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Pool Hayes Primary Express

Welcome to the sparkling Spring edition of our fabulous school newspaper. Our budding young journalists have been working hard to update you with all the thrilling developments that have happened in the Spring term at our fantastic school. Firstly I'd like to introduce you to our super talented writing team who all contributed articles and features found in this newspaper.

From Year 6 – Haylie Staffiere, Ciaran Redfern and Isabelle Nightingale

From Year 5 –Georgia Hubble, Joe Knott and Emily Bowen

From Year 4 – Kitty Kerry, Aiden Osborne and Abbey Footman

From Year 3 – Meya Sheldon, Evie Webber and Freya Robinson

I hope you enjoy reading this Easter edition, have fun completing the activities and have a safe and happy Easter break with your family and friends. It's time for some sunshine.

Mr Carter–Deputy Headteacher

The complete team!

Look for these Easter pictures as you're reading the newspaper.
How many can you find of each one?
Once you've counted all of them write the total in the boxes below:

Bunny ☐ Egg ☐ Chick ☐

In the news

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Current events and developments:

Welcome –we welcome Ms Luck in Year 2 this term; we are delighted you have joined us. We also welcome Mr Cetaro who is our new sports coach – exciting!

Inspire workshops–excellent workshops so far this year from Mrs Peasley with her writing parent workshop, a really important Online Safety parent workshop with Miss Guy and Mr Carter and a superb Chinese New Year Inspire workshop from the EYFS staff and children.

E-cadets – have been busy in class and in assemblies making sure that children understand the SMART rules and ensuring they can keep themselves safe online. You'll be able to read an interview with them later in this issue.

School trips – this term two year-groups went to the outstanding National Space Centre in Leicester and Year 1 visited Weston Park to investigate toys and games.

Young Tycoons – the House Captains have been waiting patiently for the results of the nationwide enterprise contest that they entered in the Autumn term. We were glad to receive a letter from Peter Jones congratulating the SLSP team on their fantastic total of £300 made and £200 profit. See below for the fantastic certificate of achievement from the Peter Jones Foundation.

Junior PCSO's – our new traffic officers from Year 5 have had a very positive influence on traffic issues around the School; you'll read all about them in this issue.

Farewell–to Mrs Mills, thank you for your help and we will miss you. Good luck in your new job.

Easter Egg Competition

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What is it all about?

In the last two weeks of the Spring term, all classes of all ages took part in the eggcellent annual Easter egg competition! The challenge was for all pupils to come up with a design that was inventive, creative and based on a theme. The winners were announced in the last celebration assembly of the term and are as follows:

1st: Abby and Lola Footman 2nd: Lotti Barker 3rd: Tyler Edwards

Beauty and the Beast theme

The Gruffalo theme

Humpty Dumpty theme

All the children who took part said that they really enjoyed making the models and took great care to make them as perfect as they are. As you can see – they did a great job! Have a look at the gallery on the next page...

Gallery

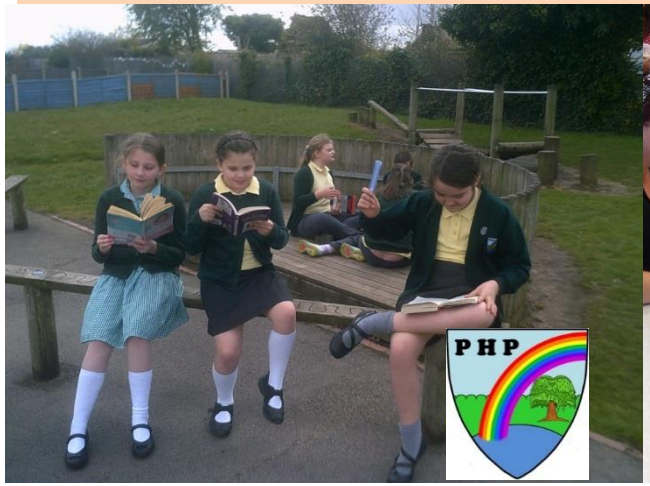
All about Parent and family lunches

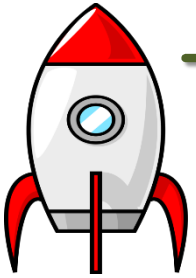
At our school we invite parents to come in and have a family lunch with their children or relatives. Children and families have loads of fun playing together outside and a choice of a HOT dinner or packed lunch in the hall.

