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Clamour for the Glamour!

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Film stars are often portrayed as a privileged breed, outlandish riders requested for their changing rooms etc. However, few see the other side of the journey towards the final product – the hours of getting cold and wet – suffering for their art! THS boys, who are involved in the latest Geary extravaganza, Proxima, will be acutely aware of what goes on behind the scenes. This week our young actors have been transported (by long suffering parents*) to locations at ungodly hours in the morning to ply their trade in some atrocious conditions. However, they have, to a boy, returned muddy but full of joy and proud that further acts are in the can. Filming in the school basement is slated for this weekend – is their a more glamorous setting imaginable?

* As always, eternal thanks to all adults involved!

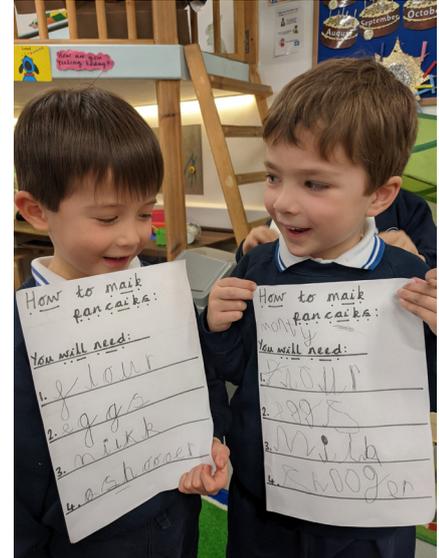
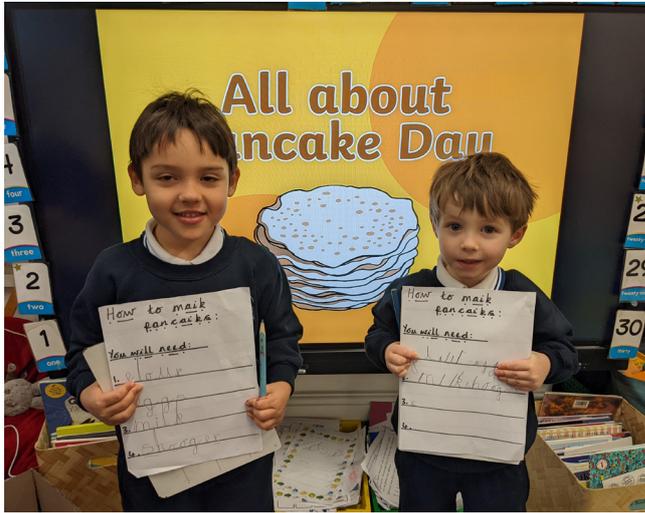


Our topic in science this half term is 'plants'. This week we have been learning about the parts of a plant. At first we didn't believe that we eat all parts of a plant, but soon realised that carrots are roots, celery is a stem, pomegranates are seeds, lettuces are leaves and broccoli is a flower! We got to try some of the parts of the plant in class.





Please see below some of the activities which Reception have been doing over the past few days

