

Gracefield news

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SLOWLY BUT SURELY

We made it through the first half of term! Well done to everyone for the joint home/school effort and to the children who have worked so hard in such unusual circumstances.

We now find ourselves entering Phase 4 of our education plan and this week has seen us moving desks, lifting rugs and marking the floor and playground with social distancing signs ready to take some of our children back on Monday. As you know, we have decided that for the safety of staff, pupils and parents, we will only be opening to our Year 6 children for the first week. We plan for Year 1 to come next and then we will look at Reception as soon as we believe it is safe to do so.

There are so many vast changes happening in school in order for us to meet the social distancing guidelines and to provide a safe environment for everyone. The children will certainly see some changes!

For those children not in school, we will continue with our programme with Home Learning. I was amazed to see how much we packed into last term despite the distance between home and school. For our last day of term we pushed the boat out in school for French Day (see page 5) and I was delighted to see how many families celebrated it with us at home.

This commitment embodies the spirit of Gracefield and I know it will see us through Phase 4.

Mr Gunter
Headteacher

A WEEK OF KINDNESS

It was Mental Health Awareness Week (18th - 24 May) and this year the theme was KINDNESS. Mrs Plant challenged her Year 4 children to be kind to someone during the week and the children rose to the occasion.

Harvey-Jon made a lovely card and posted it. We're sure it would have made the recipient's day when they received it!

Ruth also made a card for someone she hasn't seen for a while... Edward helped William with his breakfast ... Bongiwe washed up ... and Bailey made a card for his postman, which is a lovely idea!

Well done Year 4! Showing kindness to others is a lovely thing to do!

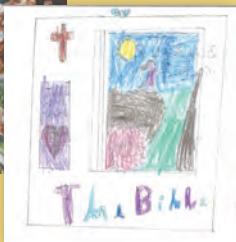


SPECIAL GIFTS

KS1 learnt about Christian baptism in RE. The children were asked to design a gift to give to someone on their baptism.



Mrs Yemm brought in her daughter's christening gifts to show the children in school, along with photographs of her own christening years before.



FILM REVIEW



By Elliot
Year 6

Film: *Avengers Endgame*

Certificate: 12A

Directed by: Anthony Russo and Joe Russo

Budget: \$356 million
(one of the most expensive films ever made)

Box office earnings: \$2.798 billion

The main characters: Iron Man - Thor - Captain America - Thanos

The Plot:

This movie is the sequel of *Avengers: Infinity War*. The Avengers need to make a teleportation device to go back in time and collect all the infinity stones that Thanos used to take half of all life away. If the avengers get all the stones, they can bring back all the people who disappeared. It's a very action-packed film and I enjoyed it a lot. Thor is my favourite character because he is funny. I would recommend this movie to anyone who likes action movies and it is a must see for any Marvel fan.

Star rating **★★★★★**

LEARNING MEASUREMENTS

Reception have been extending their maths measurement learning by finding out about different measurements including longer, shorter, taller, wider, and narrower.

They also had a capacity tea party, which was a great way to learn about half full, nearly full and nearly empty. Great work Reception!



LIFE IN LOCK DOWN

Would you trust a pregnant lady, locked down for 13 weeks with clippers in her hand?! Mr Gunter put on a brave face as he finally accepted a haircut from his wife!



Despite never having done it before, we think she did a pretty good job!

Mrs Campbell has been making the perfect meringues - which her dog Jimmy took a real liking to!



Mrs Plant has been making the most of the nice weather and spending time in the garden.

Mr Kerry has been giving his brain a work out by playing The Times suduko board game. There are 4 different levels - easy, mild, difficult and fiendish!!



Mr and Mrs Tanner collaborated on a project ready for French Day. You can see what they were painting on page 5!

Mr Bird has been madly dyeing yarn ready for another online festival. His yarn is very popular! He took over 100 orders in half an hour, so back to the dyeing for Mr Bird!



