

Prep School Newsletter

Friday 26th February 2021

All of Prep school will return on Monday 8th March please see the times below for drop off and pick up.

Please note the change in time for year 5 and 6.

Year	Arrival Time	Finish Time	Entrance and Exit *
3	8.30am	3.15 pm (Mon, Weds, Fri) 4.00 pm (Tues, Thurs)	Prep Gate
4	8.15am	3.05 pm (Mon, Weds, Fri) 3.50 pm (Tues, Thurs)	Prep Gate
5	8.20am	3.05 pm (Mon, Weds, Fri) 3.50 pm (Tues, Thurs)	Bungalow Gate, Queen's Drive
6	8.30am	3.15pm (Mon, Weds, Fri) 4.00 pm (Tues, Thurs)	SEND gate, Queen's Drive

When dropping off and collecting your child, please ensure you are socially distancing and leave promptly.

We understand that some of the children may have grown over this lock down period and appreciate that you may not be able to get the correct uniform in the next few weeks.

School shorts or trousers are acceptable. Please try your best to stick as close as possible to the uniform requirements.

Likewise, if your child has grown out of their school shoes please stick to a sensible alternative.

After Easter we expect all children to be in the correct uniform.



Please see the new one-way system for Year 3 & 4 to ensure the safe collection of your children. If coming onto the grounds to collect, please wear a mask. Do not congregate near the main gate.

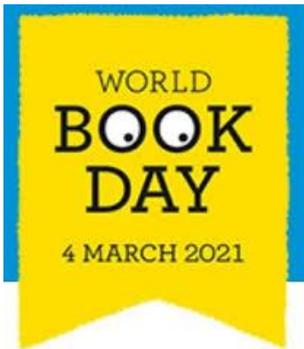
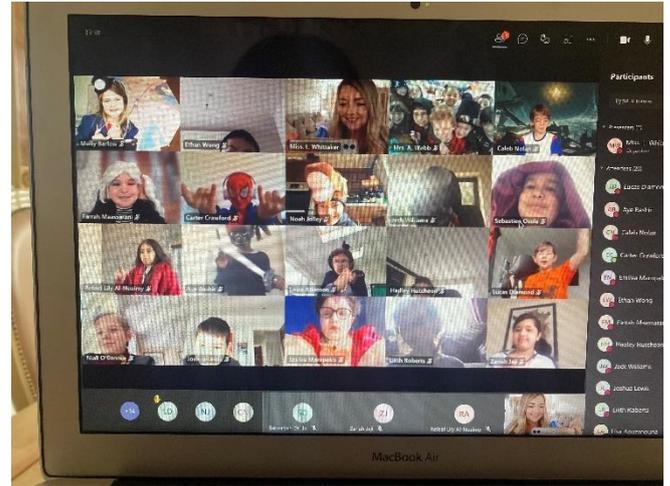
We are still following Covid safe measures (including the 10-day isolation period for close contacts of a positive case).

An updated risk assessment was sent to parents on Wednesday 3rd March. Breakfast club and Afterschool will return as normal.

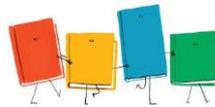
Headteacher's Award

Well done to the following pupils who were given Headteacher's Award certificates this week.

