Serenity Eltham Newsletter

From Enrolment to Graduation

Spring 2

Letter from Headteacher

"Springing into Success: Celebrating a Term of Growth, Adventure, and Sunshine!"

As we come to the end of this term, I am filled with immense pride and joy reflecting on the incredible progress and enrichment our students have experienced. Our curriculum has been vibrant and dynamic, with numerous trips that have broadened our students' horizons. From exploring local parks and visiting Biggin Hill Airport, to delving into history at the Florence Nightingale Museum and enjoying the wonders of the dinosaurs at Crystal Palace Park, our students have had a wealth of learning opportunities.

The excitement didn't stop there! Our adventures took us to the London Dungeon, soft play areas, the Science Museum, and the delightful Paddington Bear Experience. Each trip has been a unique chance for our students to learn, grow, and create lasting memories.

In addition to these enriching experiences, our students have had plenty of sporting opportunities. Tennis lessons, kayaking, and regular trips to Goals have kept them active and engaged. I am particularly proud of our Year 9, Year 11 &Year 13 students, who have been working exceptionally hard to secure their qualifications. Their dedication and perseverance are truly commendable.

As the sunshine begins to break through, much like the bright future ahead for our students, I want to wish you all a happy and restful Easter break. May this time be filled with joy, relaxation, and the warmth of the season.

Claire Pettman Headteacher

- We take care of ourselves.
- We take care of each other.
- We take care of our learning.
- We take care of our school, community, and the world.
- We take care of our future.

Monty's thoughts

Woof Woof

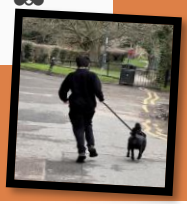
Woof woof! Hi everyone, it's Monty here, your furry friend from school! I just wanted to share some final thoughts before we wrap up this newsletter.

I've had the best time playing with all of you! Whether it's catching and fetching balls or going for long walks, every moment has been a tail-wagging adventure. I love watching you work hard in class, and sometimes I even sneak in a little nap while you do your homework.

But my favourite part? Treats! You all give me so many yummy treats, and I can't thank you enough. Keep them coming, please!

Remember, I'm always here to play, cuddle, and make your school days even more fun. See you around!

Paws and kisses, Monty



Biggin Hill Airport

"Students Soar to New Heights at Biggin Hill Airport Adventure!" 🛩

Our Year 11 and sixth-form students went on an educational trip to London Biggin Hill Airport. This trip provided an exceptional opportunity for students studying Travel and Tourism and those interested in the course to discover the exciting world of the industry.

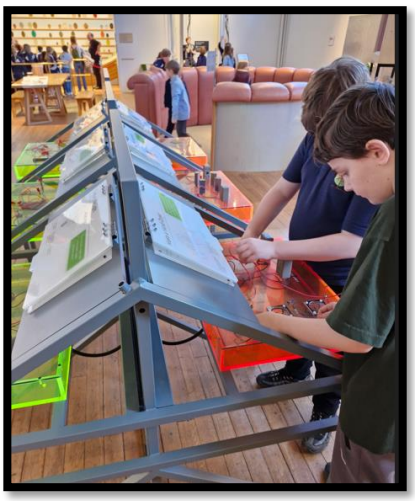
The students were fascinated as they explored various war bombers and absorbed the inspiring stories of bravery from both World Wars. They were also introduced to luxurious jets, opening doors to future business and apprenticeship opportunities in aviation. During the visit, they captured unforgettable moments through pictures and embraced the exhilaration of stepping inside one of the remarkable jets, igniting their dreams and aspirations for a bright future.