This term a few year-groups had a family lunch and I spoke to some children from Year 4 about it. Melissa from year 4 said she enjoyed "that her parents got to play with her and to have lunch with her mom." She also enjoyed that she got to do loads of things with her mom at school that she doesn't get the chance to do usually. Jack said that he enjoyed it because his parents came - he appreciated having his family share time with him in school and there is nothing he could or would improve for next time.

Interview and gallery

James from Year four said that he enjoyed the family lunch because "the games he played and the music he could dance to with his dad was brilliant." He also said that "his parents loved to be involved and part of his school day too."





The National Space Centre

On the 13th of January Year 5 went on a thrilling visit to the National Space Centre. It was all the way over in Leicester but it was definitely worth the wait. As soon as we got there we were immediately greeted by a member of staff. As we entered the café there was a big 'DON'T PRESS' button... Obviously we pressed it and the class looked like they had seen an alien as mist and fake fire blew on their worried heads. From then on we knew we were in for a treat!

We then went to the Planetarium where we learned all about what an Astronaut goes through when he is in space. It was in stunning 3D and we were scared and excited whilst experiencing the thrill of space travel.

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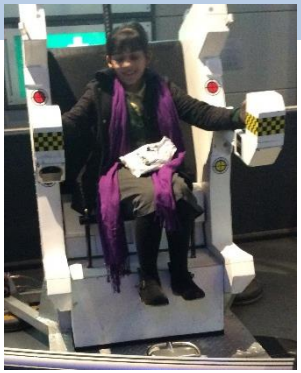
The Simulator

As we entered the simulator our eyes widened when we saw the room, it was like a roller coaster cart in front of a screen. When the simulator started the screen showed an image of Jupiter's moon. The ride was exciting and jolted us around until we reached the moon base... phew! We could also go on the robot simulator where you had to test your co-ordination skills by completing laser guided direction tasks. Keira had the highest score overall because she had the best control.



Year Five Interviews

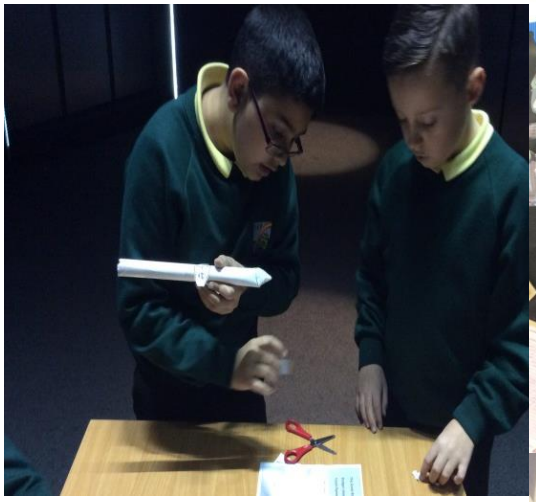
Josh - "the ride-simulator was very bumpy but really good fun, it made me laugh and made me a bit dizzy."

Libby- "the facts are interesting and there's loads of fun activities to do." She also felt that in the 3D cinema you might feel a bit sick because you feel like you're in space. It's so realistic!

Ruby- "the Planetarium was really cool, it was like a cinema but bigger and it was like it was real space quest."

Kim- "when we went to the Planetarium it felt that we was actually in space and everyone was screaming. I thought it was really cool and I would like to go there again."

National Space Centre Visit Gallery



The Great Rocket Challenge really made us work hard as a team and was great fun.
Our trip inspired us to learn more and write about what inspired us –
we are very proud of our displays in the corridor and in class.

Maths Focus Week

The 20th of March to the 24th of March was our whole school maths focus week. Our school teachers planned the maths focus because the they wanted the pupils to learn more about maths while having a great time completing hands on activities and using and applying their knowledge to real life problems.

Each class did some maths-based activities and had a maths-based book to read. They then had to organise their activities around the plot.

In Year 6, they made maths board games and short stories. In Year 5 they used maths to make bridges from a plan and smoothies from a recipe. Another year group based all their learning on jobs that use maths every day like builders and engineers. We all had a thoroughly brilliant time and learned so much more about maths in real life.