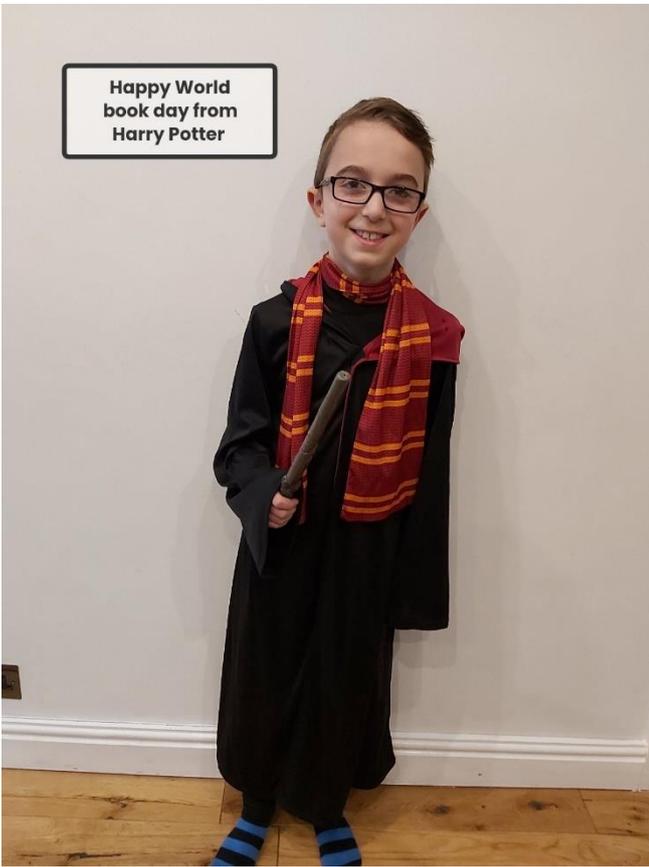
Shaden A, Sascha P-W, Mikey R, Daniyal O'N, Abu-bakr H, Amaya H, Gino McN-L, Olivia T, Max S, Isaac O'B, Olivia M, Aadil Q, Ava D, Aidyn R, Harrison L & Evie A.



A few photographs of the fantastic costumes from World Book Day

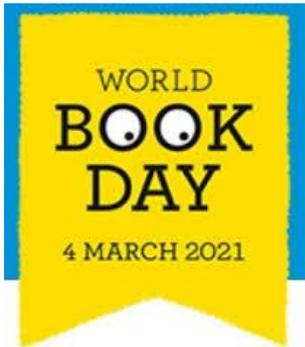


Happy World
book day from
Harry Potter



Happy World
Book Day!





Just in time for World Book Day our very own Leilani B poem has been published!



Forest School from
Liverpool Onsite
learning

This week has been a reflective one as we consider the re-opening of our school to all next week. We have considered the friendships forged during this latest lockdown with people we may not have done before, and the excitement of re-connecting with our absent friends again.

Year 3 spent time improving our den in the trees, making it a homely place in view of the fire circle, but far enough away for it to be a private area to chill and chat.

Alice went foraging for Garlic leaves to take home and make some delightful concoctions to eat and James set about filling his wonderful bird feeder ready for the visit from the robins.

Miss Frees, our Y3 student teacher was coerced into climbing the tree, even though she very vocal about the fact that she never would!!



Year 5 and 6 Spanish online workshops

This week The Language House, Liverpool delivered some Spanish workshops online with Year 5 and 6. Year 5 had a workshop about Spanish legends which was lovely to listen to on World Book Day and Year 6 were introduced to the city of Barcelona with a virtual tour. Both workshops were excellent and we thank Victoria Perez from the Language House and Wilton Trust funding for this event.





Paper Engineering Workshop

Year 4 remembered how much they love to practise flint and steel, quickly realising that if you don't continue to practise, you lose the knack!! Perseverance was the order of the day here!!



Darcey and Marina in Y5 were pleased to see that the roof they helped erect last week was still in place. Harry, Maisy and Lyla all attempted to light our main fire pit, again understanding that regular practise keeps our skills fresh!

Y6 treated themselves to hot dogs and ketchup and several games of hide and seek in the woods.

It was kind of a quiet week a bit of a calm before the storm.

I can't wait to have all our lovely faces back in the woods next week!!



Pop up books are always a favourite with young children - but how are they made? Students were able to explore the wonderfully creative world of paper engineering this term, benefiting from a series of fabulous workshops. Led by a professional artist Mr Pickford, the students had experts step by step instructions about a range of useful techniques. Pupils learnt a range of techniques including V-folds vertical risers, platforms and box layers. Once returning to school, Y3 students will learn opposite action techniques and box mechanisms. This half term students will then use all of these techniques to create their own pop up book.

