

In the House!

Competitions in the following activities allow all Prep pupils the opportunity of representing their House at least once during the year: cross country, rugby, netball, soccer, cricket, rounders, swimming, line ball, athletics, chess, Mastermind.

Prep Sports Day

This year's Prep Sports Day was itself a three-legged



event, taking place as it did on Saturday 18th May, Thursday 23rd May and Tuesday 28th May. Unfortunately we had to call off the Year 5 and 6 athletics events due to the hazardous nature of the grass track caused by Saturday's prolonged showers.

On the Saturday morning parents and teachers joined together to offer Kwik Cricket and T-Ball for when the Year groups were not needed for their track events. The track events were up to the usual high standards with some very close races and excellent individual and relay performances. Events of note included the clothing relays and the sack races. We were very sad that the parents' races could not take place this year.

We managed to run the Year 5 and 6 athletics on the Thursday and the rain just held off long enough for the competitors to finish all their races. The final scoring event was the tug-o'-war on Tuesday marshalled enthusiastically by Mr Wilkins who put up with no nonsense. To make it even more exciting we decided to award double points for this event and at that stage the Houses were very closely positioned.

Finally the results all came in and the scores were as follows. In reverse order the positions were:

Hecker	128 points
Usherwood	130 points
Stuart	134 points
Forder	152 points

A good win for the boys and girls in red who thoroughly deserved their win this year.

I would like to extend a special thanks to all the staff and parents who volunteered to help. We were only able to offer this variety because of them and their sterling work. We are looking to continue with this style of Sports Day for the foreseeable future and if you have any further suggestions, please speak to Mr Lowe who will be delighted to consider them.

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Citizenship

On Wednesday 14 November Year 6 attended their first Junior Citizenship event organised by the Metropolitan Police. This valuable opportunity helps the children to learn how to respond safely and responsibly to situations that may arise outside the home and school environment through a series of carefully planned activities.

Christingle

- 300 candles
- 300 oranges
- 1200 cocktail sticks
- 15 bags dolly mixtures
- 1 large bag raisins
- 5 bags mini marshmallows
- 15m tin foil
- 75m red tape

On Wednesday 28 November these basic ingredients helped create one of the most atmospheric Junior School assemblies. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 spent one lesson that day learning about the religious significance of each item as they made their Christingle. During the assembly Miss Reid and a group of Year 6 pupils presented a thought-provoking sketch about the plight of homeless children. The Children's Society, the focus of our Christmas charity giving, provides vital support for these less fortunate youngsters. The highlight was when the Great Hall was gradually illuminated with the flickering light of the 300 candles, held securely in the children's hands as they sang the special Christingle carols. A memorable moment and a meaningful beginning to the Festive season. Thanks to the generosity of the Junior School families we were able to forward a cheque for approximately £1,900.00 to The Children's Society to help support their worthwhile work.

Christmas Gifts from the Junior School

Thanks to recent uniform changes and the generosity of parents, Madame Smith, our French Teacher, was able to prepare a special gift for the Mwanga I Memorial School in Kavumba, Uganda. 168 girls attend the school and sadly many of them are now without both parents. 152 freshly laundered, old style summer dresses were neatly packed and air freighted to Uganda.

Children nearer to home were also remembered this Christmas. The Prep Christmas tree was surrounded by

beautifully wrapped gifts donated by families in the Prep Dept. These were distributed around the borough by Lewisham Voluntary Care and helped to brighten the Festive Season for families in difficult circumstances.

Charities Morning

This year's charities morning supporting The Blue Peter Appeal Fund, Mencap and Demelza House, was held on Friday 15 February. In order to boost the funds raised the Prep Dept paid £1 each for the privilege of wearing their own clothes to school. The first event, a sponsored Spellathon, seemed to reveal that relieving parents of hard-earned cash was an added incentive for children to learn spellings as the results were most impressive! A Bring and Buy Sale was organised for the first time and thanks to some clement weather this was held in the playground. In a flurry of activity many of the tables laden with books and toys were cleared thanks to some persuasive selling from some of the stallholders. There was just time left to visit the cake sale before embarking on the clearing up! A total of just over £5,000 was raised. During a later assembly Mrs Janet Whitlock came to collect a cheque of £2,500 for Demelza House. She was thrilled as only a few months before, they did not have the funds

necessary to keep the House open on a full time basis. £1,000 was forwarded to the Blue Peter Appeal and just over £1,500 was passed on to Mencap!!