Year 6 Interview

We have interviewed two children from Year 6. They are Lily Handley and Lynsey Ellitts.

What did you enjoy about focus week?

Lily: Making the board games because it was fun.

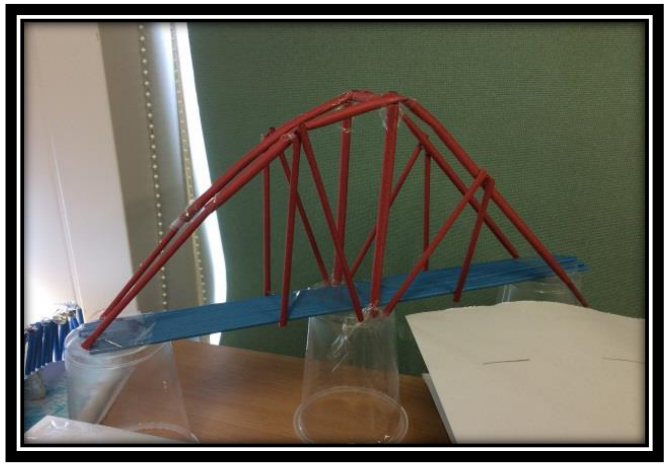
Lynsey: Making the books because I worked in a team and had to work hard to make them interesting, fun AND include a maths focus.

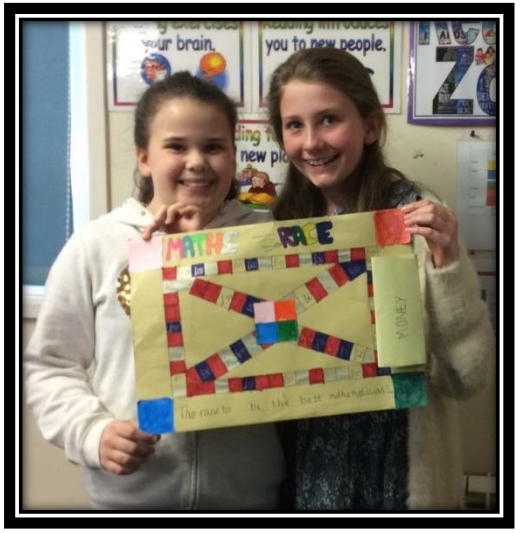
If you could do the activities again, what would you change?

Lily: Nothing because it was an amazing experience all week.

Lynsey: Nothing because it was a phenomenal week and we learned lots about problem solving.

Photo Gallery



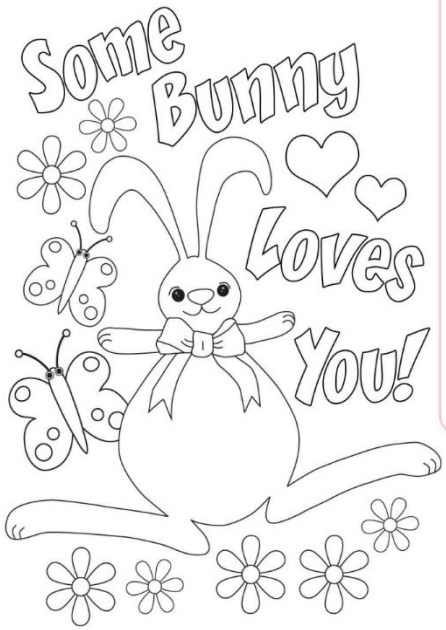


All classes had fun and created amazing things throughout the focus week.

Above are some of the examples from Key Stage Two

Easter Activity Sheet

Color Me



Fill in the Vowels

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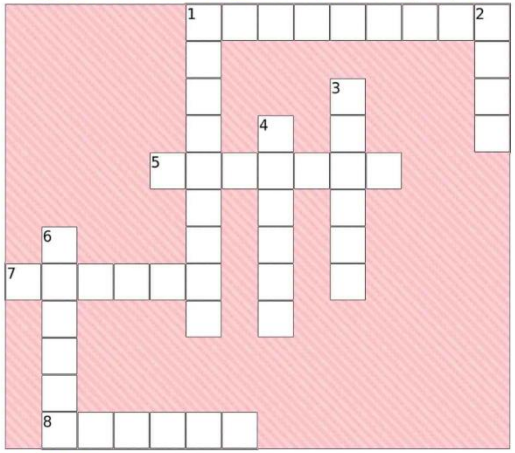
Easter Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 WHAT PEOPLE DO ON EASTER
5 RHYMES WITH SHOPPING
7 A WOVEN CONTAINER TO HOLD OR CARRY THINGS
8 A LONG EARED ANIMAL THAT HOPS

