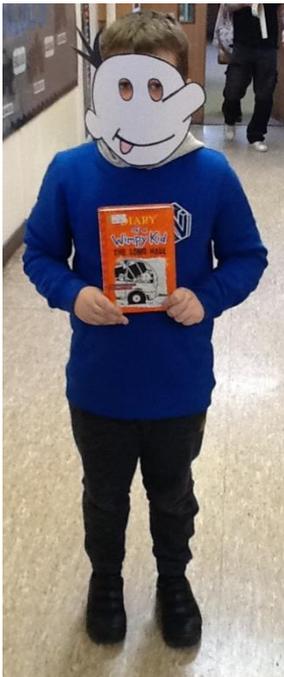


Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome to our Year 5 Newsletter for the second half of this Spring Term. As another term draws to a close, I hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities the pupils have taken part in.



### World Book Day

Having missed our first attempt, due to the snowy weather conditions, our World Book Day celebrations took place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March. It was wonderful to see so many pupils in excellently made costumes and clutching their favourite books. Liam Stroud told me all about his day. *'I loved it, it was really fun.*

*My character was the Mad Hatter from Alice in Wonderland. I chose this character as he is rather crazy and I like being crazy. My costume was rather hard to wear as the hat was tricky to keep on. I love the Alice in Wonderland book as it is mysterious and characters pop out of nowhere!'*



### Trust Maths Morning – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March

It was world maths day this week and the academy celebrated it true to style! Pupils from all four Campus' came together for a problem solving morning. Based on finding Blackbeard's treasure, there were coordinate, shape, logic, number and word questions to solve to find where his treasure was hidden. Hosted by Horringer Court Campus, pupils worked in mixed school teams of 5, using County Upper, Year 9 pupils as their expert - to help them if they really were stuck. As always, all pupils were a credit to the academy with how they worked together on each task. Well done to all. *Mrs Crichton.*

Please continue to support pupils with their home learning and encourage them to go onto TT Rockstars.

## Preparations for Harvest Celebrations

Olivia Hasler attended a coffee morning hosted by Lord Bristol at the Beehive in Horringer. Joined by Maisie Finch and the Head Boy and Girl from County they discussed plans for pupils across the Trust to join together with the Ickworth Park Church Conservation Trust to celebrate this years' Harvest Festival.



## Mother's Day Lunch



Our pupils very much enjoyed welcoming their mums' into school to join them for lunch, in celebration of Mothers' Day. Mums and children enjoyed a lovely traditional lunch of sausage and mash followed by iced sponge. A huge thank you to our catering team for providing this special lunch and to Rhylee Probyn, Rona French, Evie Pyle, Jed Beales, Grace Ripley-Jones, Ewan Hailstone, Maisie Finch and Ben Rosten for once again, providing a first class table service and wonderful entertainment during lunch.



## World Thinking Day – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Alice Varney joined in with this years' World Thinking Day. She explains why we celebrate this day.

'The day is about Brownies thinking about others', especially Brownies from around the world. At my Brownie group we took part in activities which represented different counties. For example, for Australia we made a monkey out of pipe cleaners and beads. At the end, we lit some candles and took a moment to think about Brownies from around the world'.

## Sports Relief

Thank you for your kind support to this charity day. Some super sporty outfits, including Natalie Fretwell in her caving gear!

## Computer Studies – WeDo Lego Robotics – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

This day with BT was a fantastic opportunity for all Year 5 pupils to see how coding is translated in physical actions. Our challenge was to get 9 robots to kick a ball down a line and score a goal past Bart the BT Bear. The pupils had a great time and learnt a lot about programming as well as teamwork and cooperation to achieve the final goal! Videos of the day can be seen at: We Shoot & Score - <https://twitter.com/HorringerCourt/status/967143866326507520> and Saved!! - <https://twitter.com/HorringerCourt/status/967140401558769665>

## Scholastics Book Fair

Thank you for the wonderful support for this terms' book fair. We have received over £300 towards new books for the library.

## Zoo Lab Visit



Chris our Zoo Lab ranger presented three excellent sessions to the Year 5s. All pupils had an opportunity to meet his animals. These included - Colin the corn snake, George the amazing tree frog and 7 year old Honey, a New Caledonian giant gecko! Pupils were encouraged to ask Chris about his animals and towards the end of the sessions any general questions, which he expertly answered.

*We thought Zoo Lab was really good, we all liked Pickles the hedgehog and we found Chris' stories of his travels very entertaining. Lola, Milly and Jada.*



## DDT

### Cookery - Dance - Sewing - Resistant Materials

When pupils return after their Easter break they will have two more lessons within their existing subjects before moving onto their fourth and final rotation during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Ethan Prosser, who was due to have his first cookery lesson during our snow days, weighed out all the ingredients and made it at home for all the family to enjoy! Yummy!

### Year 5 Debating Club

Report by Ella Lane. *Mrs Varney started a Year 5 and 6 Debating Club on a Wednesday lunchtime. There are about 10 of us that take part. We are given a subject each week which we prepare a speech for, then we start the debate. It is quite a technical process and not everyone is allowed to speak at once. There are also time limits for one team questioning the other team's speech and that team responding. I have attended one session and I am looking forward to further debates next term.*

### Choir – Trust Performance – Apex

We attend the lunchtime choir club and have been rehearsing songs for our performance for quite a long time. We have enjoyed the rehearsals and have been looking forward to the performance. On the afternoon of the performance, we arrived at the Apex and sat in the auditorium to watch other schools rehearsing. We then got up onto the stage and sang two of our songs. Even though we were a bit nervous during the afternoon we were looking forward to the show and seeing all the faces of the audience. *By Milly Sowerby and Jada Hayes.*





Thank you for your support in collecting so many bags of textiles and rewarding the school with additional funds. Our next collection date is Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

### **Kingswood Residential Visit – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

As a reminder, our final instalment date has now passed – if you haven't already paid in full, please ensure any outstanding balance is paid immediately. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. An information letter has been sent home. Mr Holmes has forwarded, for your completion and return, additional information forms required for our visit. If you haven't already done so, please complete and return these at your earliest convenience.

### **Celebrations**

Well done to the following pupils who have reached the required standard in handwriting and presentation to receive their pen licences this half term. **Zack Gilbert, Issy Bolton, Miguel Chilenje, Jaidyn Blake-Potter, Ben Donati, Alex Giffin, Illias Zachariou.**

On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March, **Rhys Coad** completed the inflatable 5k obstacle run with his Mum in Peterborough. He ran the whole course with completing 10 obstacles (some were very scarily high) and completed it in just 25 minutes!

**Milly Sowerby** with her Brownie award and **Alissa Baker** with her swimming award.



Please see our weekly bulletin and whole school newsletter, which celebrates the achievements of many other pupils.

### **Forth Coming Events – Summer Term 1 2018**

If you would like to help with our Tudor Day and/or accompany us to Shimpling farm, please pop me an email.

Tudor Day – **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

DDT Dance Performance – **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

Shimpling Farm Visit – **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Bikeability – **Week of Monday 21st May** (*limited spaces, letter to following beginning of Summer Term*)

Kingswood Information Evening – **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** 6pm

Half Term – **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Sports Day – **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** 9am – 12.30

Activities Week – **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Kingswood Visit – **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Community Day – **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

School Musical – **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

With best wishes for a lovely Easter holiday and we look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

Jackie Kemp