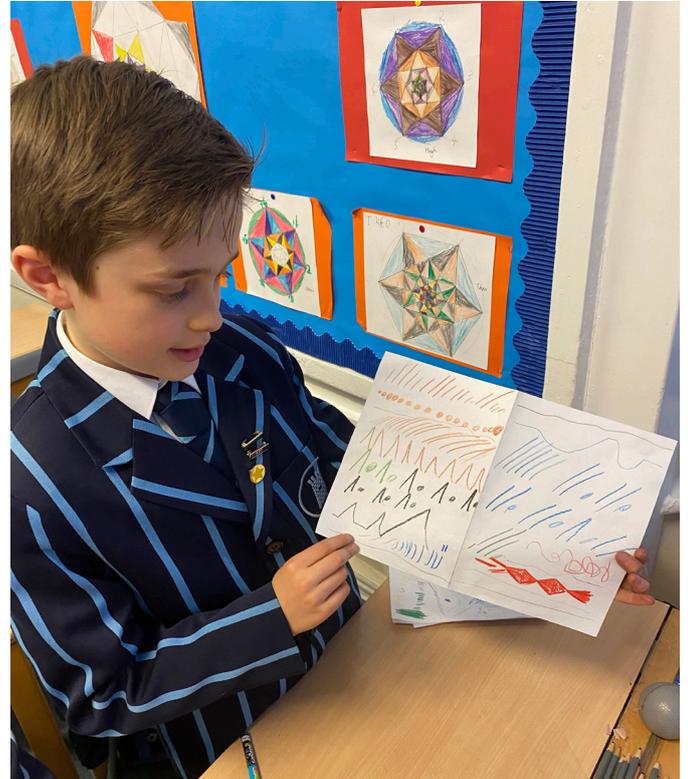


Last week, Reception enjoyed exploring pattern with Miss Rasch during the STEM lesson. The boys made their own patterns using objects in the classroom, stickers and Lego. They learned that patterns are all around them and looked at examples of patterns in nature. They also learnt a silly pattern dance called 'Banana, Banana, Meatball!'





Recently, in music lessons, we have been exploring graphic score notation. Boys in Reception, Year 2, 3 and 5 were asked to listen to music and then draw what they heard and felt. We discussed how composers don't always use traditional notation methods and how artists draw to music. Fantastic results all round - well done boys.

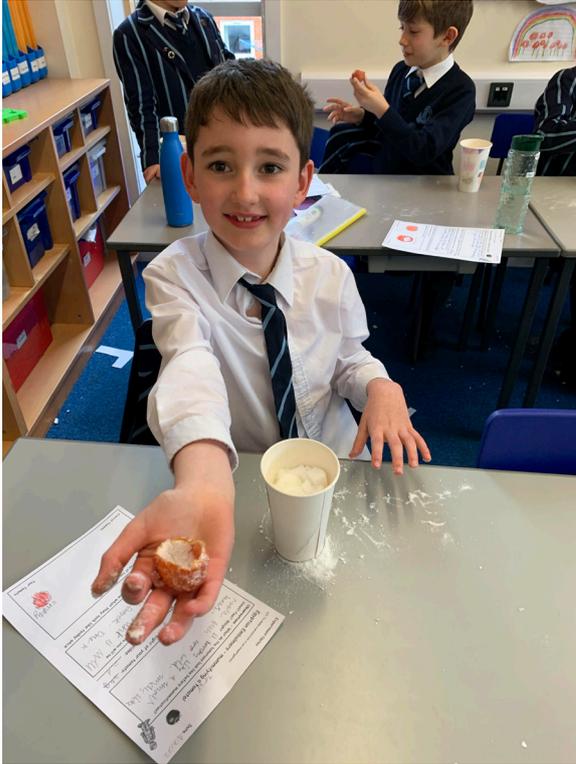


We have also been preparing for the Creative Arts Concert on the 17th of March with Reception exploring the drum kit and solo performances in each class.



History with a bit of science thrown in - part 2!

After two and a half weeks, Year 3 went back to their mummified tomatoes to see the results of their mummification. We found that the tomato which had been left was beginning to rot. However, on breaking open the hardened natron, our mummified tomatoes were shrivelled, wrinkly and dry; much like a 4000 year old pharaoh's body! They weighed significantly less than they did prior to being mummified too. We now have a greater understanding of how the Egyptian embalmers' work preserved the bodies of the dead before they were laid to rest in their tombs.





CALLING YEAR 6 PARENTS!

Please see below a message from the Year 6 boys...