Theatre Visits

At the end of the Michaelmas Term Year 4 delighted a packed Great Hall with their superb production of *Jack and the Beanstalk*. On Thursday, 18 January, it was their turn to be entertained as, together with Year 3, they joined the audience at the Churchill Theatre for a matinee performance of *Peter Pan*. This production was more play than panto with acrobatic tumbling pirates taking the place of the more usual slapstick routine. Peter Pan seemed equally comfortable on the stage or in the

air and on one occasion was seen flying high above the audience. Paul Nicholas was suitably horrible as Captain Hook, although there was something about his voice that reminded us of the nice Mr Darling who appeared at the beginning and end of the show! Mrs Hallett and Mrs Poole were rather taken by the scouse Mermaid character – could this be a clue for next year's school panto? The afternoon passed really quickly, particularly the interval, as 109 children queued for ice creams! The same group of children were fortunate enough to make a return visit to the Churchill Theatre Bromley towards the end of the Summer term to see a stage production of *James and the Giant Peach*. The children were captivated by the oversized centipede, ladybird, worm, spider and grasshopper characters that travelled all the way to New York City inside, or on top of, a gigantic peach. Thanks to some forward planning by Mrs Poole there was no waiting in line for the interval treats!

THUNDERBIRDS AREGO!

On Drama Focus Day we went behind the scenes of the Churchill Theatre in Bromley. Paul, Chris and Steve showed us around. Chris made the lights change colour. The lights made our blazers change to red. Smoke came out of the floor. It had a big pipe which was standing up. To make it work you have a heavy computer, you press a button and then HUFF a big cloud of smoke rose to the lights. Then we saw some other children on telly but they couldn't see us. We heard music which was Popstars, and the sound effects of thunder and a donkey neighing. It was a huge place. We got to stand on the stage. I liked it when the smoke came out of the floor.

Billy Goddard-Worthington, Ralf Ayling-Miller, 3L

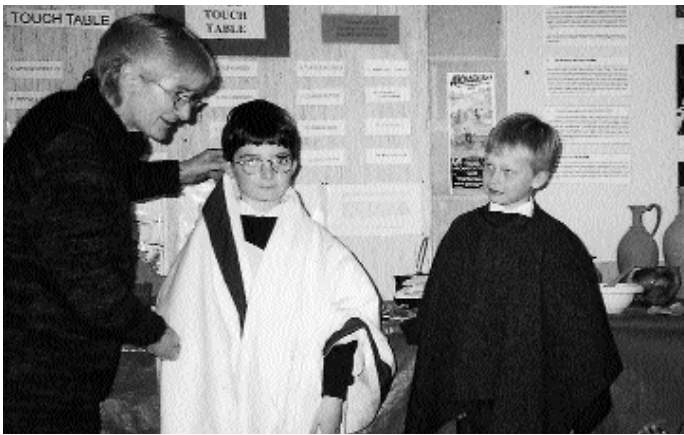


A Step Back in Time

Year 3 Visit Crofton Roman Villa

Year 3 visited Crofton Roman Villa in Orpington. Run by volunteer enthusiasts, this excavation offers more to our pupils each time we visit. As well as hearing about the original 10 man dig revealing this huge Roman farmhouse, the children handled historical evidence of the animal life on the farm and in the neighbouring woodland. Some pupils were dressed in traditional Roman costumes and every child left the villa with a brass rubbing of a Roman soldier. This visit complemented our History topic beautifully.

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Year 3 try on Roman costumes

On Thursday 1 November we left the school and went to the Villa by coach. When we arrived at the Villa a lady met us and gave us a talk about the Roman Pottery and other things they found when they were digging such as bones, jewellery and mosaic.

