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Why did the scarecrow win so many awards? Because he was always out-standing in his field!

Police arrested two kids yesterday, one was drinking battery acid, the other was eating fireworks. They charged one - and let the other one off.

Benson School Ofsted Visit

On the 26th February, Benson school had a visit from Ofsted inspectors. We are all very proud to represent our school in front of our important visitors. Every morning, we aimed to arrive early to complete any 'Blue-to-do' next step tasks that we may have. Moreover, we are very proud of our learning environment. We have posters to support us and good work put up on display to give praise. Also our school is very strong in our sport and we regularly compete in tournaments. After school clubs are also included. We have: judo, football, hockey, netball, TAG rugby and art club. Lunch time clubs consist of: Scratch (programming) club, school magazine club, code club and bubble burst learning.

Despite being a little nervous at times, we knew that we had worked hard and just needed to prove it. By Marcus Wood

Sean Callery

On the Monday 23rd February, an author called Sean Callery came and visited our school. While he was with us, he held a whole school assembly. After that, each class got some time with him, learning about the steps he took when he wrote some of his books. During assembly, Sean asked a few pupils from each class to hold up signs about who you need to create and design a book.

Everybody had a really fun day, and enjoyed meeting Sean and learning.

By Erinn Brook and Bella Ellingworth



A lorry-load of tortoises crashed into a trainload of terrapins, what a turtle disaster.

I took part in the sun-tanning Olympics- I got bronze.

I found a Justin Bieber concert ticket nailed to a tree, so I took it! You never know when you might need a nail.



Hawthorns Class Trip

On the 10th February, Hawthorn Class set off on their trip to The Natural History Museum and Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford. They left at 9am and returned just in time for the end of the school day. The Year 6s have looked closely at the discoveries of Charles Darwin and Alfred Russell Wallace on the trip, as well as in class. This was all part of their topic for Term 3: Alpha and Omega, where they learnt about inheritance, adaptation and evolution.

India Harper, a Hawthorn class member, commented, "I enjoyed learning about the history of dinosaurs and looking at their bones." Erinn Brook and Scarlet Mountford personally loved hearing about Natural Selection and studying the dinosaur eggs. Overall, Hawthorn Class all enjoyed the trip.



Views from the Sheldonian.



A dinosaur skeleton at the NHM.

Reported By Erinn Brook and Scarlet Mountford

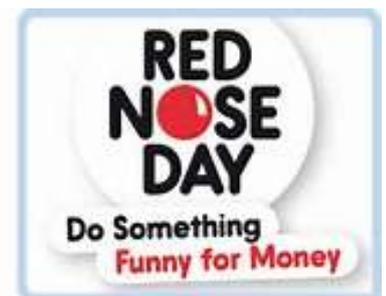
Sport hall Athletics:

By Milly parchment.

On the 30th January half of Sycamore Class and half of Hawthorn got the chance to attend a sports hall athletics competition. In order to go, they had to go through a series of trails to determine what people were better at what events. Furthermore, the events are contained of throwing, jumping, relays and running. The event was held at Wallingford school. Many teams across Oxfordshire came to the event. There with 9 other schools that took part.

Moreover there were field events. One of the events, the relay had six laps and two of our girls took part, Milly Parchment and Ava Vaccari, who won the race by a hair. In the next relay, Hannah Broom and Harry Walker, who won, competed, followed by a final race with Fraser Sharples and Ryan Badenhorst, who were victorious. This meant that our school was very successful in most of the running events. After that, the boys took to the stage as they came 2nd by an inch. We are incredibly proud of them as we all worked together. The mix race was again amazing, grabbing us even more points.

To conclude, we then proceed to south Oxfordshire finals, we are triumphant with our score as we got 223, which was a massive improvement from last year. Well done everyone! We really worked well as a team



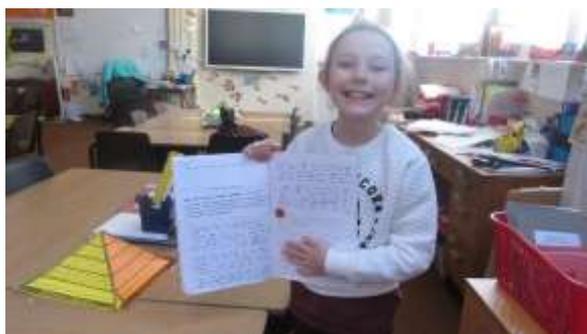
Comic relief 2015

On Friday 13th March 2015, Benson school celebrated comic relief (red nose day) by dressing up in red and making our faces *funny for money*! If we were able to make the teachers laugh with our jokes or our funny faces, they had to donate 20p each time to comic relief. We bought in cupcakes, that we made with our families, in order to sell them at our cake sale for 20p each. Altogether we raised £470.26.



