

The Fairley Flyer

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What's been happening recently at Fairley House...

Thursday 4 March - World Book Day

World Book Day is the biggest annual celebration of books and reading in the UK and is celebrated all over the world. World Book Day originated in Spain, where roses and books were given as gifts to loved ones on St George's Day and it is a tradition that started over 80 years ago. Each child at Fairley House School was given a token to buy a specially made book. Below is an excellent piece of writing by Lily in year 8.

Big Writing Day

By Lily

"On Thursday 4th March the whole school celebrated 'World Book Day'. Many pupils went out of their way to celebrate this day and came in dressed up in outstanding, hilarious costumes. The idea was to come in dressed up as a character from your favourite book of all times. A number of children even made their costume themselves which brought them to every one's attention. When every one had settled down in class, we then started to do activities for our Big Writing Day- (This was for the whole morning)

We spent our morning using our creative skills and practising using VCOP in our writing. (Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation.) Firstly to our entertainment, we practised our punctuation and grammar by doing Kung Fu. For example a full stop was turned into a Kung Fu move. This really helped us to remember to use punctuation and brought us many laughs in our class. Towards the end of our creative writing morning we put our skills to the test. With all the hard working that morning we were able to express our thoughts and put them into words. Everyone had to write a story, using the VCOP things they learnt that morning. Many of the stories were amusing and were inspired by the character that their costume represented.

Our morning of Big Writing & World book day was enjoyed by every one. The whole day was lots of fun yet we worked hard on improving our writing. The morning was never boring and there was always an activity or something going on. In addition to this, there was not a pupil in the school with a unhappy

face. Even the teachers bravely dressed up in particular Ms Read who came in a banana suit. Over all, the day was a big success and made many children enjoy writing even more and it helped encourage more children to pick up a book and read."

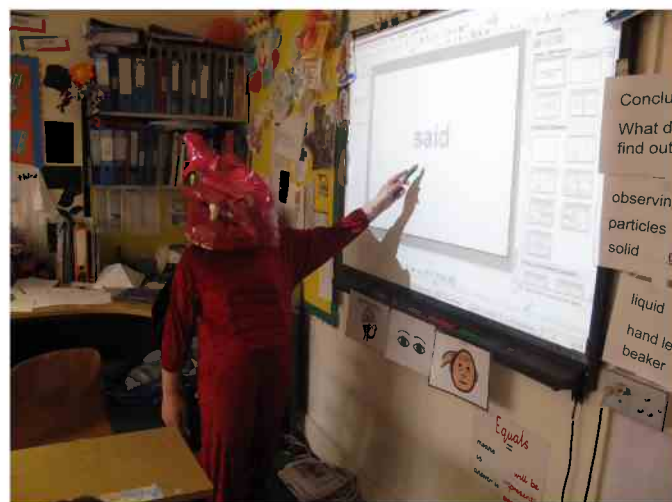


Photo during a writing lesson of one of the children dressed up as a character from their favourite book



Pupils at Causton Street talked about books they have enjoyed at Friday's assembly

The children at Lambeth Road had a very special day celebrating World Book Day too. All the children came to school dressed as their favourite book character. They all looked so fantastic in their costumes it was a hard decision to choose only one winner and one runner up from each class. The

Freshwater Theatre Company visited the school and ran a drama session for Year 3 and 4 based on African stories and a storytelling session for Year 2 based on the popular children's books *The Rainbow Fish* and *Where the Wild Things Are*. The children had a very enjoyable day and produced some fantastic pieces of work.



Photo of Year 3 Fancy dress winners – Gabriella as Paddington Bear and Alfie as D'artagnan

Wednesday 3 March

Jackie Murray went to a Parliamentary Launch and visited the North London International School

Jackie Murray attended the Parliamentary Launch of a new report on parent/ teacher relationships entitled *Beyond the School Gate: How Schools and Families Can Work Better Together*. The report was prepared by two charities, Parentline Plus which runs a telephone support line for parents and carers (0800 800 2222) and Teacher Support Network (08000 562 561). There were presentations by both charities as well as by Baroness Verma, Shadow Minister for Children, Schools and Families and by Baroness Walmsley, House of Lords Spokesperson for Children, Schools and Families. The study shows that parental engagement in a child's learning, not just involvement in school activities, improves attainment. Thanks then to all the FHS parents who monitor and encourage children through their homework!

