

Upper Phase Newsletter

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Literacy

Year 5 have been doing lots of grammar and punctuation revision, making sure that they can name nouns, pronouns, verbs, adverbs, adjectives and prepositions.

To link with their current topic, Year 5 are reading a text about Odysseus. They have been making character inferences and predictions as well as finding out about classic Greek storytelling.

Maths

Year 5 have learnt about transforming 2D shapes by rotation, translation and reflection. They even made transformation board games to help them remember what to do. They have also practised converting percentages to fractions and decimals...and back again.

Ancient Greece

Year 5's brilliant visit to Cambridge last week provided a great stimulus to learning about the ancient 'city states' and the differences between Athens and Sparta. They have made a timeline of Ancient Greece and made 3D pictures of the Parthenon.

Year 6 Transition

Year 6 have been focusing on forthcoming changes in their lives.

- Actios visited and set up a reflective prayer space in the small hall which gave everyone an opportunity to be calm and think about the future.
- In Science and PSHE the children have learnt about puberty and relationships.
- They have discussed how to keep themselves safe and how to resist any negative peer pressure. They have spent time thinking about their own skills and talents, what makes a good friend and how to make new friends at secondary school.
- All children have now visited their new school for two days, taking the opportunity to meet new staff, find their way around a much bigger site, experience new lessons and play with new friends.
- Ernulf and Longsands Academies have given us the children's new Maths and English exercise books for them to complete their first pieces of work supported by and marked by their current teachers. We have started these tasks and will continue next week.

Multi-Sports morning

We are so proud of Year 5 and Year 6! Every single one of them is fantastic at tag-rugby, netball and dodge ball! Both classes won their sports mornings when they competed against other schools in the Diamond learning Partnership Trust. They now have a fantastic trophy each and can be really proud of their skills, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Alice

The rehearsals for our Summer Show are going really well. Year 6 children have already learnt their lines and now just need to practise making their voices a bit louder. The props and costumes are coming along nicely (Thank you, Mrs Culver) and everyone knows the words to the choruses now. Children, over the weekend please practise the words to the verses of the songs as well and make sure that you have returned your face paint permission letter. Tickets for the three performances are now available from the office.