



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Autumn 2 2018



Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Welcome to our Year 5 Newsletter,

Through our regular Year 5 Newsletters I hope to give you a snap shot of your child's journey through Year 5 at Horringer Court. Please also see our weekly bulletin, twitter feed and school newsletter for more news!

Thank you all for your support this term – from ensuring your children arrive at school on time and ready to learn through to; cake baking, providing sponsorship money, attending our dance production, open evening, Christmas musical and charity fayre! I am sure you will agree all pupils settled quickly into their new routines of middle school life and during this half term have coped well with the change to their usual timetables to accommodate our charity week and Christmas activities.

### Year 5 Look Who's Reading Summer Challenge

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the well-written reviews about the books pupils enjoyed reading during their summer holidays and seeing the wonderful places they chose to read these! All reviews were beautifully presented and have been on display in the Year 5 Area. Among them we saw Kerys Whitehouse reading *The World's Worst Children*, whilst hanging upside down in the park, Summer Turner snuggled up with her cat reading *A Series of Unfortunate Events* and, as you can see from the review and photographs below, Dalton Pells enjoying *Grandpa's Great Escape*!



# Look Who's Reading

Name: Dalton

Class: LKR

Title and Author of book: Grandpa's Great Escape David Walliams

Recommend this book to another pupil: (synopsis of book, what did you enjoy about it etc.)

Jack's grandpa flew a Spitfire in world war two. One day his grandpa started to become forgetful. He would make a cup of tea and forget to drink it. He loved to share stories about his adventures in the war until he began to think he was still in the war. He was sent to live in a home for old people, where he was very unhappy. Jack decides to help him escape.

I enjoyed this book because it was very funny. I liked the way Jack and his grandpa planned the escape.

## Roald Dahl Day

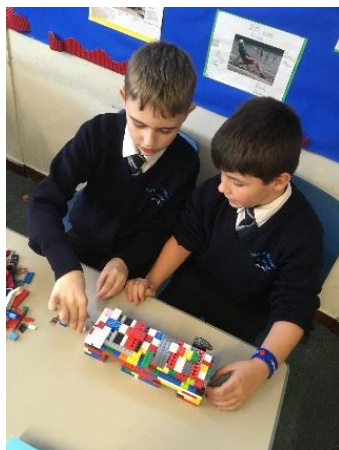
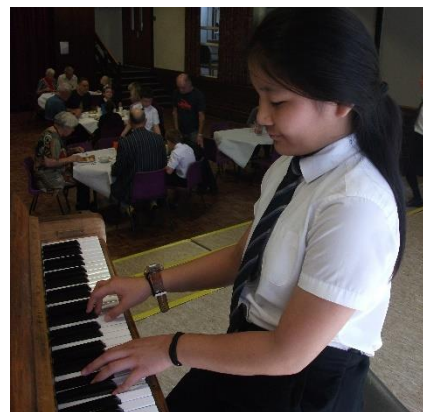


On Year 5s first 'special day' at Horringer Court we saw a marvellous array of Roald Dahl characters brought to life through some creative costumes! During the morning Matilda's and Willy Wonka's worked together sharing some of Roald Dahl's fine vocabulary creating poems and designing book covers.

## Grandparents' Lunch

Once again, our dining hall was filled with guests as Year 5 invited their grandparents to join them for lunch and games. As our guests enjoyed their roast beef and yorkshire puddings, they were entertained by our highly talented pianist Yan Tan and offered table service from our Year 8 Captains. Issy Strang's guest commented on her visit - *'It was a treat from start to finish. Polite, talented and helpful pupils contributed to the calm order we felt that day. Praise, too, for the hardworking kitchen staff who produced extra portions that day. Everyone, young and old, had a smile on their faces! A brilliant lunch. Congratulations on such a successful event.'*





## Humanities

Supporting the study of their close community and surrounding areas, Year 5 took part in a field trip visiting Horringer Court Estate and Hervey Road. During this visit they made sketches of houses and gardens paying attention to the similarities between the two and thinking about how people are sustaining and improving the Estate and the Road area. Following this visit, pupils wrote a comparable study and made Lego models of the different dwellings.

## Maths



Congratulations to Arthur Rowley for achieving Gold in the Primary Maths Challenge – a fun maths challenge aimed at Years 5 and 6 where answering questions does not only rely on mathematical knowledge but the ability to think things through, be logical and read the questions carefully!

