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Creating a Love of Learning

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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I wanted to highlight the opportunities and experiences that have been offered to children in our school and some of the amazing achievements. I would also like to thank the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure our offer is as good as it can be.

School Trips

Peppard Class have been to the River and Rowing Museum in Henley to supplement their learning on their topic of minibeasts. The children found some minibeasts and bugs and learned the differences between the two, including all the names of the different body parts.

We were delighted to once again hear from the museum staff, "Peppard children are always so well behaved and well mannered!"

Grey's class visited Gallowstree Field, where they learned all about seeds and the rewilding of previously, conventionally farmed land. They also visited Beale Wildlife Park, where they saw lots of fascinating animals, had an educational workshop putting animals into categories and they took a train ride around the park! The weather shone and the children said it was the "Best school trip ever"!

Highmoor Class went to the museum and castle in Wallingford. They learnt about the impact that the Normans had on our local area, taking part in workshops at the museum and then exploring the castle.

Springwood Class went to Ufton Court, there the class were learning about how people in Britain experienced World War 2 in their history lessons and about wartime codes and codebreakers in Computing. Facilitators at Ufton Court put together a fantastic programme involving the children so they could experience the skills wartime children needed, experiment with Morse Code and other codes, and find out what living through an air raid was like.

School Visitors

We have had several visitors into school this term, Lou Austin (Mother of Islay) came in to show Springwood children some chicks. They nurtured some eggs in an incubator until they hatched, this formed part of their lessons on animal life cycles. It was so lovely to see the little chicks hatching and be able to see them in the classroom. Thank you, Lou.

Bill Pollard (Father of Rosie) came on his Penny Farthing! This was prior to a sponsored ride he had planned with his friend Matt Richardson for Macmillan Cancer Support travelling from Henley to Paris. During the trip they were dressed in 19th century clothes to ensure they looked the part!

Hannah Rancombe, Mike Jerstice & Berni Kent came from Reading Blue Coat school, to offer us a science day where each class participated in their own experiments. Greys class, were shown how to make electricity from vegetables which they all found fascinating!

Year 5 attended "STEAMfest" which took place at Leighton Park School in Reading. The festival created a hands-on exploration of how science, creativity and teamwork can help in a humanitarian crisis.

Sporting Achievements

The Great School Run at Stonor Park brought success for Evan came second in the Year 5 race and Immie came third in the Year 4 girl's race.

Some of our pupils represented Henley Hockey Club in the Hockey Regional Finals, where they came first doing their club and our school proud! They continued this success with winning the Henley inter-school tournament.

In Athletics, some of our pupils participated in Quad Kids, our Year 5/6 team came second, resulting in them going through to the finals. Year 3/4 were also invited to take part. Our pupils competed well, showed determination and fabulous team spirit and finished 4th in the competition.

Highmoor class went out to a school in Caversham for a cricket festival, where they learnt cricket skills then put them all together to play some competitive games.

The South Oxfordshire Girls Football Final was horribly wet! Our girls were fantastic. They had great fun and came third.

Peppard Tennis Club invited us to enter teams into Year 3/4 and 5/6 tournaments. Both teams played well, with some fantastic shots played.

A selection of year 5 and 6s also took part in a basketball friendly with Sonning Common.

Our Year 5/6 took part in football friendlies at The Heights then a tournament in Henley organised by HFC at Jubilee Park. The children played brilliantly in the hot weather. Their hard work paid off with the girls coming second and the boys coming third.

Later in the term we had our wonderful Sports Day, always a fantastic community event, where parents and pupils come together. We were lucky with the weather!

Later in June, Lucas in year 5 organised a fundraiser after learning about endangered species and their threatened habitat at school. He managed to encourage some of his friends to join in, so Lucas, Islay, Lucien, Evan, Ruby and Jake, ran over 300 laps around the common to raise money for WWF-UK. Their efforts raised over £1,000 an most incredible achievement.

Finally, we hosted our annual rounders tournament with over a hundred children taking part in two tournaments during the day. Our year 3/4 team finished a credible 3rd and our year 5/6 teams finished 1st and 2nd.

Our sporting achievements this term alone show that although we are a small school we are certainly mighty!

And finally, finally, we wish the best of luck to our year sixes who are heading out into the world beyond Peppard. They are off to Gillotts, Langtree, St Helens & St Katherines, Shiplake College, Blue Coat School, Abingdon College, Leighton Park School, St Oscar Romero in Worthing and Mercedes College in Adelaide, S. Australia!

We hope that you have a safe and relaxing break.

Regards,

Nick