a huge model of Hogwarts that made us gasp many, many times. We then walked through the wand room, which contained a wand box for every single person involved in the making of the film.

The gift shop was great fun as usual and, after buying our souvenirs, we headed back to school after an amazing trip. We would love to go there again!

By Milly, Louis and Liam

Spring Term Events

Safer Internet Day

This year, 'Safer Internet Day' took place on 10th February, with the slogan 'Let's create a better internet together'. During the day we thought about the creative things that we can do online, as well as the importance of using the internet safely. 'Safer Internet Day' is organised to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology.

Primary Music Festival

On 26th March, pupils from Year 6 performed 'Peace Puzzle', a concert of music and words on the theme of peace, at the Rhodes Art Complex. This musical celebration brought together children from four schools and showcased the commitment and quality that we give to music making. It was a wonderful event and every pupil performed to a very high standard.

Science Day

On 1st April, children throughout the school took taking part in a 'Science Day'. The theme was 'air' and the day had a strong focus on working scientifically. The skills of planning, predicting, observing, recording, explaining and evaluating were used in every class. There was also a visit from 'Mad Science', a company that transforms laboratory science into fun, interactive learning experiences.

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Mandeville Primary Link-Up

Welcome to the twenty ninth 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.

Vocabulary Parade

On Monday 2nd March, we hosted our annual 'Vocabulary Parade'. As in previous years, staff and pupils chose a word from either a story or from a dictionary and dressed up in an inventive way to represent the word.

At the beginning of the day we came into school in our creative costumes, which all members of the school were fascinated by. Words such as 'Alchemist', which means if you touch something metal it can turn to gold, 'Exclusive', meaning excluding or not admitting other things and 'Bilingual', speaking two languages fluently, were some of the words displayed by innovative costumes.

We all gathered in the hall and showed off our costumes as we strolled down the catwalk. All of the teachers went first (dancing to music) - we found that quite hilarious. Then each of the classes took turns to 'strut their stuff'.

At the end, teachers debated which words and costumes should win from each class as well as an overall winner from each key stage.

Miss Hales said, "I was astounded by the children's costumes. The level of creativity and the variety of unusual words was so impressive. What a wonderful way to enrich vocabulary and promote so much discussion about words and their meanings!"

Also, as part of our celebrations linked to World Book Day, we were visited by the storyteller, Mike Dodsworth. He carried out a whole school assembly with a tale from Brazil about how a monkey became cheeky and then worked with classes throughout the school on themes linked to our 'Curriculum for Learning'. We enjoyed listening to stories from around the world and learning about the art of storytelling.

Nursery	Sophie - Flower Charlie - Camouflage
Reception Red	Isla - Choreography Theo - Astronomer
Reception Yellow	Emily - Palindrome Joshua - Astronomy
Year 1	Grace - Rainbow Ethan - Eccentric
Year 2	Millie - Blossom George - Horology
Year 3	Ellie S - Adventurous Kyle - Geek
Year 4	Florence - Escapologist Jack - Hereditary
Year 5	Paisley - Floccinaucinihilipilification Arthur - New Romantic
Year 6	Sorine - Deciduous Yusuf - Entrepreneur
EYFS Overall Winner	Madison - Illustrated
KS1 Overall Winner	Martha - Nature
KS2 Overall Winner	Calum - Aristocrat

Red Nose Day

On Friday 13th March, Red Nose Day came to Mandeville. To raise money for this worthwhile cause, we were allowed to wear red clothing and Comic Relief merchandise such as a red shirt, nose and accessories. We donated a pound each towards the charity and many of us had red noses for the day!

On top of this, we had a comical cake making competition. The winners for this were: Catherine and Calum from Year 6, Olivia and Amelia from Year 5, Harriet and Sienna from Year 4 and Emily and Isobel for Year 3. In Key Stage One the winners were: Millie and Stanley in Year 2 and James and Aaron from Year 1 with Nate, Ronia, William and Lucas the winners in Reception and Bella and Charlie in Nursery. Each winner collected a Red Nose Day bangle and a pin badge as their prize.

In total, we raised a very impressive £309.33!

By Emily and Jazmin (Year 6)

Early Years Foundation Stage

On Tuesday 17th March, the children in the EYFS went to Broxbourne to travel down the River Lee in a canal boat. Here are children's recounts and comments from the day.

"First we walked to the station. Next we got the train. Then we had lunch. Finally we got the boat."
Greta

"I have never been on a boat before. It was fun!"
Jazzy

"I liked going outside of the doors on the boat."
Delphine

"I enjoyed the boat and the train because I was excited to see out of the window."
Kimberley

"First we walked to the train station. Next we got on the train. Then we walked to the river. After, we had lunch. Then we got on a boat. Finally we got on the train."
Erin

"I liked the train best and sitting on the chairs."
Jacob

"I enjoyed looking out of the windows of the boat and seeing the ducks and swans on the river."
Raif

Year 1

On Thursday 26th March, Year 1 went to Science Alive in Harlow. Firstly, we sat on the coach with our partners. When we got to Science Alive we met Liam and Liz who told us some interesting facts.