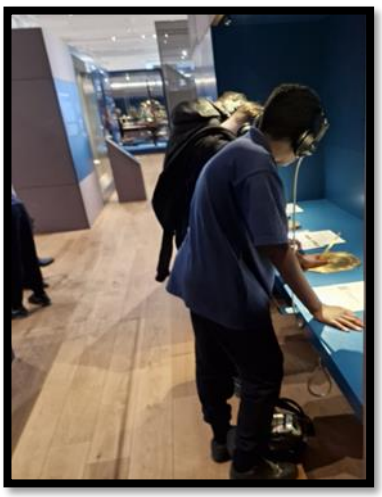
"Unravelling the Mysteries of Macbeth: A Thrilling Journey into Shakespeare's Darkest Play!" 🎭

Gatcombe park, in English, explored Macbeth by William Shakespeare and Clockwork by Philip Pullman. We engaged in a variety of activities, including writing letters, designing outfits, and even performing scenes from these works.

Our learning extended beyond the classroom when we visited The London Dungeons, where we discovered what life was like in the Middle Ages and experienced some thrilling scares from the actors.

In Science, we focused on energy, conducting numerous experiments to understand how energy transfers between objects.





Tamarisk Class "Engaging mind in action! Students dive deep into a lively debate, bringing their class novel to life".

Making Asian Sticky wings in food tech.

St James Class Brings 'Clockwork' to Life with Science Museum Trip and Creative Projects!

This term, St James class focused on the book 'Clockwork' by Phillip Pullman. To really engage with the theme of clocks we took a class trip to the London science museum where students were able to engage with interactive science experiments and learn more about how clocks have changed throughout history.

St James class also created and illustrated their own comic strips depicting Part two of the book clockwork, this was a creative activity where students showed outstanding understanding of the book.

In science, St James conducted their own experiment into circuits and how electrical systems are created with batteries and wires. This was a successful experiment where students were able to create light first hand.

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Students Shine Bright: Enthusiastic Readers and Active Learners Making a Positive Impact!

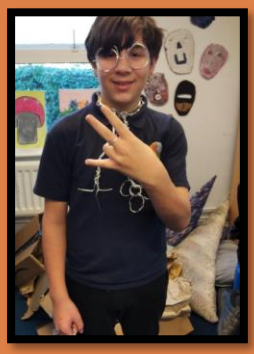
Our students continue to shine with their enthusiasm for reading and active engagement in learning. Whether diving into books that spark their imaginations or collaborating on hands-on projects in the classroom, their curiosity and commitment is truly inspiring. This dedication extends beyond academics, as they consistently apply their knowledge in creative ways to make a positive impact in their community. Together, with the support of parents and educators, we are fostering a culture of lifelong learning that empowers every student to thrive.

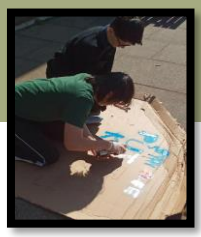
ART

"Unleashing Creativity: Superheroes in the Making!"

Students in our Art classes are working on an exciting long-term project: "If I Were a Superhero, What Would My Superpowers Be?" By the end of the year, they will showcase their creativity in a school parade, wearing their own handmade masks and costumes.

As part of their Art and Design lessons, students are learning essential skills, including hand stitching, sewing machine use, pattern cutting, and mask making. They are experimenting with different materials such as plaster, aluminium wire, and cardboard, while also developing teamwork by collaborating and supporting one another.





Spray for Change: Safer Streets, Cleaner Environment!"

For Asdan, Birkhall we have been looking at issues affecting our local community. The children created posters using spray paints to tackle issues they have identified within our community. One group created a poster on stopping knife crime, while the other group looked at promoting recycling to keep our environment clean.

Kayak to Success: Teamwork and Independence at Danson Park!"

This term Kensington class took part in some water sports in Danson Park. They were participating in team building exercises as well as building resilience to work independently in the water in their very own kayak!

Exploring Together: Farm Fun and Sky-High Thrills with Bagshot Class!"

Bagshot class has embarked on a series of wonderful adventures recently. Our first stop was a delightful visit to the farm, where the children enthusiastically identified various farm animals and matched them to the characters in our weekly storybooks. The excitement was palpable as the children mimicked animal sounds while exploring the farm, and their joy was further amplified during our visit to the petting zoo. Following this, Bagshot class ventured to Biggin Hill Airport, where the children were thrilled to identify different planes and warcraft. Watching the planes take off into the sky was a highlight for many, and the adjacent park provided a perfect setting for imaginative role play, with the children pretending to be pilots and passengers as they reenacted aircraft take-offs. These experiences have been both educational and immensely enjoyable for the children.