Jackie Murray also visited the North London International School in Friern Barnet on Friday 5 March.

Monday 1 March – Year 4 visit to Regents Park Mosque

Year 4 children's visit to the Mosque was part of the RE curriculum they are learning about on Islam. The children really enjoyed the visit and asked lots of questions.



Photo of Omar Saddique, the Education officer, speaking to the children in the library

Guided Writing lessons in Maple Class

The Year 3 children in Maple Class have been learning about following instructions in their Guided Writing lessons. This has enabled them to work practically in planning a scrumptious menu. Recently Barbara confidently took the lead role in pretending to be a celebrity TV chef and demonstrated how to prepare a fruit salad. Barbara is a keen cook and loves being in the kitchen! She has loved participating in the cookery club after school. "It is my favourite activity at Fairley House," she enthused.

The children also learnt how to make toast. They took turns making and sharing their toast with each other. "Pop the bread in the toaster," said Rupert. "Turn the knob on the toaster," added Tom. "Put the toast on a plate when it pops up," continued Henry. "Spread the butter and cut the toast," yelled Esme. "Mm yummy," marvelled Mia as she munched away. The children then wrote up their sentences and ended the lesson by looking at the photographs and discussing these together. A fun time was had by all.

Maria Angelakis



Pictured in the above photograph are Tom, Mia and Henry hard at work.

Library Success

Children are enjoying the option of reading in the Library at lunch time and are loving the wide choice of attractive books purchased from funds raised by the Parents' Association.

Sports Scores for this week...

Table Tennis Tournament

Congratulations to all the KS2 children who took part in the table tennis tournament this week.

4th Place – Oliver

3rd Place – Ellie

2nd Place – Patrick

1st Place – Oscar

Tag Rugby vs Oliver House on Tuesday 2 March

We played Oliver House in Tag Rugby on a beautiful warm sunny day, a first in 2010! Tries were swapped back and forth until half time with the score being 2-2, Archie and Clayton scoring for Fairley House. In the second half Oliver House scored two quick tries and led 4-2. We then passed the ball well and Sebastian scored a very neat try. The team then pressed forward for the equaliser but could not quite manage to get over the line and touch the ball down. It was a very good performance as some of the rules were slightly different from what the boys have been playing. Also playing for FHS were Jack, Rhys, Dash, Josh, AJ and Joseph. Thank you to all the parents and grandparent who attended.

Mark Bolton



Photo of Fairley House playing in the Rugby match against Oliver House

Monday 1 March

Year 5 played Hockey against Hampshire Schools and all played very well.

Result: 2-1 Win to Fairley House

Wednesday 3 March

Year 5 and 6 vs Westminster School Football

Result for 'A' Team: 2-1 Win to Fairley House, well done in particular to James and Tyler who scored the goals!

Result for 'B' Team: Drew 2-2, congratulations to the goal-scorers Zachary and Jack.

Friday 5 March

Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby vs Hurlingham School

Result: 12 – 8 Win, congratulations!

Junior Department Star Badges

Oak

Maths Stars of the Week – Florence and Max

Pine

Stars of the Week – Sebastian and Gareth

Maths Star of the Week – Matthew

Maple

Stars of the Week – Tom and Henry

Willow

Stars of the Week – Lucia and Lucas

Senior Department Top Credit Scorers

This week's top credit scorers are:

Daniella 40

Nicole 40

Max 37

What's happening next week...

Monday 8 March - Year 5 Football vs Hampshire Schools at Battersea Park at 2pm

Lambeth Road Hockey Tournament at Newton Prep School

Tuesday 9 March - Year 5/6 Tag Rugby vs Oliver House at Clapham Common SouthSide at 2pm

Lambeth Road Tag Rugby v Dolphin House at Wandsworth Common at 2pm

Friday 12 March - Year 5/6 Football Tournament on Wandsworth Common at 2pm

Reminders

Parents' Association Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on Friday 12th March

This will take place in the Senior School Hall, Causton Street on Friday 12th March from 8.30 to 10 am. All parents and carers are welcome. Second Hand Uniform will be on sale and we are also holding a cake sale. Please could parents send in contributions of cakes (individual portion size) and provide their children with money to buy cakes during morning break

Parent / Teacher Meetings

If parents have not done so already, please will you ensure that you have booked your parent/teacher meetings for the week commencing Monday 15th March.

For more information please visit the website www.fairleyhouse.org.uk or call 020 7976 5456