Then we got into three groups called Gravity, Friction and Air. Next, we had fun doing three different, interesting activities. We all made balloon buggies with four wheels, two axles and a balloon. We had a balloon buggy race and we all enjoyed making them. We also did a trail looking at old bikes and exploring science. We learnt about forces with Liam. We found out about gravity, push, pull, drop, air resistance, air pressure, thrust, friction and equal balance.

After all that, it was time for lunch. It was scrumptious. In the afternoon we went to Harlow Museum. We looked at old bicycles, including a Bone Shaker, Penny Farthing, Sports Bike and a bike with five seats! To finish we had a lovely run around the walled garden.

We had a BRILLIANT day!

Shared writing by Year 1

Year 2

We went to a competition in Bishop's Stortford. First we got on the coach. It was fast and noisy. It was a bumpy ride! It had five seats in each row.

When we arrived we got off the bus and a lady met us and showed us the way to go. We found our seats. There were lots of other people there. Soon the ceremony started. We were all excited to see if the book that we had voted for was going to be the winner.

First we listened to the authors and illustrators of all the books. The ones who didn't come sent a film clip about themselves. We learnt how they wrote their books. They all did it differently but they all took a long time redoing the book lots of times.

Finally, the winners were announced by Nick Sharrat. The winners were announced in reverse order – third place, then second and finally the winner. The winning book was Oi Frog! Everyone cheered when it was announced. Some of us bought a book and we could get them signed by the authors. All of us got a bookmark that we could get signed. Some people even got a picture drawn in their book too!

After that we headed back to school. On the way home we went on two buses. Some of us went on a minibus! It had been an inspiring trip and we were ready then to write our own award winning books.

Shared writing by Year 2

Respect for All, Learners for Life

Year 3

Our theme this term has been Roman Britain. On Friday 27th March, we shared lots of the things we have been learning about with parents and carers in our class assembly. We felt very excited and a little bit nervous before we started because although we had worked out all the things we wanted to say, do and show, we really wanted it to go well. Also, we knew we had a lot of things to share.

When the parents started coming in we sat and thought about trying our hardest. We didn't know how long our assembly would be, but on Thursday (the day before) it had taken all morning to do a dress rehearsal!

Then the music was turned off and we were ready to start. For each part of our assembly we answered a question about the Romans, like 'Who were the Romans?', 'Who was living in Britain when the Romans invaded?' and 'How did the Roman's get about?'

For 'Why did the Romans invade Britain?' we performed a rap that we made up ourselves. Our favourite line was: 'Gold and silver, precious metals were found beneath the stinging nettles-ouch!'

We also all really enjoyed playing the instruments.

There were two plays in the assembly. In the first one, about the founding of Rome, Cameron and Leo were Romulus and Remus. We chose them because we thought that they looked similar. Ellie was the wolf, so she wore a furry waistcoat! The second play was all about Boudicca (played by Lexi), who was a fierce warrior queen. She led the Iceni tribe in battle against the Romans when her husband, Prasutagus (played by Nathan) died. We had found out all about Boudicca from Vulpus, our 'Portals to the Past' actor who had led our Roman Day. The story of Boudicca was really fun to act out. Oakley, who played Gaius Suetonius Paullinus, had to pretend he was leading a battle in North Wales and whizzed across the hall brandishing his sword! We also really liked the other battle scenes where nearly all the Romans or Celts had to die. We all managed to sink to the floor carefully!

The Romans and Celts looked quite different and another funny part of our assembly was when Emily described a Roman soldier (Ben) and Charlotte described a Celtic warrior (Hector). Ben was clean-shaven and Hector had white skin, red when angry!

Our assembly seemed to fly by. We were pleased when we reached the end, it had gone well and everyone said how much they had enjoyed it. We have all learned so much about the Romans and finding out about the past as well as doing lots of work in science, English, maths, computing, geography, design and technology. Lots of our parents and carers said they had learned a lot from our assembly too!

Shared writing by Year 3

Year 4

On Monday 9th March, Year 4 went to the MIND BLOWING Science Museum in London.

Everybody was able to see amazing things like the first calculator ever made, DNA structures and lots more. The exhibition that people liked the most was the The Launchpad, which was very interactive. You could listen to music through your teeth and see water instantly freeze. The exhibition called 'Energy – Fuelling Your Future' was where you could get an electric shock from a terrific tower saying 'Do Not Touch'.

"My favourite part was when I saw ice freeze instantly through a magnifying glass."
Mikey

"My favourite part was the section called The Launchpad where you could listen to music through your teeth; it was very strange."
Sienna