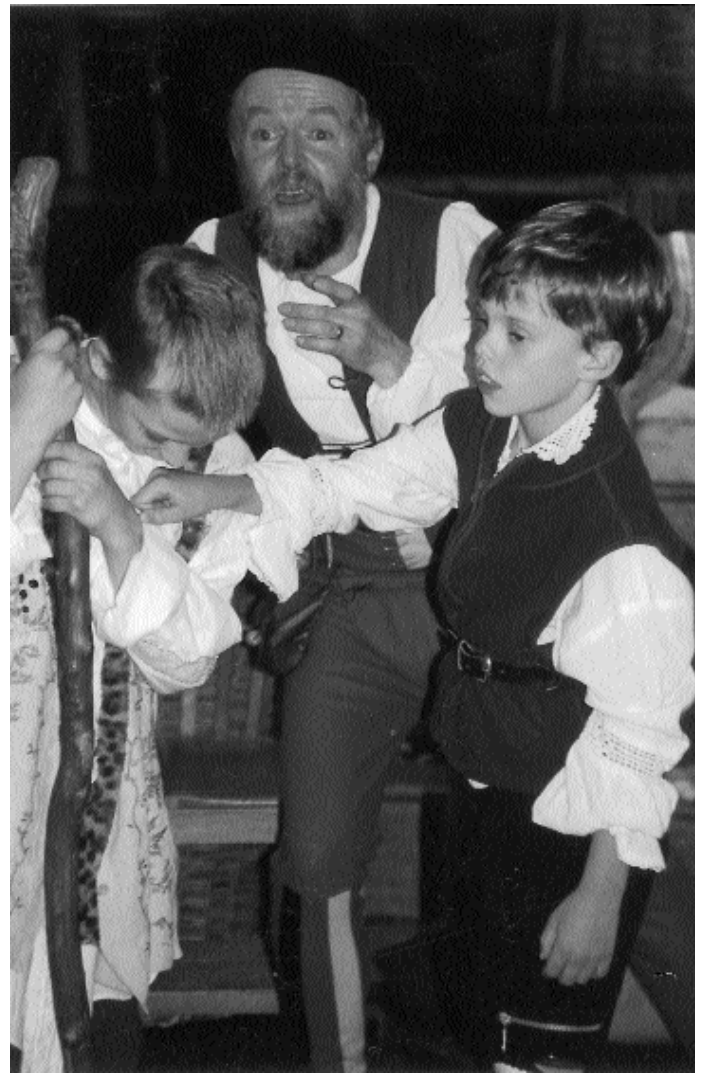
Later we did Roman soldier 'rubblings'. I really enjoyed doing this. We also looked at bones in trays. We had to guess what animal the bones were from. My favourite part of the day was the mosaics. We had to follow a chart to make a picture. At the end of the day we all went to the shop and bought souvenirs. I bought two key rings, a pen, a pencil and a leaflet.

Luke Adams (3W)

Year 4 in Tudor Times

Year 4 had a couple of opportunities to experience life in Tudor Times. The first was during Drama Focus Day when they were given the opportunity to study and perform a Tudor masque under the direction of enthusiast Richard York. In the Summer Term they visited the Weald and Downland Open Air Museum in the beautiful Sussex countryside. This visit gives the children a unique opportunity to observe, at close quarters, Tudor buildings and some original crafts. The children also visited the Tudor Gallery at the National Portrait Gallery where they learned more about the life of the Tudor Kings and Queens.

Today we went by train to the National Portrait Gallery. When we got there we took off our coats and backpacks and followed a guide to where the Tudor portraits were. First we looked at a lifelike portrait of Henry VII. The



Year 4 rehearsing a Tudor masque with Richard York

guide told us that he was supposed to be painted in a window. She asked Jonathon to go and say what language he thought the writing on the windowsill was in. It turned out to be Latin writing. She said that he was very crafty, very clever and very rich. He won the crown in a battle in the Wars of the Roses (Lancaster v York), he came from Lancaster. He married Elizabeth of York. Then he took the money from the fighting people. This stopped the fighting. Lancaster had a red rose for a logo and York had a white one.

Together Henry VII and Elizabeth of York formed a red and white rose. They called it a Tudor Rose.

Next we looked at a portrait of Henry VIII. It was done by a German painter. It wasn't coloured but it was still very good. She said that Henry VIII loved hunting and wrestling and that kind of sport. The portrait was huge! It was pinned on the wall. It was so big that I don't think there was any other way of displaying it.

Then we looked at a portrait of Elizabeth I. She was standing on a map of England. It was said that where she looked there was light and behind her there were storms. We could all choose which portrait to try and copy. After doing our drawings we went to the shop, had lunch in Leicester Square and in the afternoon we looked at some Victorian portraits.

Elizabeth Bingham (4H)

Year 5 at the Old Operating Theatre

In May Year 5 pupils visited the Old Operating Theatre, which is hidden in the roof of an old church near London Bridge and reached via a narrow twisting staircase. In this atmospheric setting the graphic details of Victorian surgery never fail to capture the imagination of the children. Thankfully, modern noses are spared the recreation of authentic aromas from this pre-deodorant and disinfectant era. Instead the scent of medicinal herbs wafts into the theatre from the adjacent apothecary museum where staff demonstrate early pill-making techniques.

