

Primary Newsletter



**BLANCHE
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SCHOOL**

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for deaf children**

In partnership with Highgate Primary School

24th May 2018

Fifth Edition

Emily's Class

The Blanche Nevile Nursery and Reception children have been on lots of school trips. We went to Aldenham Country Park and visited the farm and park. We learnt about where food comes from and how farmers grow food. We also fed the goats that licked the food out of our hands. It was funny. We made some new friends with some other children from a different school, who are also deaf like us.

Last week, we went to the Aquarium and saw lots of sea creatures. The sharks were swimming beneath our feet and over our heads. It was exciting! We even saw the London Eye, Big Ben and a police boat on the River Thames while eating our lunch outside. We celebrated the end of term by going to a soft play centre. We climbed up the steps, slid down the slide and crawled through the small tunnels. It has been a very busy few weeks.



Lauren's Class

The children in Year 1 class have been looking after their sunflower plants really well and they are growing! We had five caterpillars in our classroom and we watched the caterpillars change into beautiful butterflies. The children decided that we needed to release the butterflies because it was not fair to keep them in the net as it is not a good habit for them. We did a lot of work on the life cycle of a butterfly.



Sharon's Class

We've had a very busy half term in Year 3 learning about the Ancient Romans. We started the topic off by learning about how the Romans used mosaics to decorate their floors. Then we made our own group mosaics using tiny paper squares.

Our role play area is now a Roman fort! We can dress as Roman Soldiers, have a chariot race and even pretend to pray to the Roman god Mithras for victory in battle!



We have been on two very exciting trips this half term. First, we went to St. Albans where we visited the Verulamium museum to see some amazing original Roman mosaics. After lunch in the park we went to see the ruins of a Roman amphitheatre.

Our second trip was to The Museum of London where we met with a special teacher there who showed us how rich Roman people dressed. We also made our own sachets of herbs to add to our bath water to make it smell lovely.



Ruth's Class

In Literacy, we have been practising our usage of lots of different verbs. We have also been learning about the story of Romulus and Remus and writing our own play scripts. In Maths, we have been learning about fractions, using new words such as 'numerator' and 'denominator', and we have just started learning about angles.

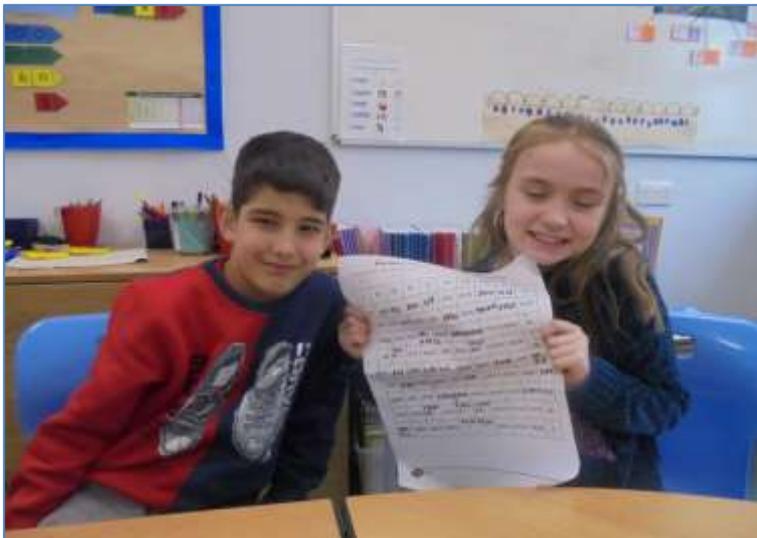
We have also started a new topic about the Romans. The children created Roman shields, frescoes, mosaics and even participated in Roman military drills in the gym! We also went on two trips to the Verulamium Museum in St Albans and the Museum of London, where we learnt about how the Romans developed and made our own Roman fragrances.



Ben's Class

Years 5 and 6 have enjoyed a busy few weeks which started with a visit from the NDCS 'listening bus'. We took part in two really informative sessions about Deaf technology and emotional well-being. On the same day, we created some outdoor art with our new friends from Summerside School.

In Maths, we have been looking at rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1000 while in science we have been discussing light - which objects are light sources, how light travels and reflects and how shadows are created. We have also been enjoying spending some time outdoors in the sun learning cricket in PE! We should also say a big good luck (and well done!) to those of our class who are doing their SATS exams this week!



LEGOLAND WINDSOR

Last Friday, we had our long awaited trip to Legoland Windsor! We were shaken on the roller-coasters, soaked on the water rides and stunned by the acrobatics at the pirate show. A trip to remember!





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May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that Jude Mann, Home School Liaison Officer, will be on maternity leave from Wednesday 16th May 2018.

During Jude's absence Jo Woolf (Primary) and Claire Bissell (Secondary) will be covering her work. If you need to contact either Jo or Claire, please contact them by calling the school office and a message will be passed onto them. The telephone numbers for Primary and Secondary are below:

Primary 020 8347 3760
Secondary 020 8442 2750

Please note the Home School Liaison mobile number and email address will not be in use from Wednesday 16th May 2018.

Claire will be working on a Monday and Tuesday and Jo will be on a Thursday and Friday.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Geraldine Santiago

Geraldine Santiago
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of Summer Term 1. It's hard to believe we only have one half term left until the end of this school year!

Over the last few weeks, the children have enjoyed a range of trips and visitors and the lovely weather has been an extra treat. We welcomed the NDCS and their Listening bus along with visiting deaf pupils from the deaf unit at Summerside school. It was lovely for the children to make friends with other deaf children and we hope to continue to build links with them and other schools.

We also had a very informative Coffee Morning that was led by the NSPCC which focused on how to keep your children safe on line. This was then followed up with special sessions for the different classes. We will soon be in touch about our last few planned Coffee Mornings for this year.

As always, I wish you and your families a lovely holiday and thank you again for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Kathryn McCarthy
Acting Assistant Head teacher



Important dates



Wednesday 23rd May – Friday 25th May – Tolmers (year 4)

Friday 25th May – Last day of Summer (1) term

Monday 28th May – Half Term Break (School Closed for pupils)

Monday 4th June – Start of Summer (2) term

Wednesday 20th June – Infants Sports Day

Thursday 21st June – Junior Sports Day

Saturday 30th June – Summer Fair

Thursday 5th July – Nursery Sports Day

Friday 6th July – Reception Sports Day

Wednesday 11th July – Year 6 Leavers Performance 6pm

Wednesday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Disco

Friday 20th July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 20th July – End of Summer (2) term

Reminder:

Please ensure you check your child's school bag and Home /School book every day for important letters and information.