



Well as we find ourselves half way through the year it's been another extremely busy and exciting half term! The children and teachers have been tremendously active since January with new curriculum topics, many school trips, cake sales and numerous class assemblies at which we are always delighted to see you.



The Infants have enjoyed a Pied Piper Theatre Company performance of 'A Star in a Jar', a World Music Workshop and a Film Night as well as welcoming several special guests as part of the People Who Help Us theme.



We also welcomed a harpist in Year 2 as part of music (learning about Peter and the Wolf) and enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year with a special lunch for all the children.

Year Three have visited Haslemere Museum to develop their knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians and taken part in the Rocks and Soils Workshop. Year 4 have visited Winchester Museum and welcomed their very own Anglo Saxon warrior to school. Year 5 experienced life as Tudors while Year Six enjoyed a wonderful Caribbean drumming workshop, a lacrosse taster day and a visit to Marwell Zoo. We are very proud of all the children's efforts and look forward to an equally successful and fun packed half term to follow.

As the children's sporting activities and achievements continue to grow we are pleased to continue our new Sports Newsletter; we hope you enjoy it.

It is an absolute pleasure to be able to celebrate the broad, balanced and creative curriculum provided for the children alongside two letters received from Nick Gibb congratulating the school on the children's 'outstanding achievement in the 2019 phonics screening check' and 'the very high levels of progress' demonstrated by children in last year's Key Stage 2 assessments.

We were delighted to feature as the Number 1 school in Surrey <https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/top-10-best-performing-surrey-17563582>



The infant site was delighted to launch their new reading initiative 'Surprise Storyteller' this term. It has been a huge hit with children and parents alike. The teachers have welcomed parents, grandparents, extended family and guardians into their classrooms to share their favourite story with the children. The children have been thrilled each week when their surprise story time is announced and enjoy guessing from clues who it may be. It has been wonderful to welcome so



many carers in to school to take part in this opportunity to share in the magic of reading with our children and we hope to welcome many more Surprise Storytellers over the coming months to enter into the magical world of books with us (dressing up optional!)

## Discover Japan Day

On Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, Year 1 embraced Japan through their exploration of the Japanese language and culture. All pupils benefited from a rotation of enrichment activities, including Japanese characters in English; counting from 0-10 in Maths; martial arts in Physical Education; traditional songs in Music; painting in Art and Design; as well as Buddhism in Religious Education.



Everyone put so much effort into making their costumes as authentic as possible, ranging from martial arts to more traditional kimono, yukata and hakama. What a memorable day! Arigato.



If you think you may have seen an executioner walking to school today you probably did because the children and teachers in Year Five have enjoyed the annual Tudor Day!



They all dressed in Tudor costume for the day and everyone from Henry VIII to Cardinal Wolsey to a Court Jester were represented.

Each class engaged in a rotation of activities which included a Crime and Punishment workshop, Tudor dancing, Brass Rubbing and creating a Shakespearian storyboard in IT.



The children (and staff) looked wonderful in their Tudor costumes.