



Boxgrove Primary School



March 2019 Newsletter

Boxgrove's Reading Challenge



It is with great pleasure we can announce the first children to have completed their age groups Boxgrove

Reading Challenge. Four of the Year 1 children, at time of writing, have completed the Boxgrove Six Books to Read by Six challenge and will be receiving their certificates in assembly on Monday. This is extremely impressive as the challenge only began a few weeks ago during Boxgrove's Book Week. These children will now move on to the next age groups reading challenge. Many of the children across the school have engaged really well with this challenge to read a selection of books chosen by the staff here at Boxgrove. If you would like more information about this reading challenge, please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the school's leadership team. Happy reading!

Year 2 Trip to the Church

For their R.E. topic of Christianity, both Year 2 classes visited the local church (William Temple Church) on Tuesday 19th March. Whilst in the building, the children were looking at the features of the building and linking this to what they know about Christian places of worship. They looked at aspects including the altar, the font, the position of Jesus on the cross as well as any stained-glass windows. They will take this learning back in to class to help enrich their learning of the topic.

Year 2 Trip to Blackland Farm

Each year, we give our children the opportunity to go on various residential throughout their time at school. The



children's first experience of this is visiting Blackland

Farm while in Year 2. On Thursday 22nd March, the Year 2 children left the school on the short coach journey to the centre at Blackland Farm. Once at the centre, the children participated in a variety of activities which included:

geocaching - using handheld GPS units to track down and uncover hidden markers as they explored the environment surrounding the centre; team building – the children worked together using their communication skills to complete tasks in groups; aeroball – a combination of trampolining and basketball; eating Domino's pizza and spending the night in a room full of their friends. Smiles were constantly sprawled across all of their faces as they thoroughly enjoyed their trip.



Football Finals

Earlier in the academic year, you will have read about our boys' school football team participating in a league, which took place at Sporting Club Thamesmead. In that league, we finished 2nd, allowing us to qualify for the finals. Last week, our Year 5/6 football team attended the finals. At the event, the children went unbeaten, with a solid defence in every game (only conceding once in all fixtures). Unfortunately, the children fell at the final hurdle, coming second overall. Congratulations to the children for reaching this point in the competition. The player of the tournament was Tunmise (6RB), who scored all of our goals in the finals.

Boxgrove is Brilliant



Last week, on Tuesday 12th March, the Year 1 children visited the Science Museum as part of Science week. Whilst there, they took part in

a workshop about Space. In this workshop, the children had to think of appropriate materials to make a space suit from. Some even got to try on space suits! The children used their knowledge on properties of materials to decide which materials would be best suited to each part of the space suit. Whilst on the trip, the children were commended for their behaviour by a member of the public. As one of the youngest cohorts of the school, we are extremely proud of the children for showcasing how amazing our school is. Well done to both classes!

Red Nose Day

At Boxgrove, we regularly support a variety of charities and raise money throughout the year. Last week, the nation came together in support of 'Red Nose Day' which raises funds for less fortunate individuals in this country and abroad. As a school, children (and staff) were invited to come to school wearing red and give a donation to the cause. Amazingly, as a school, we raised £253.05. Thank you to all of the families who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Science Week

Boxgrove recently held their science week between 11th and 15th March 2019. The pupils participated in fun and exciting activities across the school. The theme of this year's Science Week was journeys, so the pupils' learning journey was full of hands-on scientific experiments about the journey of plastic to the oceans, the movements of electrons, the flights of different designs of paper planes, the hatching of tiny chicks from eggs and many more. Children in school have been demonstrating their incredible ability to pose their own scientific questions and to answer these questions using a scientific vocabulary. The school also held a science poster competition about journeys, which is still ongoing, and children are still busily working on their amazing designs to be chosen for the national poster competition before 5th April 2019.

Star of the Week Assemblies are on Fridays
at 3:10pm



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<http://www.boxgrove.greenwich.sch.uk/>

Year 6 Trip to Natural History Museum



Last week, Year 6 visited the Natural History Museum to learn more about our science topic of evolution. The children

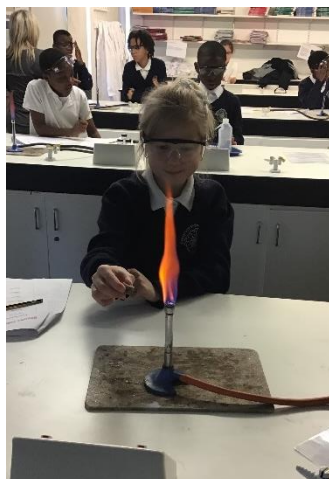
explored the exhibits and had a workshop with a scientist from the museum. He taught the children about how the Earth has changed over millions of years and the different ways in which animals have adapted to this. They explored the theory of natural selection and identified why certain animals have evolved in specific ways for their environments. This learning will be taken back in to class to consider how animals may adapt in the future due to the impact of climate change.

Year 5 Trip to Thomas Tallis



This week, Year 5 went to Thomas Tallis Secondary School and conducted

flame tests to see how different elements reacted with 'roaring' flames! They used a wide array of elements from Potassium Chloride to Copper Chloride. The elements they tested are all elements found on our planet. Many of these elements are also present on the different planets within our Solar System. This helped to enhanced their understanding of what other planets are composed of.



Punctuality and Attendance

This month's punctuality and attendance award winners are...

Week Beg.	Punctuality	Attendance
4 th March	6EA 99.3%	5EB 98.8%
11 th March	2HD 99.3%	2HOC 99.7%

Values Award Winners

This month's Boxgrove school values award winners are.....

Week Beg.	Winner	Value
4 th March	Jude (5EB)	Emotional Intelligence
	Keegan (3IH)	Determination
	Delilah (NPM)	Innovation
11 th March	Faheez (1MB)	Integrity
	Nazif (3JM)	Emotional Intelligence
	Sekemi (6EA)	Emotional Intelligence

Dates for Your Diary

March

25th-29th

Year 5 Residential

27th-28th

Parents' Evening

29th

Early Maths Parent Workshop

29th

6RB Class Assembly

April

2nd

Art Parent Workshop

3rd

KS1 Easter Performance

4th

KS2 SATs Parent Workshop

5th

Year 4 Greek Plays Performances

5th

RDM Class Assembly

5th-23rd

Easter Holidays