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NEWSLETTER

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Peace!

This half term we have focused on the theme of "peace". Kung Fu Panda helped us to do this, as well as Mrs Lomax (parent and governor) in her relaxation sessions in KS2. Your children have shown great emotional intelligence in their understanding of how to deal with conflict and manage their feelings over the term; talking deeply and sensitively about issues that may affect them, as they grow up. Thank-you for your support in sending your children to school happy, confident and ready to learn; it makes such a difference to their day and to the success they have with their relationships with others, as well as to how they can focus on their learning.

Mrs Core

Art Project



In the last week of term, everybody had fun creating flowers, whilst thinking of recycling their waste materials. Mrs Carr (Junky Monkey) organised this event and ran the workshops for each class. Crisp and sweet wrappers, pop bottles, and other pieces of rubbish were used to construct the petals or flower heads, with different classes focusing on different designs. The flowers were displayed at Belper Rugby Club, as part of the ECO Festival, "Belper goes Green".

Thank-you Mrs Carr!

Super Second After Penalties



Amber Valley Girls' Football Competition: 2nd place winners - well done girls!

There was a girls' football competition on Thursday, 26th May before half-term. Six girls went, two year 5's and four year 6's. The competition was held at St John's Primary school and it was after school from 4-6 p.m. The people who went were, Amelia and Ella K Y5 and Karina, Katrina, Aleisha and Amy Y6.

All the games were 8 minutes long and we played 5 games altogether, six including the penalties. There were two leagues, league 1 and league 2. We played against St John's 1, Holbrook 1 and St John's 3, Mundy and St Elizabeth's. We won 3 matches. We finished 2nd in our league then beat Mundy 1-0 to get to the final.

The whole team played amazingly and to come second is awesome! Unfortunately we drew the final 1-1 after extra time and lost 2-1 on penalties. We weren't that upset when we lost because we knew we had done well to come second.

By Ella K and Amelia H

Primary Testing and the Curriculum

You will have received a letter this week explaining the changes and expectations of the new Y2/6 tests, as well as information about your child's end of year report.

Well Done!

We have all worked very hard towards our Y6 SATs (Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Stones as well). Some of us thought they were easy, some of us thought they were boring, some of us wanted to do them and some just got on. We started each day with breakfast, which Jean kindly prepared for us, so we could have a full belly and get rid of all our chat! At the end of four, exhausting days, we celebrated with a film and popcorn and a field arty; eating smarties, playing football, sitting on the monkey bars and drawing. Be warned Y5- your SATs are coming next.

Esme and Joseph - Y6

Well Dressing

Once again, with the kind help from Mr Scotney (Vice-Chair of Governors) and his wife, we will be creating a well dressing for the display in Belper River Gardens. Please pop along and have a look - we will let you know the date they are on display.

Belper in Bloom

Children from the Gardening Club will be meeting the judges for this year's "Belper in Bloom" Competition. They will explain, how at Herbert Strutt, we encourage green fingers and an understanding of growing fruit and veg, as well as conserving wildlife: in our pond, our mini-beast hotel and by feeding the birds.

Dates for your Diary

Y5 Cycling Proficiency: Tuesday and Friday mornings - June 7, 10, 14, 17, 21 and 24

June 11 - Summer Fair

June 13 - Y6 Photos for their "Memory book"

June 13-17 - Y1 Phonics screening

June 14 – Parent Hub meeting: 2:15 pm - staff room

June 15 - Miss Tomlinson's parent lunches - Y6 only

June 23 - SPORTS DAY (FS2/KS1 - am and KS2 - pm)

June 27 - Reception Starters - Parents' Welcome meeting

June 28 - Y5 Visit to Belper School

June 28-30 - Y6 Transition days to Flamsteed School

June 29/30 - Home visits for new starter parents: pm

July 1 - INSET DAY 5: School closed to children

July 5 - Big Move Up morning in school

July 5-6 - Y6 Transition days to Belper School

July 13 - Mrs Howell's parent lunches plus Miss Tomlinson's Y5

July 13 - Leavers' Play 6 pm

July 18 - Y6 trip to Parliament; early start!

July 20 - Parents to meet new teacher; after school

July 22 - Y6 Chevin Walk

Year 3/4 Caveman Day

The day was all about learning caveman skills. We had four different activities to do. One of them was an archeological dig, to find out what cavemen would have left behind. We found some arrow heads, which were quite small, some were white and some brown. We found some bigger arrow heads, which we thought were from spears. We also found things which were more modern and not from the Stone Age.

