

MAY NEWSLETTER



COCKWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 24th, May, 2024

SATs, London, Singing and Meerkats! ...

This month has been filled with a wide range of exciting events and achievements to celebrate. Our Year 6 pupils have been working so hard and have successfully completed their SATs tests. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and know they have all done their very best.

Class 1 returned this week from their residential trip to London, where they enjoyed a range of different cultural experiences. The experience was both educational and memorable for our pupils and everyone (including the staff) had an amazing time! (See the post below)

Our school choir gave an outstanding performance at the Devon County Show, showcasing their talent and hard work. Their melodious voices and enthusiasm won the hearts of many attendees, and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishment.

Class 3 had an adventurous visit to Shaldon Zoo, where they learned all about meerkats and their habitats. The trip provided a wonderful hands-on learning experience that tied in perfectly with the book they are reading, 'Meerkat Mail'.

SATS BREAKFAST

Year 6 rose to the challenge of SATs week. They all enjoyed coming into school and sharing breakfast together to allay any nervous energy. It was great to see them playing outside minutes before the tests and really supporting each other.



Fabulous effort Year 6- well done,
from the staff team

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY 3RD JUNE

First day of term.

Forest School- Class 3

WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE

Class 2 residential to Hooke Court, Beaminster (1 night overnight)

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE

Sport's Day- NEW DATE

MONDAY 10TH JUNE

DAISI Workshop Class 1 all day

THURSDAY 20TH JUNE

Class 3 Assembly 9am

FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

Class 3 Dawlish Warren trip

MONDAY 24TH JUNE

Career's Week

THURSDAY 4TH JULY

Move up morning

New EYFS join us for the morning

FRIDAY 5TH JULY

Bridwell Park Mix Festival

THURSDAY 11TH JULY

Year 6 transition day to DCC

Move up morning- new EYFS join us for the morning and lunch.

CLASS 1 RESIDENTIAL TO LONDON

What an amazing few days Class 1 have had in London, it was a 'jam-packed' 72 hours! The children really enjoyed Windsor Castle, they were all fascinated when we went into St George's Chapel and saw the resting place of the Queen, Henry VIII and Jane Seymour. We did a tour of the state apartments and saw Queen Mary's dolls house, the biggest in the world.

Once we were settled into our rooms at the Youth Hostel, we walked to Franco Manca for pizza. The children were really well-behaved and enjoyed sitting chatting with their friends. Later that evening, we had a games evening in one of the lounges before bedtime.

Tuesday we had a very early start, breakfast was served at 7.30am and we were on the coach by 8.30am. Richard, our driver, was fantastic. He offered to take the children on a sightseeing tour before our first booked activity. He took us to Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Abbey and the London Eye. The rest of the morning was spent at Frameless, Marble Arch. It was an incredible immersive experience, which bombarded your senses with visuals and music. We explored four galleries and our different reactions to the artworks were fascinating. It was a like an oasis of calm, many of the children were really reflective and felt it was like meditation.

Our next stop was Wembley Arena, our tour guide, Billy, was fabulous. He engaged the children from the start and was really knowledgeable. Everyone was so excited when we went into the changing rooms and actually were able to touch 'match worn' kit and boots. They were particularly excited to see boots that Harry Kane had scored a hat-trick with! We got to walk out of the tunnel to the pitch, sit in the press room and go into the Royal Box and down the Royal Staircase. It was a memorable afternoon that will stay with the children for many years to come. Billy told them all about the preparations for the FA Cup Final this weekend and it was so interesting seeing behind the scenes preparing for such a large-scale match.

Tuesday evening, we enjoyed dinner at Frankie and Benny's before going to see The Lion King at The Lyceum Theatre. We had excellent seats and, once again, the children's reactions to the show were a pleasure to see. Our final stop was Legoland, on the way home on Wednesday. Children enjoyed going on the rides and made the most of the morning there.

All the children were fantastic, they were super representatives of the school and we hope we have created lasting memories they will carry with them for many years to come. Thank you to Miss Brown, Ms Winsor and Mrs Rose for working hard and making the trip possible, and a special thank you to our Governors, Mr Jem Squires and Mrs Liz Price-Holden for supporting the staff team so well.

Sienna: "I really enjoyed Legoland, I loved the rides."

Savannah: "My favourite thing was watching The Lion King, the dancing and the songs were amazing."

Feedback from Jem Squires, Governor:

'This is the third school residential I have been privileged to be a part of, the organisation and opportunities the children experienced were top notch. This year we had a change of accommodation and any reservations I may have had about staying in a Youth Hostel were quickly dispelled. The rooms were spotlessly clean, the beds were comfy and it felt very safe for a school party. The location was perfect for all the attractions we visited. I felt that the trip could not have been bettered in any way, our pupils were safe at all times and their behaviour was a credit to the school. The staff were amazing, as always, and it was a pleasure to play a part in this wonderful experience.'

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CLASS 3 VISIT TO SHALDON ZOO

Class 3 thoroughly enjoyed their trip to Shaldon Zoo. They learnt about a variety of animals and asked some super questions. Everyone was very brave, holding lots of different creatures. The trip linked beautifully with their class text, 'Meerkat Mail'. In Science, they have been building on this learning and looking at the classification of animals and food chains.

THE CHOIR PERFORM AT THE DEVON COUNTY SHOW



The choir were incredible performing at the Devon County Show last week. They sang a range of songs, which entertained the crowd. It was such a wonderful opportunity and we were delighted Miss Buttree could secure our place at this event.

ACCELERATED READER

Cockwood Primary School Reads!

In May 2024, students have read...

455 Books

2,907,758 Words

for 42 minutes/day!
(individual student average)

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ORIENTEERING CLASS 1 AND 2

Class 1 and 2 enjoyed two afternoons of orienteering on the Village Green. They played a series of games using North, South, East and West to find cards to crack a code before creating their own set of directions using cones to indicate the points on a compass.



ATTENDANCE

We are pleased to announce our current attendance is 96.1%, well done to everyone who has had 100% attendance this half term. If we can keep up this super effort we will end the year above the 96% target.

FINALLY...

Seeing the children's faces in London this week reminded me of why I went into teaching. I have always firmly believed the role of a primary school is to inspire and broaden the horizons of the children in our care. It was a privilege to see this in action when the children walked through the tunnel and onto the pitch at Wembley Stadium, their faces were a picture. To walk in the footsteps of their heroes was mind-blowing for some of them. Listening to their comments at Frameless when recognising pieces of artwork they had learnt in Class 2 and 3, and making some profound connections was also very special. It is a privilege we get to share these moments with your children and I thank you for putting your trust in us. One child told me, London had been 'some of the best days of my life so far!' Wow...what more can you ask for?

Have a super half term break and we will see you all on Monday 3rd June.

Alison Roper