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The Meppershall Magazine

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God lives in them.” (1 John 4:16)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always, the weeks have flown by, and it has been another incredibly packed and productive half term here at Meppershall. The children have worked exceptionally hard, and it is wonderful to see how much they have achieved.

We are delighted to be finishing this half term with our annual Colour Run. This is always a much-loved highlight of the school calendar, full of fun and a lot of bright paint! A big thank you to MAPTA for their hard work in organising this fantastic event.

Looking ahead, we are all excited for the final half term of the academic year. It promises to be a busy and celebratory few weeks! We have lots to look forward to, including: celebrating our year 4s at the church, dancing at the school disco and hopefully enjoying some more lovely weather on Sports Day.

When we return, our new school value will be respect.

Thank you for your continued support; we hope that you all have a wonderful, relaxing half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for our final stretch of the year.

Kind regards,

Miss Corcoran and Mrs Neman

Information

Breaking News!

On Tuesday 5th May, the children took part in the School Parliament's very first Spelling Bee. We have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of our school community and are proud to announce that the event raised **£862.35!** We are incredibly grateful to everyone who supported the children in learning their spellings and for all the donations the school received. Please continue to read on for more exciting updates about this event...

Messages

CHECK OUT THE LINK ON THE WEBSITE CONTAINING IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Absences

If your child is going to be absent please report this before 9.00am; don't forget to register online or download the free Studybugs app! You can also report absences via our Mail Box—01462 813293 Option 1 or email office@meppershallacad.org

Reminders

- A reminder that the school gate is open at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am. The register is taken at 9.00am by the class teacher. At the end of the day, the school gate is open at 3.20pm ready for the children to be collected from the playground at 3.30pm. Please inform the School Office if someone else will be collecting your child and please ensure that your children do not climb on the play equipment or the wall at the front of the school premises before or after school.
- To ensure we continue working with our neighbours, please ensure that you are parked safely at drop off and pick up times, and have not blocked any driveways. Please refrain from driving on to the school site (Breakfast and After School Club included). If there are any concerns around this, please speak to a member of SLT.

Acorns



This half term we have

Acorns Class have enjoyed learning about minibeasts this term, using non-fiction books to explore and discover new facts. The children have worked hard to build their stamina and confidence in writing, showing great enthusiasm and progress.



Acorns have enjoyed a half term filled with performances on our new stage area in the outdoor learning space. Dances and shows have been created to music and the children have performed songs linking to our minibeast theme. We have also had an introduction to exploring rhythm within music.

We are also all very proud of all the children for trying their best and achieving fantastic results in the recent Spelling Bee.

Acorns



This half term we have...

A highlight at the very end of last half-term was our bakery visit, where everyone behaved brilliantly and enjoyed the experience of creating and decorating their own shortbread biscuits. We would like to share a huge thank you to Roger's Bakery for hosting us and providing all the ingredients. We are also all very proud of all the children for trying their best and achieving fantastic results in the recent Spelling Bee.





This half term we have...

We then went on to write list poems about things a wizard might have. Here are 2 wonderful ones:

The Angry Wizard's Bag by Jaiden

A monster and a spider
A fish that can't swim and an elephant that you can't explain
Some peas that explode in your mouth

Some Things Found in a Wizard's Bag by Charlotte

A spinning spider
A tall T-Rex
A little girl that can't sing
A fish that can't blow bubbles
A magic map
A watermelon and a cupcake that glows in the dark
Three white cats

Elms have had another happy and busy few weeks. The term started when we realised a Wizard had visited our classroom and left behind his beautiful green velvet cloak and a bag of strange items. The children had great fun trying to work out what everything was for.



In RE we have been learning about Judaism. The children have shown great respect, tolerance and curiosity learning about a religion which was unfamiliar to most of them. We learnt that Jewish people do lots of things to help their community to show their love for God, including looking after nature. We used this as inspiration to do our own bit of litter-picking in the playground.



Elms



We have been really busy in Phonics, making sure we know all our sounds ready for the Phonics Screening Test which takes place the second week after Half Term. Any extra practice parents can do at home would be really helpful too! Please ask Miss Hornsey if you need any advice on this.

In PE, we enjoyed a session with some special visitors who came to teach us gymnastics!



Oakley has been very busy at home, writing a positive note to every pupil in the class. The children were so grateful for their thoughtful gift.

Elms



On our Art Day we had fun printing with lots of different things - including Dottie's gigantic Monstera leaf! The children learnt about repeated and rotated patterns and all produced a beautiful piece of wrapping paper to use at home.



On Thursday 7th May, the children came into the classroom to find Mrs Gregory quite upset.

It turned out that our very special monkey called 'George', had gone missing.