EGYPTIAN GALLERY

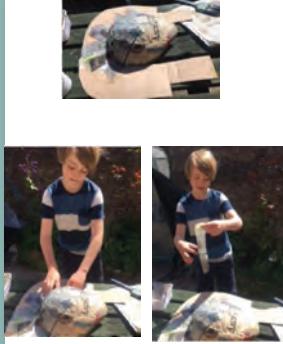
Here's all the final pieces of work from this term's Ancient Egypt project. We have been consistently impressed with everything you have uploaded. Well done everyone!



The masks have been finished with an impressive array using lots of different materials. Very creative and inventive use of materials everyone.



Papier Mâché

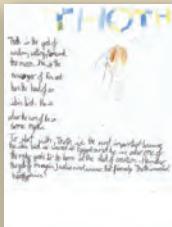


Cardboard



Clay

The children made some great posters about the Egyptian gods.



Gracie wrote her name in hieroglyphics.



The croissant was actually invented in Austria! People often think of France when they hear mention of the croissant, but Austria is the true country of birth for this famous pastry. It's Viennese, not French! **Ruth**



To be a taxi driver in Paris, you have to pay 200,000 euros !!!!



French was the official language of England for almost 300 years, from 1066 to 1362!



1. Twiglets were invented in 1929 by a French biscuit maker named J. Rondalin.

2: It is unlucky to turn a baguette upside down.

3: If someone tells you to go and cook yourself an egg, what they really mean is, stop annoying them!

D'excellents faits Year 4!



BUILDING A BUG HOUSE

The children in school treated our new bug hotel with preserving paint and then filled it will all sorts of things that bugs love to live in. They also painted butterflies to decorate the bug hotel and Charlotte made a sign for the front. We've been checking it regularly and our hotel already has some residents!

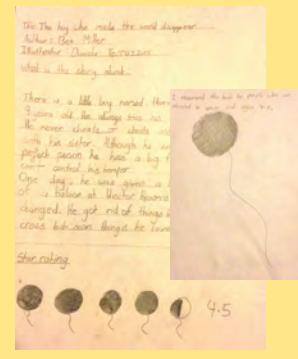


CLEVER COMPUTER ART

We saw lots of great computer art this last term. Here is a selection.



BOOK REVIEW



TITLE: The Boy who made the World Disappear

AUTHOR: Ben Miller

ILLUSTRATOR: Daniela Terrazzini

WHAT THE STORY IS ABOUT:

There is a little boy named Harrison who is about 9 years old. He always tries his best to be good. He never cheats or steals and always shares with his sister. Although he sounds like a calm, perfect person he has a big flaw that he can't control his temper.

One day, he was given a black hole instead of a balloon at Hector Broom's birthday; things changed. He got rid of things that made him cross but soon things he loves start to disappear.

I recommend this book to people who are interested in space and ages 4+.

STAR RATING: 4.5

BAKING LESSONS

Some of our Year 6 children have been baking during lockdown. They been making olive and herb bread sticks with Hobbs House Bakery online, which turned out to be delicious and chocolate fudge biscuits which look good too!



INTRODUCING MINI ME

A couple more 'mini me' scale pictures from Year 3, including Miss Rawlinson!





Ooh La La! Très bon

We were delighted to see so many children join us at home as we enjoyed French Day with the children in school. The outfits and creative ideas were fantastique!



Lots of creative ideas including building the Eiffel Tower from Lego!

Staff joined in the fun and in school we recreated one of the favourite games from Spring Fair - sponge throwing!

