

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

This week we read the much loved story *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. We discussed why the caterpillar was very hungry and what he turned into at the end of the book. The boys made their own mini books of the story and wrote a list of the food that the caterpillar ate. We then discussed the life cycle of a butterfly. The boys were very interested in the different types of mini beasts we can find in the garden at home and in our outdoor area at school. We looked at features of a variety of mini beasts for example how many legs they have, if they have wings and if they have a shell. The boys had a lot of fun creating their own mini beasts from craft materials in class. In Maths, the boys filled in missing numbers on caterpillar number lines. In Phonics, we continued to revise level 3 sounds and levels 3 and 4 tricky words.

Year 1

This week, Year 1 drafted letters to the crayons to persuade them to return to Duncan. After this, along with their plans and armed with a pencil, they tackled the letter. In Phonics, we focused on the suffixes "s" and "es" at the end of words. We revisited the rule that if a word ends in -s, -ss, -ch, -sh, -x, -z, or -zz, we add "es"; otherwise, we simply add "s". On Thursday, the boys participated in a mock election to decide who would be the Prime Minister of Pardes House for the day. They were buzzing with excitement as they walked up to cast their votes.

Year 2

Year 2 has successfully finished their SATs, and we couldn't be prouder of their efforts. To celebrate, the boys enjoyed Uncle Doovy's ice cream in the sun yesterday afternoon. Thank you to all parents who have made their contributions; for those who haven't, please do so at your earliest convenience. In English, we delved deeper into "Lila and the Secret of Rain" and are excited to write our own diary entries from Lila's perspective next week. A quick reminder that Year 2's Sports Day is scheduled for Tuesday.

Year 3

This week in Year 3, the boys have been really enthusiastic about using their powers of persuasion! They have been planning and writing persuasive letters to the rest of the school about litter in the playground. They have learned all about the tools and techniques they can use to persuade. In Maths, we completed end of year assessments and we are really proud of the boy's efforts. We looked at pictures of Finchley in the past and wrote about what we learned from these historical sources as well as comparing them to Finchley today. In Art, the boys have continued looking at the work of Andy Warhol. We developed our skills, using bright colours and bold lines in preparation for our final printing art piece next lesson.

Year 4

This week we continued with our Summer assessments. The boys did incredibly well and we are so proud of the progress they have made this term. In Science, we have begun learning about the organs involved in making up our digestive system. They had some brilliant questions and we look forward to some really fascinating experiments and discussions on this topic. In Humanities, the boys wrote their own weather report for a country in a climate zone of their choice and presented it to the class. We have also continued discussing the general election and also who they would want to vote for in the school election so that someone in Year 6 can be the Prime Minister for the day. Please remember that 4P have PE on Monday and 4H on Wednesday. Sports day is on Tuesday this week so PE kits are definitely needed in school for everybody.

Year 5

As well as having end of term assessments this week, we continued with our model-making of the Shard. This has linked in really well with our science topic of 'Materials and their Properties'. Both classes have made exceptional models giving due consideration to the structure of the building as well as the properties of the materials chosen and the overall structure. We will take some pictures and email them home next week. Our diary writing in English has really improved and we are seeing stronger evidence of using the correct grammar and punctuation.

Year 6

This week in Year 6, the boys worked tirelessly on their enterprise stalls. They made adverts and posters with their groups and decided on pricing for their stalls. Yesterday, we had Zev come in from Gift to continue our sessions of giving, inspiring the boys further on the importance of working as a team, rather than working for themselves. To round off the week, Year 6 started work on their yearbook. They started writing pages recalling their best memories at Pardes House. If you have any photos of your children through the years of Pardes House, please can you email them to the Year 6 teachers in order to make a collage.