DOWN

1 A FAVORITE EASTER TREAT
2 THESE ARE DECORATED FOR EASTER
3 EASTER IS ON THIS DAY OF THE WEEK
4 ONE OF THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE YEAR
6 A HOLIDAY IN THE SPRING

Easter Word Search Puzzle

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BASKET BUNNY CANDY CELEBRATION CHICKS CHOCOLATE
DAFFODIL EASTER EGGS FAITH FAMILY FLOWERS
HOLIDAY HUNT RABBIT SPRING SUNDAY TULIPS

PHP Easter Fun and Games Time!

Help the Easter bunny find his way to his egg basket!

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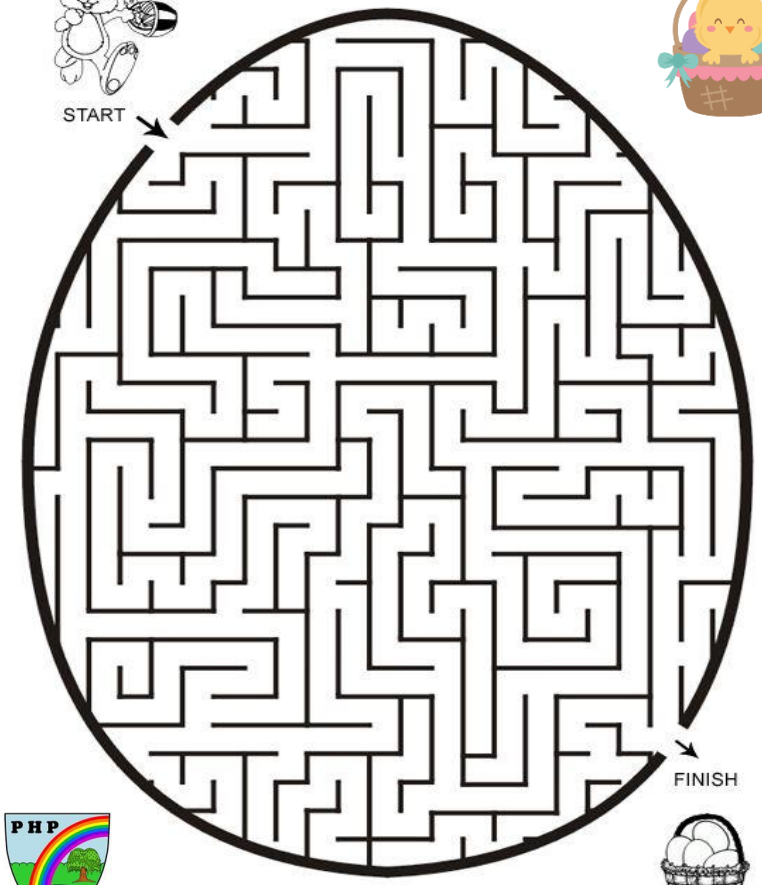

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E-CADET INTERVIEW

E-cadets do a brilliant job at PHP making sure children stay safe on the Internet and know how to use the SMART rules if they feel that there may be a problem. We Interviewed two e-cadets from year 6 and year 3 - here are the following interviews:

eCadets:
Kids keeping kids safe online

Ria Bains

What's your favourite part of being an e-cadet?

- Helping people with their online safety problems.

Why did you choose to be an e-cadet?

- Because it combines my love of computers and helping people!

Hrithik Dugh

- **What's your favourite part of being an e-cadet?**

Helping people with their technical problems.

- **Why did you choose to be an e-cadet?**

I like to make sure my friends know how to stay safe online.

Kitty Kerry

- **What's your favourite part of being an e-cadet?**

Helping people and sorting out problems.