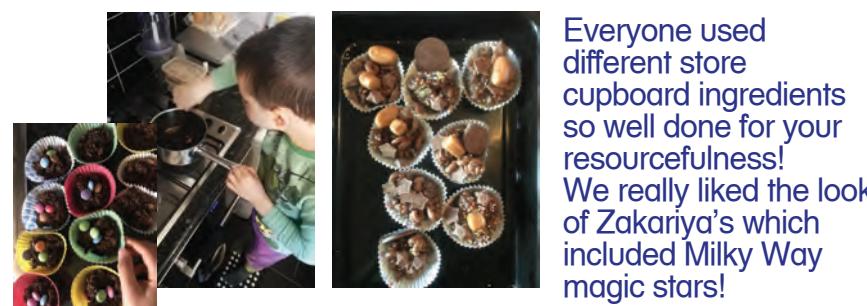


Year 6 had a turn at getting wet!



FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS

Great job from everyone in their DT project involving following instructions to make Rice Krispie cakes. They all look yummy!



Everyone used different store cupboard ingredients so well done for your resourcefulness! We really liked the look of Zakariya's which included Milky Way magic stars!

MEASURING CAPACITY

Year 3 used all sorts of utensils to do their work on capacity and volume.



We like your inventiveness Year 3 - well done!

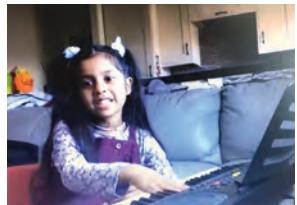
MODEL MAKING

We're very impressed with the creative talents coming out of Year 3. Look at this junk model dinosaur and pig mask. Fantastic!



GRACEFIELD'S GOT TALENT!

Reception's last Zoom Class Call was a talent show and we were blown away by the talents on show. Amongst the talents we were treated to were magic tricks, piano recitals and taekwondo. We'll be looking out for you when we finally get to do our next Shine assembly Reception!



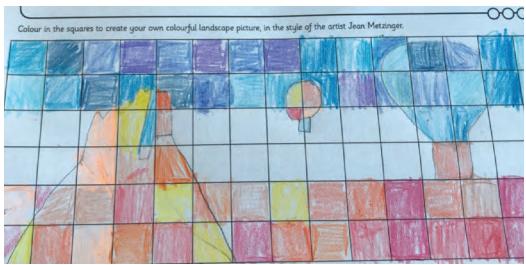
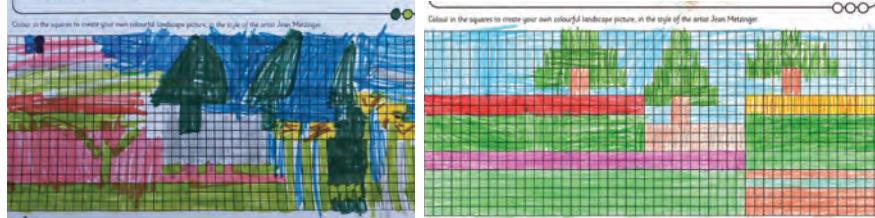
THEY DID IT!

We are so proud of Darcy and Lola who completed their challenge to run 40 miles throughout the month of May. The girls raised £305 for the charity, MIND. Well done girls. You are both stars!

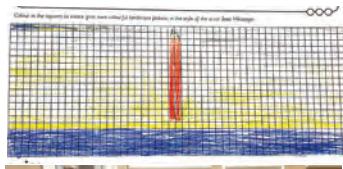


MARVELLOUS METZINGER

KS1 have been looking at the artist Metzinger, famous for his style of painting using small blocks of colour without blending.



The children in school created pictures in a similar style using small pieces of paper. Great work everyone!



SUPER SYMMETRY

Some fantastic symmetrical pizzas!



Perfect!

ALL CHANGE - RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Social distancing guidelines have meant we have had to make a lot of changes in school. We have removed doors, desks and chairs and spaced out all of the classrooms. There are social distancing measures throughout the school, including in the playground and outside. We are really looking forward to welcoming Year 6 back to school tomorrow, albeit in very different circumstances and we look forward to the day when we can bring everyone back together.



We have a large stock of hand sanitiser and PPE equipment in all of the classrooms and posters about handwashing all over the school.

