



Newsletter No. 2

Pride in ourselves, pride in our school, pride in our community.

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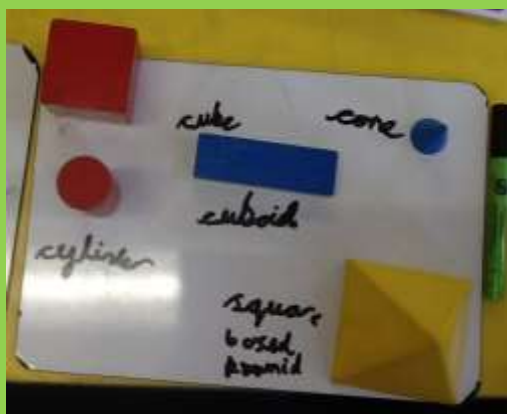
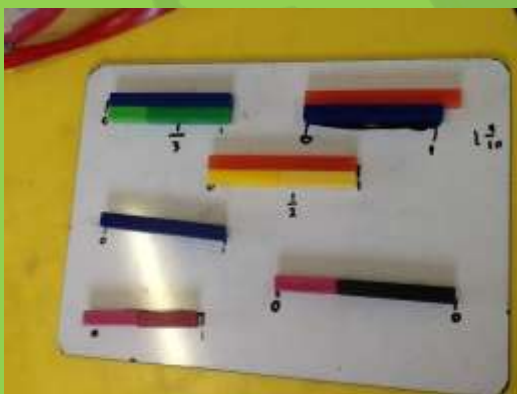
French club

We had great fun in French club this week finding out about France and important landmarks. Well done Nico, for creating a great Eiffel Tower clay model.



Maths in Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring fractions using Cuisenaire rods. We have been using our investigative skills to place fractions on a number line and to find equivalent fractions. We have also been recapping our knowledge of 3D shapes from our work in Year 2.



Reading corner

This week's theme is funny books.

Reception/Year One:

Nick Sharratt - Super Silly Museums

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Author: Nick Sharratt

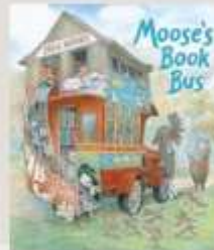


Year Two/Three

Moose's Book Bus by Inga Moore

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Author: Inga Moore



Year Three/Four Leonora Bolt: Super Inventor by Lucy Brandt

Leonora Bolt: Secret Inventor

Author: Lucy Brandt
Illustrator: Gladys Jose



For more book recommendations, visit the BookTrust website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/>

Happy Bank Holiday reading everyone!



PGL 2022

PGL by Rosalie

At PGL there are multiple activities. Most of the activities require a harness. The activities that we did were the trapeze, vertical challenge, giant swing, climbing wall and survivor.

The trapeze is a big wooden pole. On the pole there are small pieces of wood, chunks that you hold onto. Once you have climbed the pole you have to push yourself onto a small wooden platform and stand up. Once you have stood up you jump and hold onto the metal bar. If you don't catch the bar you will hang in the air. If you don't like heights just give it a little go.

The vertical challenge is a harder course. The first thing you have to do is climb a rope ladder but it moves! Once you have climbed the ladder you move onto tyres and to pass the tyres you need to think. After the tyres there is a short climbing wall. On the climbing wall there are 3 different colours for each climber. Zig zag your way through the climbing wall to reach the cargo net. Climb the cargo net and you will reach the top. There are multiple giant swings dotted around the place. To get onto the giant swing you need a harness and a ladder. Once the PGL staff have strapped you in, you sit down in the harness. The other people in the group will pull you up. You then say stop when you are at the height you want.

Watch out for Mr Clarke on the giant swing, he sometimes shouts "Yee harr!"

The climbing wall is shorter than the trapeze. There are 2 different courses. Blue and yellow is the easier course and red and green is the harder course. For your first climb you have to go to a large rock and lean back and abseil. On the second time you climb it as high as you want. If you reach the top, you can hit a bell. And last it is survivor. First you will learn how to handle knives and with the knives you will try to make a tent peg. Afterwards you will make your own tent, then you have to clear it all up and leave it like you found it.

My favourite activity was the giant swing. It first gave me a shock when I pulled the cord. But it was really fun when I started to swing. So I am really happy about PGL, it is so much fun. I don't have a head for heights, but I still gave it a go and ended up having fun.