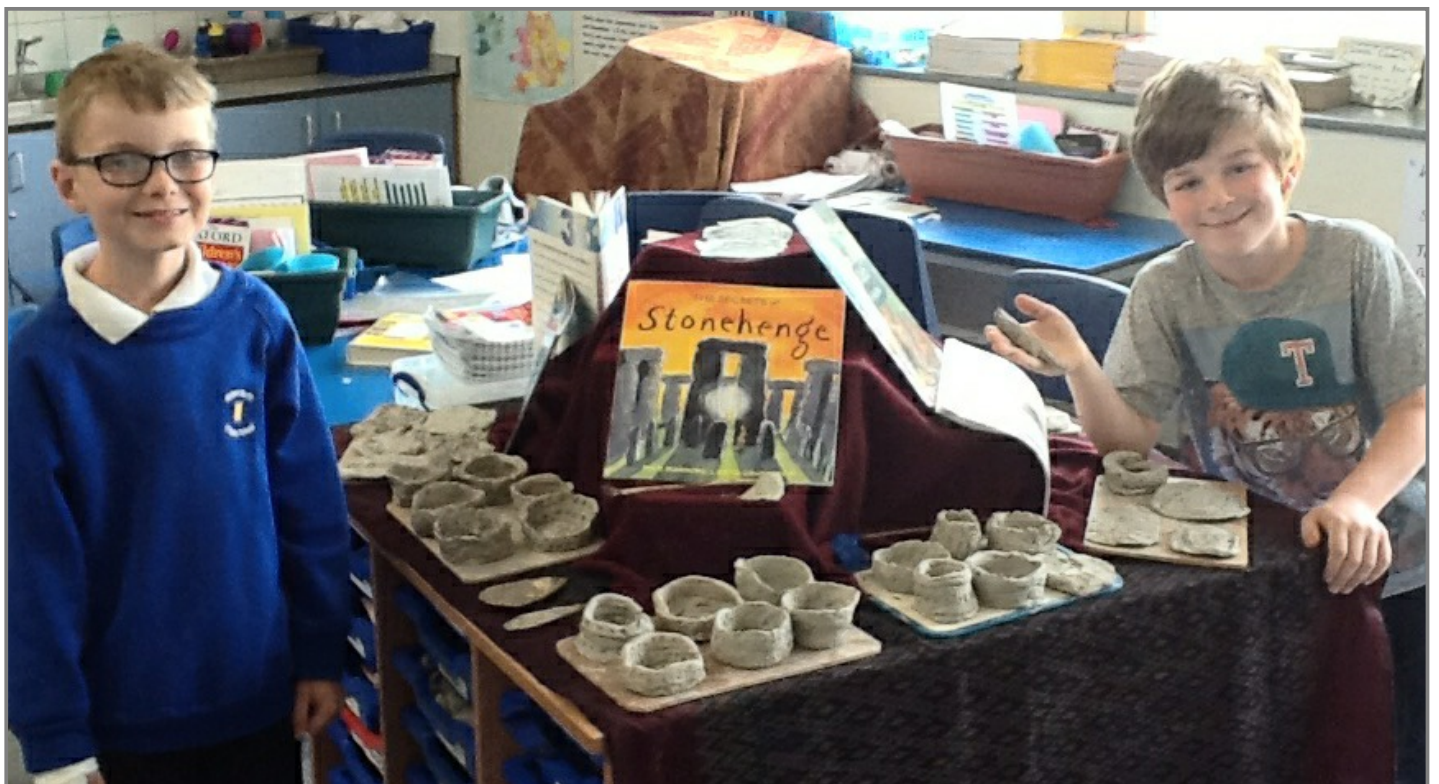


One of the other things we did was cave paintings, we used chalk to draw animals and stick figure people; these are on display outside our classroom.

Another activity we did was to make spears - it was fun because we used them to practice our hunting skills outside. We had to throw them at a target, we pretended it was a mammoth. We tried to injure it or kill it so we could eat it for breakfast or dinner!

The thing we did on the day was to make smoothies using berries. We mashed them up with a wooden spoon, added some milk, and poured into cups to end the day with a nice smoothie.

It was a really fun day, we loved it. We learnt lots about life and now know how to survive in the Stone Age!



Making Stone Age Pottery!

Report by Timothy and Iggi (Y3)