Good work around the school Ks2

Recently, pupils have done a lot of big writes during the school hours. Out of all the people in KS2, India and I have picked Emma Woods, to show us one of her amazing big write books and she selected her favourite piece of work. Emma stated that she thinks that she has done really well due to the fact that she got a gold award from her teacher, Mrs Baker.



Good work around the school Ks1

In KS1, India and I have picked Emily comber lye because Mrs Hadfield said she is a reading superstar! Emily said that she has enjoyed reading all the team x books and can't wait to see what happens in the book that she is reading now.



By Fallon West and India Harper!

Art competition

Every year Benson School have a John Aldridge, art competition and local residents judge it. Every class completes several pieces and every child selects their favourite piece of art and then enters it. On the last day of the art week the judges come in and pick their favourite piece and that person is the winner ; they also pick a second place winner and they go up in the special art competition assembly and get their prize. There are different prizes for each class because of age and difficulty. The winners were: Amber and George in Elm, Evie and Joshua in Willow, Matthew and Eloise in Chestnut, Abigail and Iysten in Maple, Lily and Joshua in Sycamore and Fallon and Liberty in Hawthorn class.

Everyone really enjoyed entering their art even if they didn't win it. Every year, when the art competition is near everyone gets really excited and talks about it at break time. People get the most excited when Mrs Crolla says your class name and announces the winners. We all really enjoy entering the art competition every year and we wonder who will win next year...

By Fallon West



Strange triple fire incident in local area

On the 15th January, in the early hours of the morning, there were three fires set alight in the local area (Crowmarsh and Roke). The major one, the blaze at the South Oxfordshire Council offices, was the one that took the public into shock. The fire was an arson (deliberate) attack, not terrorists. The suspect, Andrew Main, supposedly drove into the reception in a car containing a gas canister, moments before the blaze started. The fire destroyed 85% of the building. A roof had collapsed and the bomb disposal team was called in for further investigation.

A second fire, also in Crowmarsh, was at the funeral parlour next door. It is thought that it was set blaze by accident. But, there was another gas canister shoved through the window at the scene. At the third fire (Rokemarsh) was based at a cottage of an 80 year old woman.



The three fires. Top left, Rokemarsh. Bottom left, council offices. Right, funeral parlour.

World Book day:

By Milly and Ava

On the 6th of February, Benson School were fortunate enough to dress up as a character from their favourite book, they also needed to know a bit about their character and explain why they choose to dress up as them. As part of this, a well-known author Sean Callery, came to explain the commitment you need to have for writing a good book.

Gangsta Granny, Katniss Everdeen, Willy Wonka and Winnie Witch were amongst the many amazing character costumes that entered our school. We really enjoyed the experience of coming into school all dressed up; witnessing some of the other spectacular costumes. As well as this, the teachers made a massive effort to dress up as a well-known character.

Following this, after a very hard and long decision, the teachers made a choice to who would win the best dressed in each class!

The winners were: Maggie in Elm, Thea in willow, William in Chestnut, Katie G in Maple, Scarlet in Sycamore and Joseph in Hawthorn. The costumes were exceptional and every single one of them deserved to win!!!!!!



HAWTHORN'S NEWSROUND ARTICLES

In magazine club this spring we decided to celebrate Hawthorn's Friday NewsRound. We selected 2 outstanding examples to share with you.

Our top award goes to Jake Appleton for talking about a policeman singing a Taylor Swift song, in the USA. Master Corporal Jeff Davis, was in uniform and in his patrol car, while miming and moving to her song: Shake It Off. He had us in stitches watching the video.



Master Corporal Jeff Davis.

In close second place, we nominated the Scary Skier, by Fallon West. We really enjoyed her presentation, because it was very interesting. The video clip was amazing and had us all captivated by the daring feat. A dare-devil skier, named Cody Townsend from California, completed a vertical ski line in Alaska on the Tordrillo Mountain range.



Tordrillo Mountains



Cody Townsend

School council

by Luke Ogden

The school councils a group of children lead by Mrs Crolla, who try to help our school become a better place. For example, when the kitchen stopped giving out ketchup, the school council decided to bring it back.

Lately the school council have conducted a survey to see what the children think of the school. They asked questions like: if we felt safe at school and what we think about the learning environment.

Some good news is, that most of the feedback was positive. I hope the school council carry on doing their job well and help our school in a variety of ways.