

FOOTBALL UPDATE

Last weekend the boys football team played their first matches of the season and the girls played their second matches. It was a very cold morning on Blackheath so thank you to all the parents who came out to support. The teams did us proud by demonstrating our school values and showing great determination and team work. Our next matches are on Saturday 27th January.



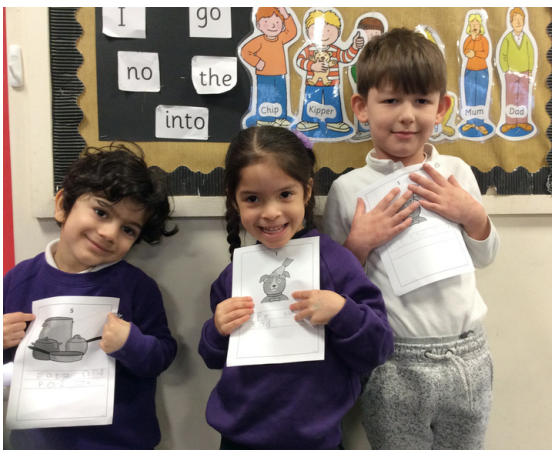
NURSERY

This week the Nursery children have been really busy. Even though it has been very cold, the children have still played outside having fun. We have been working on our new snow display. The children have loved making their snowy handprints. The water is still very popular inside the classroom, Marnie was fascinated at the water falling through the sieve. Look at Serenity pushing the buggy along trying to get her baby to sleep.



RECEPTION

We have had lots of fun this week. Not only have we learnt how to write simple sentences using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops; we also had a lovely visit from Mr Hooper who help to set up and play floor is lava!



YEAR 1

This week, London Bridge have been having a great time at Forest School where we have been learning all about the seasons. We discussed that in Winter it starts to get very cold and Eleanor was able to point this out by finding a block of iced water. Brrrrr! Whilst others were climbing trees and creating fairly-lands, Alanya has created a wonderful picture of a tree using bark and leaf prints she made when foraging for natural materials. For many of the children, the biggest thrill is finding minibeasts and Daisy-Mae found and investigated a worm and examined it closely with a magnifying glass.



YEAR 2

Year 2 enjoyed their launch day last Friday- we went on a whistle stop tour of Africa; we created beautiful sunset artwork and we tasted different fruit grown in Africa. In English, we have created our own Highway villains- we must keep a close eye on them to make sure they don't get up to mischief!



YEAR 3

In English this week, we have been exploring a new text 'I want my hat back' by Jon Klassen. We have designed our very own enchanted forest on lining paper, using a range of materials. We designed and built homes for the animals in the book. Then, we explored the hat and made our own hats. To end the week, we used questions to hot seat characters. Here are just some of the activities we have completed.



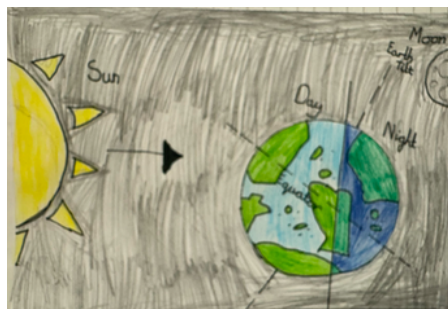
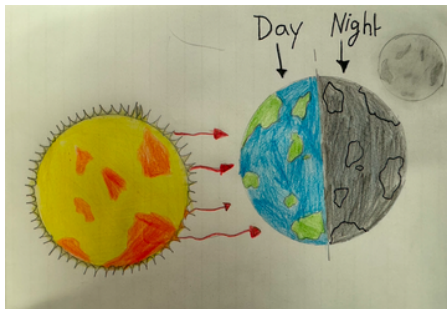
YEAR 4

This week in year four, our PHSE lessons have been about the Outright Project which is run by UNICEF. We explored all of the rights of the Child by matching the definitions with the icons. There are so many! We had a look at 42 of them. Our focus this year is going to be children's mental health because it's very important.



YEAR 5

This week we have continued learning all about space. We recapped on the order of the planets and found our nuemonics from last week really helped us remember this. Then we investigated why we have night and day. We learned that the Sun does not move but that the Earth spins on its axis and it takes 24 hours for a full rotation. If the Earth is facing the Sun, then it is daytime. If the Earth is facing away from the Sun, then it is nighttime. In addition, we found out all about different time zones. If you travel directly north or south, then the time will stay the same but if you travel further east or west, there will be a time difference. Here are some of the fabulous diagrams we created to explain why we have day and night.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have been learning all about evolution in Science. We wanted to learn more about Charles Darwin and his theory of 'Natural Selection', so we conducted an experiment to help us understand why different finches survived on each of the different Galapagos Islands. Using pointy tweezers and blunt pincers to represent the birds' beaks, we attempted to pick up a variety of different seeds and food types. We discovered that different types of beaks were more successful at picking up certain types of food.



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& staff

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Get in touch if you can help
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PTA UPDATE

OUR BIG SPRING PROJECT

This year the school has asked us to help rebuild and refresh the **Peace Garden**. Created several years ago as a quiet space for pupils and staff to enjoy, this garden has become quite worn out and most of it needs significant refurbishment or replacement. The space is currently too dangerous to be used, which is such a shame.

This is a big project and as well as funding it will require a lot of time and effort from the school, the committee and our community.

The project is likely to involve:

- **Removal of the current garden furniture – flower beds, woodchip area, and decking**
- **Designing and planning a new garden space**
- **Purchasing the required materials**
- **Building and installing the new garden**
- **Installing a new rainwater collection system and solar lightning**

We are currently working on a project plan with the school and the Green Team, which we will share shortly including dates when we will be on site, clearing & planning the space.

Can you help with any of the above? Are you, or do you know, a landscape or garden designer? Are you a builder or a carpenter? Do you run a garden shop or hardware store? Are you a whizz with plants and trees?

Can you help us dig out and remove the old garden – most likely on a weekend – or build the new one?

It will take a big community effort to get this project completed – but the result should be a fantastic resource for the school. We are aiming to reopen the garden at the Summer Fair in June, so we only have a short period of time to get the project completed. There's more information [here](#), or if you think you might be able to help in any way, please drop us a line [here](#). Thank you!

AGM - SAVE THE DATE - WEDS 21 FEB 2024 @ 7.45pm

Our first meeting of 2024 will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Please make a note in your diary: we will be hosting our first meeting of the year on Weds 21 February @ 7.30pm.

We will be hosting the meeting at Grove Park Community Centre (previously known as Grove Park Library) and there will be drinks & snacks available.

As per our constitution, we will be disbanding the current committee and re-electing all roles. This meeting requires around 15 people present, and is vital to maintain our status as a charity so please do join us if you can.

The committee roles that will be re-elected are:

*** Chair * Secretary * Treasurer * Trustees (x4)**

Our current secretary will be stepping down, so we are particularly looking to fill this role as well as adding another 1 or 2 trustees, so we can ensure representation across the whole school community, especially from KS1 parents.

If you might be interested in joining the committee and would like to discuss what's involved, please drop us a line and we'll be happy to chat – info-pta@cooperslane.org