The children received a letter saying that someone had kidnapped George and that if we wanted him back we had to pay a ransom of 1million pounds.

The children and Mrs Gregory wrote a letter back to the kidnapper, explaining that they did not have that amount of money, even though the children did offer their own money for the return of George. They asked the kidnapper if we could please have him back.

The children then received another letter from the kidnapper, saying that he wanted 5 best things from the classroom.

The children thought of some great things to exchange for George; 5 biscuits, 5 cuddly toys, 5 pens etc.

Then Olivia suggested that " We could give hearts to show love. Love doesn't cost anything." This was such a beautiful way of showing empathy. The children agreed unanimously that we should all make a heart and decorate it for the kidnapper.

George was finally returned to Elm's class and we were all so happy to see him.

This was a great English lesson, to start our learning



On Thursday 14th May, the children had a surprise visit from Mrs Gregory's grandson Airies. The children talked to Airies about how they grew their sunflowers, and explained that they had to water them and talk to them.

They took Airies outside and showed him the musical wall.

The children showed so many values, friendship, respect, kindness, empathy and responsibility.



Willows



This half term we have...

Living history talk

Harmony's great grandfather was an RAF pilot in WW2. Her grandmother came in and shared her memories with us about his brave and dedicated service to our country through photographs, testimonies and authentic documents. It was a truly moving and memorable insight into our not-so-long-ago past which captivated both teachers and pupils alike. Thank you. We warmly invite any of our parents, grandparents or friends of our school community to come in and share with our children your living history.



Willows



Willows raised painted lady butterflies this half term as part of our science unit on life cycles and our English unit on non-chronological information texts. This investigation has been an exciting, rewarding and valuable experience and our children have learned a phenomenal amount. It has been so wonderful to see the children so engaged in the topic– inviting their parents/ carers into class to have a look for themselves!

Our Willows pupils are now talking knowledgeably about the butterfly life cycle using terminology such as larva, pupa, chrysalis, emerge and metamorphosis. They have brought home their information texts to celebrate their amazing writing at home!



Willows



We have also loved our music lessons playing the Glockenspiels. We have been real life rock stars singing and playing the song, 'I Wanna Play in a Band.' The enthusiasm and musical talent has been amazing to witness!

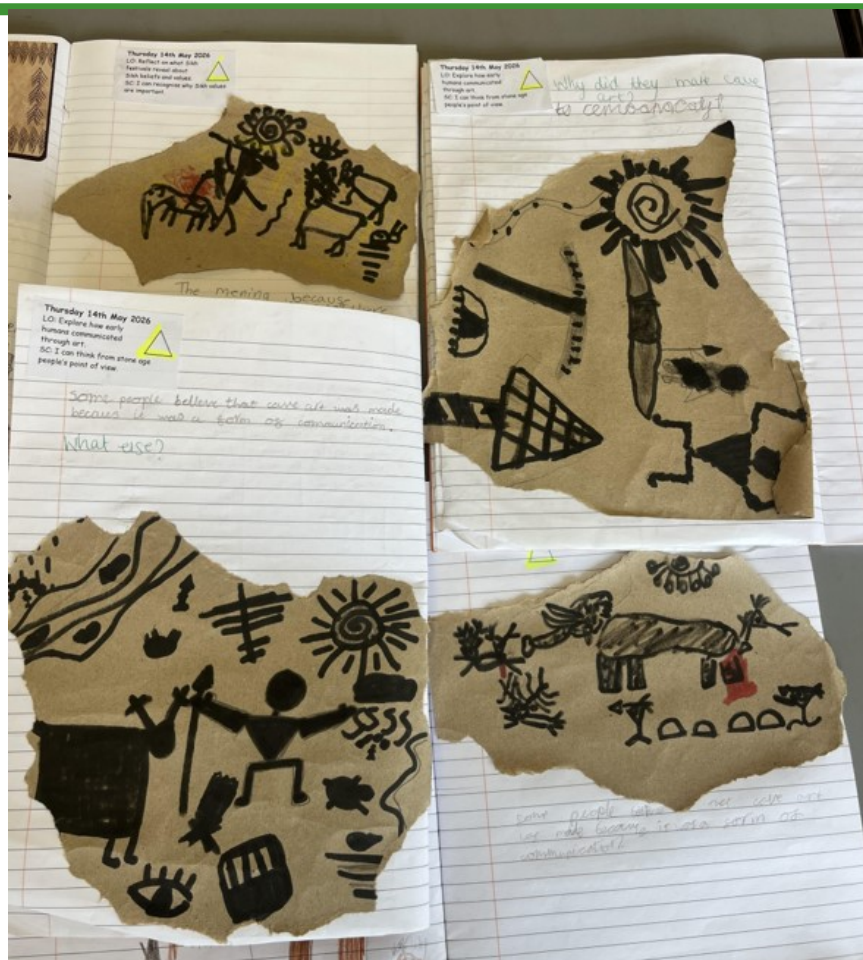


Birches



This half term we have...

