

This week in the classrooms...

Reception

We continued our theme of mini beasts this week as the boys enjoyed it so much last week. We went into more detail about the life cycle of a butterfly and the boys cut out and ordered pictures to depict this. The boys enjoyed reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* again, this time thinking about and writing about their favourite food. On Tuesday, the boys showed off their skills at Sports Day along with Years 1 and 2 and had a fantastic time. Perhaps the highlight of the week was our visit to the park to search for mini beasts! Each armed with a clipboard, list of mini beasts and a pencil the boys looked around the park to see what they could find. They ticked off the mini beast if they found it. It was a successful trip and the boys made us very proud with their excellent behaviour and middos.

Year 1

The boys really impressed us with their focus and effort during their assessments this week - well done! In Phonics, we looked at the suffixes -er and -est which are used for comparison. We also created our own maps, complete with symbols, in Geography.

Year 2

Year 2's have had an action packed week. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the sports day despite the miserable weather. In English, the boys write their diary entries pretending to be Lila, from our book 'Lila and the secret of rain'. In Phonics, we looked at words continuing to sound like u (son and brother). In Maths, we looked at weighing different objects to see what was heavier and lighter.

Year 3

It has been another great week of learning and fun in Year 3. In English, we planned, wrote, edited and wrote final drafts of persuasive letters to a logging company, persuading them to stop deforestation. The boys worked hard on this, using all the persuasive techniques they have learned, and we are very proud of their efforts. In Maths, we revised 3D shapes. In History, we had Mr Cohen visit our classroom to answer our questions about the history of Finchley. The boys had a fantastic time participating in Sports Day. We would like to thank the parents and grandparents who were able to join us for reading in the hall.

Year 4

This week in English we planned, drafted, edited and wrote our final draft for our last writing assessment of the year. All the boys did extremely well and had great creativity and enthusiasm towards writing it. In Science, we learnt about our teeth, what teeth we have and their different functions and purposes. In Humanities, we continued our weather reports from last week on either Spain or Chile, and then read them aloud in class. These were so great and some were really funny too! We also had our last lesson on this topic of Climate Zones where we identified the different zones around the world and then made posters about each one. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed Sports Day this week and they all performed extremely well - even if it was in the rain!

Year 5

This week has been a productive week in all areas of learning. The boys finished editing and neatly writing their diary entries, their final piece of the year. In Maths, we explored equivalent fractions and how to convert between improper fractions and mixed numbers. Marc Chagall has been the artist in focus this term and each student created a 'Chagall' inspired piece using specific drawing techniques and oil pastels. To round off the week, Year 5 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in sports day despite the rain. It was definitely the highlight of the week!

Year 6

This week, the boys enjoyed Sports Day! Despite the rain, they competed in a variety of races including shotput and football activities. Yesterday, we had a Streetwise session about transitioning to secondary school. The boys got a taste of what their timetables will be like and how to avoid peer pressure and maintain personal safety.