## Year 5 Christmas Musical – What Christmas Means to Me.

In mid-October, we had auditions for our Year 5 Production. Miss Wilsoncroft, Mrs Varney and Mrs Kemp judged. Pupils had a choice of either singing or acting out an extract from the script. The next day we found out our parts. I



was June Chandler and Talluah was the school teacher! From then on we rehearsed during our English lessons. All the actors would go into the drama hall to work on certain scenes and the chorus practiced their singing with Mrs



Varney. During these rehearsals, we also had a competition for designing the front cover of the programme. Solomon Jones and I (Melis) won! The show itself was fun to perform. We had an afternoon show on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and two shows on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>. All in all it was a really enjoyable experience. By Melis Korkmaz and Tallulah Crichton

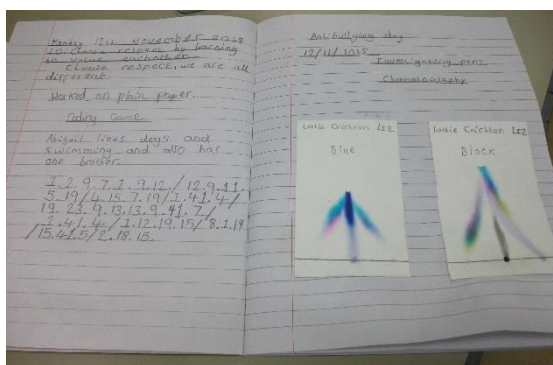
## Design Technology

Pupils are now on the 2nd of their 4 Design Technology rotations. During their first year, they will have the opportunity to cook a variety of sweet and savoury dishes, design and make a buggy, create a beautiful phone case and choreograph dance routines, which they later performed in front of packed audiences!



## Anti-Bullying Day

Choose Respect, we are all Unique!



Pupils took part in three different activities. Chromatography and symbiotic relationships with Mrs DeJongh, valuing each other and showing respect, a coding activity with Mrs Crichton and Choose respect a drama activity with Mrs Bateman. Issy Strang, pictured above with Faith Hawes and Poppy Haylock, said she enjoyed the drama activity. Explaining further, she said 'we got into groups and then acted out a scene of playground disagreement, and then we all discussed ways of resolving these.'



## Art Project

Pupils should have arrived home this week clutching their wonderful shopping bags. I hope you find these bags both creative and durable!



## Charity Week



Lara Gooding from Lidgate House, shares her experience of our Charity Fayre - I really enjoyed my first charity fayre. I shared a stall with Kitty, Issy and Katie. It was quite busy during the morning; people enjoyed the lucky dip the most.



## ICT and Music



## Pantomime Visit

It was a privilege to take the whole Year group to the Theatre Royal on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> to watch the traditional family pantomime, Sleeping Beauty. Both adults and pupils had a wonderful time.



## Christmas Dinner

Roast turkey with all the trimmings, followed by mince pies and custard – a delightful Christmas lunch, followed by singing and dancing to some Christmas classics!



## Breaktimes!

## Swimming Lessons



Following a 6 week swimming programme all pupils achieved their personal survival outcomes and specified distance swimming. Well done to all, especially Maria Bettany, Toby Hammond and Archie Allison for achieving their 25metres distance swim.

## Phil the Bag – Fundraiser

Throughout the year we have a Phil the Bag collection to raise funds for a variety of projects to enhance pupils learning and the school environment. Our next collection date is **FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2019**

## Forth Coming Events – Spring Term 2019

**Parents Evening and Coffee and Chat**

**DDT Dance performance**

**Year 5 Sex & Relationships Day**

**Phil the Bag**

**World Book Day**

**Mothers' Day Lunch**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March (Dress as your favourite character)

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

## Reminders

### Kingswood Residential Visit

Places are now confirmed with Kingswood and a letter has been sent home with a detailed payment plan. If you haven't received this letter, please check the letters page on our website.





## Morning Snack & Water Bottles

During this half term many pupils have again raided the Year 5 biscuit tin, as they have forgotten their snacks!! On the odd occasion that a pupil forget their snack we are happy to help out, **however** in our strive to promote independence please ensure pupils have a **snack** or money to buy something from tuck. **It is a long morning and a healthy snack is important to maintain a healthy body and mind.**

Please also remember your child needs a **named water bottle**.



## Show My Homework

**Show My Homework** is an easy to use online homework and events calendar. All pupils should be using this to access ALL their homework. If you have any problems with this system please do let me know. Homework **MUST** be handed in on the day it is due, otherwise pupils will repeat the homework at lunchtime.

## Break and Lunchtime Football

During these winter months so the children may still enjoy playing football please send them in with a spare pair of tracksuit bottoms and trainers that they may change into to play.

## Clubs

We offer a variety of school clubs. The majority of these school clubs are offered free of charge. A new list of clubs available during the Spring term will be displayed in each house area and on our website.

## Equipment - Possible Stocking Fillers!



It has been brought to my attention that many pupils are missing basic equipment. Pupils need a pencil, rubber, 30cm ruler and pen. School book bags are great idea to help with organisation and may be purchased for £4. Please email our suppliers directly if you wish to order one – [uniform@spcprinters.co.uk](mailto:uniform@spcprinters.co.uk)

## Lost Property

Please ensure **ALL** property is named including coats and shoes! We are still collecting a large amount of uniform, especially jumpers that are still not named.

Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas holiday and I look forward to seeing pupils ready for the new term on **Thursday 3rd January 2019**.

Jackie Kemp