Birches have had an exciting half term learning all about the Stone Age. The children have created some amazing cave art and will now be moving on to look at the Bronze Age.



A special mention must go to Amelia C for her amazing homework pictured here.



Birches



In RE, we have been exploring Sikhism, looking at different festivals including Diwali. The children made some wonderful lanterns.

In Science, we have been focusing on dissecting flowers/stem transportation. We even got to plant our very own sunflower seeds!



Birches



The rain couldn't stop us this week on our rescheduled cricket trip. The children all represented the school brilliantly and had a fantastic time (as you can see here!)



Oaks



This half term we have...

This half term in Oaks has been very busy.

In Maths we have been learning about Money and Time, very useful skills to have for the real world. In Science, we have looked at habitats around the school and the plants and animals they contain. We have learned the importance of these habitats and those in the wider world for our delicately balanced ecosystems and the children are starting to understand how human behaviour can impact the Earth.

Our Geography topic, will continue into next half term with a focus on North and South America.

By the time you read this, auditions will have been held for our end of year production, 'Lights, Camera, Action' and we will start rehearsals after the half-term break.

The highlight of our term has of course been our trip to PGL, where we spent three action-packed days trying out new activities. The children had a wonderful time and challenged themselves in so many different ways. It was lovely to see the co-operation and support they gave each other throughout their time away.



Book Worm Club!

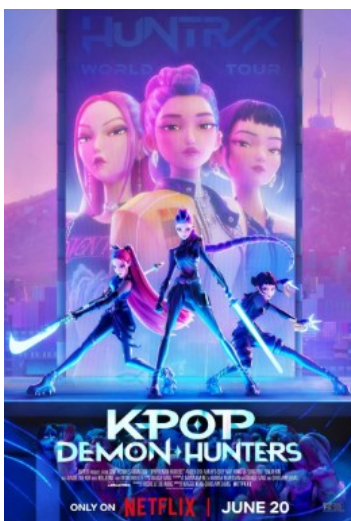


Miss Hornsey has been delighted to share some lovely books with her Book Worms at her club on Wednesday lunchtimes!



DANCE CLUB

We have been expanding the range of music we dance to including Queen, Fleetwood Mac, Tina Turner and many more that Grandparents may recognise! We have also been introduced to a-ha by Anthony and 'Chu Chu Ua' (Thanks Winnie and Connie). However, the firm favourite still remains Golden by K-Pop Demon Hunters. The pupils know all the words and can certainly throw some moves!



Litter Picking Club

The children have loved litter picking club with Miss Corcoran so much so that we ran out of litter to collect on Wednesday! It has been wonderful seeing so many children get involved with such enthusiasm.



School Parliament

This half term has seen the launch of some of the events formulated by School Parliament.

I have to say I am immensely proud of all the school parliament representatives and how they have shared and presented other children's ideas to further develop the events that have taken place.

We would like to thank everyone for their support for our very first book swap event. The event was the very first fundraiser and raised **£28**. We are also proud to support the recycling and rehoming of used books to make a positive impact on our environment.



Mrs Wisson

The school parliament representatives in each class are always willing to share ideas that are brought to them by their class and we welcome ideas for future activities.

Keep your eyes peeled for future correspondence and for more fun that School Parliament will bring to our school very soon!



School Parliament

This half term has also seen the Spelling Bee take place. The children worked so hard learning their spellings and we are very grateful for everyone's support in helping them to do this.

We have been absolutely blown away by the generosity of our school community and are proud to announce that the event raised an amount of **£862.35!** Thank you to everyone who sponsored the children's amazing efforts.

After listening to fantastic ideas from pupils across the school, the School Parliament is busy planning how to spend the funds to ensure they benefit children across the school. Please watch this space for an update after the holidays!





Spelling Bee (continued)

Class teachers have reflected on the event and have put forward the name of a pupil in their class who showed an outstanding approach to the Spelling Bee. Congratulations to:

Acorns: Marnie
Elms: Dougie
Willows: Ruby
Birches: Ellie
Oaks: Jordan

We have also celebrated our top fundraiser in each class. Congratulations to all those children who received a prize in assembly this week:

Acorns: Kara
Elms: Olivia
Willows: Florence
Birches: Eliza
Oaks: Kyriacos

A special mention goes to Kyriacos for being the top fundraiser with an amazing total of **£95!**