Being away with the teachers is sort of worrying for your parents. It is also a funny feeling for the kids because the teachers aren't family. PGL is in Lincolnshire so it does take a long time to get there and back.

Thank you so much Rosalie for your insight to PGL.





Jack also talked about his experience at PGL

My best bit of PGL

My best bit of PGL was the giant swing. I would love to go again with Brandon. We originally were going to go to the half way line then Mr Clarke encouraged us to go to the top. This was really really high up! We were so brave and it was so much fun.

The food at PGL

The food at PGL was amazing. It was some of the best food I have ever tasted. They cooked a range of food and like at school you get to pick what you would like.

Jack also asked Miss Bygrave her thoughts on PGL

I would love to go again because I would like to be brave and do more of the activities. The giant swing was her favourite part because it was really fun and made my tummy go funny!
I did not like the trapeze though it was too scary. The trip was amazing.



Young Voices 2022

Amber and George from Birch class described their visit to Young Voices.

We arrived at the O2 and it nearly took 2 hours to get there but it felt shorter. When we arrived we had lunch. We then had to go through the scanners and up the escalators. We then had a wait so we sat on the floor chatting with our friends. We were then allowed to go into the arena and sat on chairs which were like cinema chairs.

Someone was singing the song Happy and everyone was cheering and clapping. We then got to practice the Young Voices songs with the other schools. We were then able to eat our dinner whilst Urban Strides danced on stage. The lights kept going dim then normal. When that happened everyone started screaming!

Parents came to watch and children sang, we also got to do a beatbox with the parents. At the end of the show we travelled back to school on the coach. It was a great experience.



Ezra interviewed Mrs Holland on her Young Voices experience

What was your favourite time at Young Voices?

I loved it when it went dark and the small lights went on. It was really magical.

What are your favourite songs for Young Voices and why?

Moana and Lion King medley. I like it because I like Disney songs a lot.

How do you think Young Voices helps the people experiencing it?

I think it gives everyone an opportunity to go to a big arena and they may not get to do it again. I also think it's good for schools to join together and sing with lots of children.

Golden Book

Children are nominated by Teaching Assistants and Teachers for a Principal's award which is entered in the Golden Book. The award can be for living one of our Values or special achievement. Sporting awards/achievements gained through a regular commitment to a club or group are also celebrated.

Ash	Cairo	for always showing that he is listening and ready to learn and for participating so enthusiastically in all areas of the curriculum.
Oak	Neil	for always listening well during learning activities and for showing the value of friendship to his peers.
Elm	Freddie	for taking pride in the presentation of his pictogram and for listening carefully to instructions.
Beech	Lucas	for having the courage to speak so eloquently and clearly when sharing his experiences in Colchester and being able to spell Colchester phonetically.
Maple	Mazie	for an improvement in her writing. Mazie now takes more care with her presentation and spelling and is also remembering to punctuate her sentences.
Willow	Rose	for her fantastic effort and concentration when doing her independent writing.
Chestnut	Daniel	for his excellent effort when creating a dragon picture and for the pride and care he is taking with his handwriting.
Sycamore	Mia	for always working hard at spellings and using feedback to improve her vocabulary choices.
Birch	Jack	for his fantastic engagement with the activities on our PGL visit. He showed great independence and enthusiasm.
Hazel	Alfie	for taking on new challenges while at PG. He always had a smile on his face and embraced the changes he faced to his daily routine.



Tidy Ted

Well done to BEECH class. All cupboards, drawers and shelves kept tidy all week.

Other awards to mention

Mrs Pang's Brick club

	Charlie	Elm
	Max	Beech
Multisports	Jagoda	Birch
Football	Elijah	Ash
Gymnastics	Soleil	Chestnut
Street Dance	Eliza	Chestnut
	Lilly	Chestnut

Well done to Isabella from Beech class. She entered her first ever judo competition on Saturday, at the Chalfont Championship in Buckinghamshire. There were representatives from clubs from Leicester down to Tottenham. Isabella did really well and came away with the silver medal in her category, she's really proud of herself and we are proud too. Well done Isabella.

Well done to Huey from Sycamore
Huey was the flag bearer for 1st Arlesey Beavers Falcons group at the District St George's Day Celebrations.