High Grove – "Where Fun Meets Learning: Sparking Imagination Every Day!"

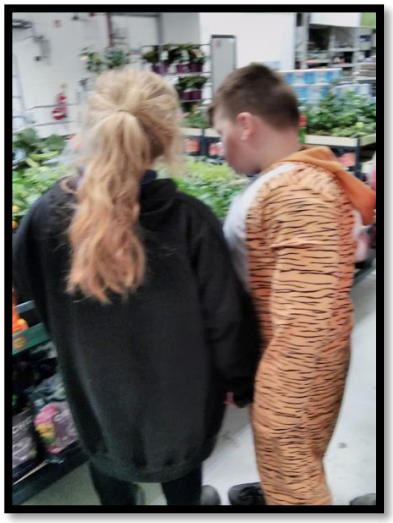
"Outdoor Fun with Craigowan: Snacks, Games, and Friendship!"

Craigowan Class Early Years had a wonderful picnic activity in school. The children had a fantastic time enjoying their snacks outdoors, playing games, and spending time with their friends. It was a lovely experience that encouraged social interaction, laughter, and happy memories.

"Thatched House: Discovering Farm Friends and Their Gifts!"

Thatched house has been covering farm animals this term. For one of our lessons, we took a trip to George Meads Farm. The children looked at the animals and identified what the animals produce for us.

"Holyrood Class: Growing Skills, Growing Greens!"



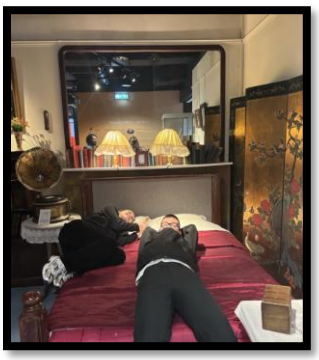
Holyrood Class took a visit to B & Q this term. This term we are working on our independent skill and in 'the world around us' we have been learning about food and in Forest school we have be learning about 'environmental awareness' so we went to B & Q to buy Herbs and vegetables we can grow.

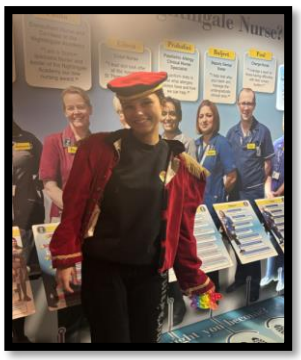
We have learnt what they need to remain alive, and we are now watching them grow to produce our herbs and vegetables.

The children got to pick what they wanted and had to pay the cashier for their purchases to learn from their experiences.

Discover the Legacy, Embrace the Future: Florence Nightingale Museum

Year 11 students embarked on an educational journey to the Florence Nightingale Museum in London. The trip was organized to provide students with a deeper understanding of the remarkable contributions of Florence Nightingale to modern nursing and healthcare.





"Sail Through History: Discover the Thames River Police Legacy!"

Our Sixth form were invited for a special trip on a Police Patrol Marine boat on the River Thames.

They also visited The Thames River Police Museum located in what was once the carpenter's workshop at Wapping Police Station. Situated within the headquarters of the Metropolitan Police's Marine Police Unit, the Museum offers visitors a unique insight into the history of the World's first police force.

Exhibits include uniforms and documents, which trace the history of the Thames River Police from its inception in 1798 to the present day. There is also a fine collection of the everyday "Hardware" of policing from handcuffs to cutlasses.

Because the museum is housed within a working police station, visits must be arranged by prior appointment. Visits are normally conducted by the Honorary Curator, a retired serving officer with many years' experiences of policing the river.

As we approach the Easter holiday, I hope you find time to relax and recharge. May this season bring you moments of peace, joy, and togetherness with your loved ones. Wishing you a restful and rejuvenating Easter break! 🐰🌸

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 22nd April