Dear Parents,

This year we are raising money for a charity called Centre Point which helps young homeless people to have support. We've made some Easter/Spring cards and we would love you to buy some! All proceeds will be donated to the charity. Look out for the order forms that have been sent home with your son. You can share the order codes with friends and family too. The online shop closes on the 9th March 2022 so be quick! We have other activities planned for next term to raise more money. Stay tuned!



give homeless young people a future

FUNDRAISING

In a little over two months, many of the boys are taking part in the School's Triathlon (follow them on Instagram, @schoolstriathlon), fundraising for Restless Development. I thought I might like to do a little bit myself! In 2003, I travelled to Tanzania with an NGO called Students' Partnership Worldwide (the forerunner to Restless Development) and saw first hand the valuable work it does in rural communities in the developing world. In just under a month on the 3rd April, I'll be running the London Landmarks half (yes, only a half!) Marathon in support of Restless Development and would appreciate any support you could give. Thank you! Mr Orme

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/edorme





Reminder – Ensembles/Choir Morning start time

With time pressing and the creative Arts Concert only just around the corner, time is of the essence at choir and music ensembles.

Please can we remind parents and boys again that these START AT 8AM. The senior gate opens at 7.45am for this reason as boys need to arrive, unpack their bags in their classroom and be ready with their instruments set up to start at 8am.

Please can all boys in choir or an ensemble therefore be at school by 7.50am. Thank you.

Cross-Country: Change of Date and Arrangements

Unfortunately due to extensive infrastructure work in Richmond Park we have now been informed that we are not able to hold our whole school cross country event in the Park this year, scheduled for Monday 21st March. We hope to be back again next year.

We have therefore decided to split the event into three separate afternoons and hold it at our sporting spiritual home, previously known as BofE sports club. We will still be able to invite parents to spectate and boys will still run for their houses and charities.

More details to follow but the most important bit is the change of dates. See below and please note boys may go home with parents after their event:

Friday 18th March – Years 1, 2 & 3. 2.30pm-3.30pm. (As it is Red Nose Day boys will come to school in their mufti and change at lunch time into their Junior school charities colours).

Monday 21st March – Years 6, 7 & 8. 2.30-3.4pm.

Tuesday 22nd March – Years 4 & 5.

NB: Reception will do their own run in games with Mr Mullan and Mr Wing on Tuesday 22nd March around 10.45-11.15am. Parents are welcome to come and watch and the boys will return to school for lunch as normal.

Rugby

Well it has been an amazing season across the school which topped off in fine style on Wednesday by our brilliant Senior boys. Both 1st and 2nd teams winning their final game against Eaton House, one of our toughest opponents. These results came after a really hard game on Monday for these sides against Ibstock where our boys fought with real resilience against 'huge' opposition. But these tough matches only stirred our boys to greater determination to finish the season on a high, which they did in great style and made us all very proud. Very well done gentlemen.

There will be a full rugby report in the end of term newsletter but well done again to all of our boys throughout the term. Sadly the U13 7s next week has had to be cancelled as all but one other school had to withdraw but good luck to our U11s on Wednesday at the Surbiton tournament.

Mr Peyton



UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual reality workshops during lesson times throughout the week (Reception - Year 8)

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| Mon 7th | - | Year 1 class and grandparents' assembly
Junior school door open at 2:20pm for parents and grandparents
Boys return to classroom at 3:30/3:45pm to collect bags and coats
Boys to leave with guests through the junior school door | 2:40pm |
| Tue 8th | - | Year 6 trip to Holly Lodge for Junior Citizens
Year 6 to come to school in games kit - please remember a coat!
Boys to eat lunch at school before departure | 12:35pm |
| Wed 9th | - | Recorder concert - hall
Please note earlier start time | 8:40am |
| | - | U11 A Surbiton rugby festival (A)
THS U13 7s cancelled due to opposition schools pulling out | 1:30pm |
| Thur 10th | - | Barbados cricket tour briefing for parents and boys - hall | 3:30pm |
| Fri 28th | - | MUFTI day - wear blue and yellow in aid of Ukrainian humanitarian aid
Donations to teachers/HoY at registration please | |

Congratulations to this week's house point champions who are ...**Barnes!**

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Gregory Evans, Headmaster



Muddy boys after a victorious match!