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

The extensive extra curricular programme operated in the Prep Dept has enabled the children to sample sport, dance, music, art, books, IT, electronics and chess in familiar surroundings. The electronics workshop members have used their newly acquired skills providing lighting and sound effects for Junior School Productions. Some Year 6 Dance Club members joined forces with Year 7 dancers in a production at Lewisham Theatre. Chess remains popular with the College being increasingly represented in weekend tournaments by pupils from Years 2 to 6. There have been some excellent individual, as well as team, results including many best board performances.



Harriet samples an eggless sponge at the World War II cake sale

Food, Glorious Food

"Who can resist these delicious cakes?". 6L's World War II cake sale: Laura Kastoryano and Simone Dawkins



French breakfast, Ancient Egyptian lunch and Teatime treats from World War II

Breakfast	Lunch	Tea
croissant	hummus	carrot cookies
pain au chocolat	bread	no-bake chocolate cakes
chocolat chaud	fig sweets	eggless sponges
jus d'orange		eggless muffins

This intriguing menu was compiled from the following three, very different, activities which took place during the Lent Term:

French Breakfast

On Friday 8 March Madame Smith organised a French breakfast for Languages Day. Resplendent in her vivid red jacket and dazzling white apron she took us through the necessary vocabulary to ensure we did not miss out on the delicious croissant, pain au chocolat, jus d'orange or chocolat chaud. It was an enjoyable start to the day and gave the children an ideal opportunity to practise their spoken French. Merci beaucoup, Madame Smith.

Egyptian Cookery Day

On the 18th of March a lady called Delia came in to tell us about how the Egyptians made their food and made it ourselves! We were told to bring bowls, paper plates, wooden spoons and kitchen roll. First of all she showed us some slides of pictures of Egypt. They showed different plants and animals and carvings and some of them were from inside a tomb. After that we were given some thing called chick peas that were white and soft on the inside and hard on the outside. We put them in a bowl

and using the wooden spoons pressed them against the side to make them in to a paste. We then added seasoning. They were lemon juice, olive oil and garlic. We put it on a paper plate and tore up some pitta bread and put it on the side for dipping. Then came the desert! We were given a packet of figs which we took turns to slice up. We put all the pieces in a bowl and mashed them up with some almonds. We took the whole ball of it and moulded it in to a ball so it was all stuck together. After that we took small amounts and rolled them into sweet-sized balls and rolled them in a ball of powdered almonds until they weren't sticky and put them on a plate and ate them. Yum!

Lucy James (5W)

Fig Sweeties

You need:

Mixing bowl

Wooden spoon

Plate

Dried figs

Chopped almonds

Bowl of ground almonds

Cut the dried figs into tiny pieces. Put them all in the bowl. Start to squash them against the side with a wooden spoon until they are stuck together. Now add the chopped almonds. Crush the almonds into the figs and mix. Now separate the mixture into balls size of sweeties. Roll the balls in ground almonds.

Chick Pea Dip

You need:

Mixing bowl

Wooden spoon

Plate

Pitta bread

Chick pea water

Flavourings (lemon juice, etc)

Squash the chick peas against the side of the mixing bowl. Add some chick pea water. Keep squashing until you have a yellow mush. Now add the flavouring. Spoon it on to the plate. Tear the pitta bread into bite size pieces and place them around the outside of the dip.

World War II Cake Sale

6L were in a nostalgic mood as they prepared for the first ever wartime cake sale. Using authentic recipes from the 1930s History homework became homebake as they produced items to sell to the rest of the department.

'Come and buy my delicious cakes!'

No, it is not a refectory cake sale, it is a World War II cake sale in the Prep Art Room. On Wednesday 30th January 2002 Class 6L used wartime recipes to make cakes. We were first inspired by our Drama teacher, Mrs Lewis. It was her idea to bring in the cakes then we suggested a wartime cake sale. There were a variety of carrot cookies, no-bake chocolate cakes, eggless sponges, which were terrific, and eggless muffins. It was a tiring day and every crumb of cake was sold. We raised an astounding £25 which went to the Poppy Appeal.

Tola Akanbi Onasanya

Personalised Plates

Although it proved too late to display any of the above culinary treats Year 6 had an opportunity to decorate a dinner plate with an original design at the Ceramics Café in Hammersmith. After being glazed by the Café they are returned to the children as a lasting souvenir of their last week in Junior School.