- **Why did you choose to be an e-cadet?**

Because I have lots of laptop experience and I know the SMART rules really well.

- **What advice do you have for children and parents ?**

Make sure your accounts are private and you do not give any personal information out online. If there is anything worrying you - tell someone! Lastly, parents need to talk to their children and supervise them on the Internet , it can be a dangerous place if you don't know the SMART rules!

Red Nose Day

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This Red Nose Day on Friday the 24th of March, was a bit different as we were all dressed in RAINBOW colours instead of uniform. We dressed in colours representing our class colours. Before Red Nose Day we learned about many of the places in the world that are experiencing famine and drought. Particularly in Africa, where children are not as privileged as us, do not have the chance to go to school or may not even have a home to sleep in. We all agreed that we must do something to help.

Everyone who was in non-uniform gave a pound to Comic Relief and in total PHP raised £161 to help children and adults that aren't as fortunate and lucky as us in this country and around the world.

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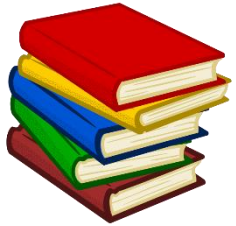
Different Noses you can collect

Children really enjoyed the Red Noses and tried to collect as many as possible. Especially the Frankinose; one that was really rare. I interviewed Fern from Year 5 about Red Nose Day, she said "I enjoyed everything, especially the smoothies that we made to raise more money, it was so much fun and one of the best days ever at school!"

All About World Book Day

On the 2nd of March 2017 it was World Book Day for children across the world but more importantly... Pool Hayes Primary! After a vote and using the power of democracy, the most popular theme was Harry Potter. In assembly the whole school took part in a Harry Potter quiz with the lovely Mrs Snape. We (the whole school) got into our house groups (Salus, Populi, Suprema, Lex) and began the competition. It was very close and tested some superb Harry Potter skills from lots of children but in the end the competition was won by Salus. They correctly identified where the last Horcrux was located so Harry could finally defeat Voldermort! The gallery below shows how much fun we had and all our super outfits.

Breakfast and Books



Breakfast and books is a new way that we can invite our parents in to school to help us learn and enjoy some time reading with us. In the mornings we invite our parents in to have breakfast and read with us... just for enjoyment! Here is Cyra and her experience with Breakfast and books "I think it's a great idea where children get a good experience of reading and their parents get to come and read and eat breakfast with them. It's also good because they go on Bug Club books on the iPads"

Ben in year 3 explained "I thought it was good and my mom liked all the breakfast that the school provided and also I liked to eat breakfast with my mom and read my favourite book - The Gruffalo's Child."

Junior PCSOs – Traffic Safety

How did we get started?

The local police and local residents saw lots of unsafe parking in the morning before the bell went so they reported it to our school. Then the Police had a talk with Ms Bailey, our Headteacher. They all agreed that we should start a Junior Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) group to monitor traffic outside our school. Then Mrs Williams asked Olivia, Kim and Fern, if they wanted to be PCSOs and they all said yes and that's how it started.

What do we do?

The PCSO's job every morning... they stand with clipboards noting down any parent/carer that parks on the yellow lines, zigzag lines or corners and keep clear areas including the staff car park. If adults do this and make the entrance to the school a dangerous place they will get a warning and if they get a second warning, it will be taken to the police. The adult will then have to go to the police station to talk to traffic officers about road and traffic safety. The PCSOs go out every day doing their job with Mrs Williams and they really do keep our parents and children safe in the local environment.

Easter Challenge Activities

Design a pattern and paint onto a hard boiled egg	Visit your local library and discover why we celebrate Easter	Download and complete a Nature Detectives activity sheet www.naturedetectives.org.uk	Write a Spring poem and illustrate it
Visit a Learning Destination and complete an Easter themed activity	Write and create an Easter Egg treasure hunt and get someone to find them all	Decorate a plant pot and plant spring flowers	
	Create a musical instrument from recycled materials	Take a walk outside (beach, woods, etc.) and collect natural resources (flowers, leaves etc.) to create a collage	Bake Easter nests http://www.bbc.co.uk/food/recipes/eastereggnests_93841

In our next issue:
Summer term focus week, sports days, Young Enterprise, music performances and a review of the Year 6 Residential.