<http://www.matthewreinhart.com/pop-up-master-class/>



A Fantastic report from Hanna C - Year 5

Virtual Plus Educational Festival

During half term I was involved in something called Virtual Plus. It is for students to enter every day and learn some cool new things. I loved it. I had to go on the 8-11 year olds since I am 9. On my first day, we were going to design a playground. When we joined the zoom session, there were two people called Rowena and Mark and they told us to be adventurous, explore and to use things around us. They inspired us.

I listened to them and when I finished I felt very excited about my drawing. I had designed my own special playground. It was a sea creature theme inspired by my brother's fish tank! It had monkey bars where you climbed the octopus's legs, it had a pole to slide down that was an electric eel, it had a climbing frame with fish on the ropes. When I was done I felt really good about signing up.

The next day it got even better, this session was called The magic of music (according to science). The lady who did this was called Emer Maguire. She was a songwriter and she helped us understand if music was science or art. At the end, she sang us one of her extraordinary songs called 'Lockdown' and it was about Coronavirus and how it was effecting all of our lives.

All of the others were awesome and I really enjoyed them but my favourite was called Dream Big! It was about drama and the lady who was running the session was called Mary Benzies. She had acting experience and she told us about a theatre show. She was talking about some fairies and elves. There was King Oberon, Queen Titania, Puck and

Bottom. They all had a catchphrase/line they always said. She told us to get one prop per character. Whenever she King Oberon, we would hold our prop and say "Bow down to me,". Whenever she said Queen Titania, we would hold our other prop and say "No bow down to me," puck and bottom also had lines. My prop for King Oberon was a big stick, for queen Titania I had a mirror, for puck I had a teddy bear as he was playful and for bottom I had a crown because he thought he was the best.

I really enjoyed these sessions and I hope all the other children did too.

Y4s meet Julius Caesar - LIVE!

Saluto! On Tuesday, as part of the term's history topic, Julius



Caesar joined Y4 - live! In full Roman dress, straight from Caesar's Palace in Rome (the beating heart of the Roman Empire) Julius joined the pupils to share with them some stories from his past and how his childhood experiences shaped him into a powerful leader. He talked about Roman culture and the things we still have to thank him for today such as the road systems, toilet plumbing, aqueducts, our calendar, currency, language and even fast food! As ruler of Rome, Julius Caesar won many battles and helped his huge Empire grow. After being given time to research all about Julius Caesar, the students were also given an opportunity to ask the Emperor questions about his life and about life in Roman times. Even through Lockdown, history can still be brought to life!

Bringing History to life

To fit in with their History topic, The Romans, Year 3 enjoyed an incredible live History show this week which taught them all about different aspects of life during the Roman period. Through the magic of technology, they travel to Ancient Rome to learn about the origins of the Roman empire and visited famous buildings such as the Colosseum and Circus Maximus. They even visited a Roman Latrine. A highlight of the show was meeting a Roman Centurion, who explained about weapons/ tactics/ armour and the invasion of Roman Britain. To illustrate the importance of women in Roman times, they also met Boudica - an incredibly influential Roman figure who began the uprising against the Roman occupation. After the incredibly fun and informative show, the students were then given an opportunity to ask questions directly to the historical figures in a 'History Hot Seat'.



'Magic' end to School Lockdown

After weeks working virtually at home, what better way to end virtual learning than with a virtual Magic and Grand Illusion show! Modern magic duo Jay & Joss entertained the students (and their families) with an interactive experience they'll remember forever - hopefully adding a little joy to the memories of learning at home through lockdown. The live magic show made all the children feel like they were on the front row of the theatre - right up-close to the magic, and some even became part of the show. As well as having fun - the kids are learning too. Magic is a superb way to practice lateral thinking, problem solving and creative thinking. Magic sets are a superb gift for children to challenge their intellect. Presenting education in fun and dynamic ways is a specialism of the Liverpool College enrichment programme - whether virtual learning or face to face.



Best wishes to you all for the weekend!

Mrs A Pease - Head of Prep