

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 7 - 18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Wednesday, Year 6 visited the National History Museum in London as an introduction for their new topic of Volcanoes and Earthquakes. The children enjoyed a demonstration workshop, learning about different types of volcano and how the level of earthquakes are measured. Diana produced an impressive seismic wave by jumping up and down as a willing volunteer! The children also got to experience a simulated earthquake in a Japanese supermarket - maybe not quite to scale!

Year 5 had a fabulous day on Thursday when they visited Hampton Court Palace, immersing themselves in the Tudor period and what life was like for them in those times. They particularly enjoyed the workshop where they experienced the different jobs children had to do in the Tudor period!

Next week, on Wednesday 23rd 2:15-3:15pm, Learning Space will be hosting a workshop for parents called 'Tea&Talk: Managing Anxiety at Home', which is designed to educate and empower parents in supporting their children with anxiety and worry. This event will provide valuable insights, practical advice, and resources to help navigate anxiety and its impact on every day life. We hope to see lots of you there.

Also next week, we are looking forward to inviting you all in for our open afternoon on Thursday 24th at 3:30pm to enjoy your children's learning. I'm sure there will be a buzz of excitement throughout the entire school with all children eager to share their learning with the adults that mean the most to them. We really do value your support and the partnership that we have with parents and carers so thank you in advance for taking the time to attend this event. Next half term you will be able to meet with your child's class teacher for parent consultations. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to celebrate your child's successes so far this academic year and discuss the next steps in their learning.

We hope to see many of you this afternoon proudly representing the school at this week's cross-country event. We also look forward to Snail Racing next Friday 25th at 5:00pm.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss J. Allen







Upcoming key dates

18th October - Cross Country 4-6pm

22nd October - Y5 Tudor Day

23rd October - Tea and Talk

24th October - Y6 Healthy Lifestyle Choices talk/ YR Dental health and handwashing talk

- Whole school open afternoon 3:30-4pm

25th October - Last day before half term

- The Friends: Snail Racing 5pm

Important Dates



Headteacher Awards

Theo in Reception has made incredible progress with his reading this term and confidently read all of the Phase 2 sounds to me. It was wonderful to see him so proud of his reading.

Everly and Arch in Year 1 have been writing and performing poems this week. They both thought carefully about their choice of rhyming words and use of question marks.

Jenson in Year 5 created a clever mechanism during DT which he was very excited to show me and demonstrate how it worked.

Archer, Rocco, Grace, Tommy and Sophia enjoyed scaring me with their spooky story openers. They had tried hard to include language that created an image in the readers mind and lots of suspense!

Name: _____ Date: 17.10.24

To draft and edit a poem using question marks.

Poem Plan

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u>who likes butter?</u> | <u>who likes burgers?</u> |
| <u>who likes cake?</u> | <u>who likes peas?</u> |
| <u>who likes pasta?</u> | <u>who likes pasta?</u> |
| <u>who likes steak?</u> | <u>who likes cheese?</u> |
| <u>who likes pancakes?</u> | <u>who likes orange?</u> |
| <u>who likes chips?</u> | <u>who likes jam?</u> |
| <u>who likes raisins?</u> | <u>who likes smoothie?</u> |
| <u>who likes biscuits?</u> | <u>who likes ham?</u> |

Miss Allen
says
Well Done!

Name: _____

Date: 17-10-24

To draft and edit a poem using
question marks.

Poem Plan

Who likes ~~happ~~ _____?

Who likes ~~opras~~ _____?

Who likes ~~salma~~ _____?

Who likes ~~stork~~ _____? ✓

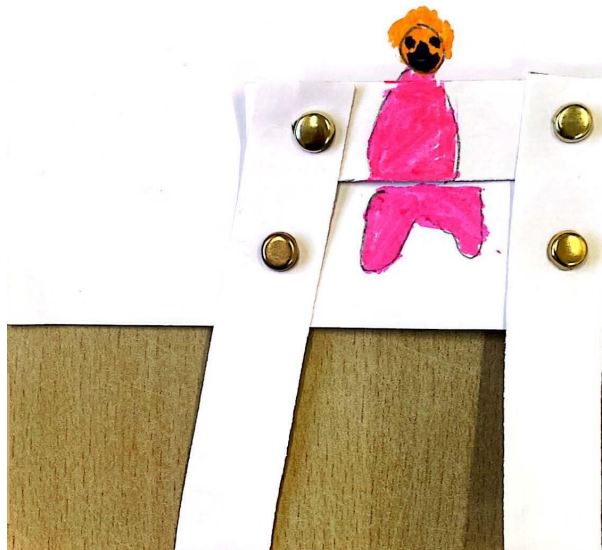
Who likes PONCATE? ✓

Miss Allen

says

Well Done!

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To write a scary story opening using adjectives
to create mood.



As I walked along
the dark
gloomy path I caught a
glimpse of an abandoned
castle. I ventured along
the long path to the
creaky castle as I got
closer the castle started to
merge into the abyss.
I got closer.

When I got there I heard
a screaming gate I opened
it then I quietly crept
in I locked the door
BANG the gate slammed
shut I screamed
"AHHHH" in ~~silence~~ I ran
deeper my heart pounding
bang bang bang
as I sleep deeper
soon I got to
a nice little singe.



at the singe
I saw a blood red
cassin as I explored
I saw many rats
a few crosses I heard some
creaky music the cassin
had some galls I picked it
up and shook it the lid
slung up out sprung a
pale vampire with pale white
teeth and dead eyes it
chased me I screamed
AHHHH as I ran home

Miss Allen
says
Well Done!






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my SPOOKY STORY OPENING

On a cold misty night it was dark and SPOOKY. The abbey was scary and mysterious! The clouds were thick and dark.

When I opened the screeching gate I saw a sudden statue.

As I walked in, suddenly bricks fell. There was a ladder... I climbed up it and there was a spirit book with terrible spells and there in the dark was a cross. I picked it up and out popped a friendly skeleton who took me home.

Miss Allen says Well Done!



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one gloomy stormy night in the distance was a creepy dentated castle. Bang! there was a flash of lightning!

The screeching gates were dangerous. screech, screech, The red dusty statue was as quiet as halloween and spinning, the statue also stood on a brick covered in flowers.

The bible on the table was as deep as the earth, all the candles were as spinning as the great fire of London.

The cross was dark and red!!! the candles exploded like fire works.

Miss Allen says Well Done!

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Spooky story
operer



One dull night spiky grass
glimered with the candles
glimering.

The sky filled with clouds
over the haunted house.

There was an eerie silence, no one
dared to enter.

There was overgrown statues with



creaky gates there was no one

to be seen! There was

a laser light gleaming

on the silky cloth

It is nightmarish.



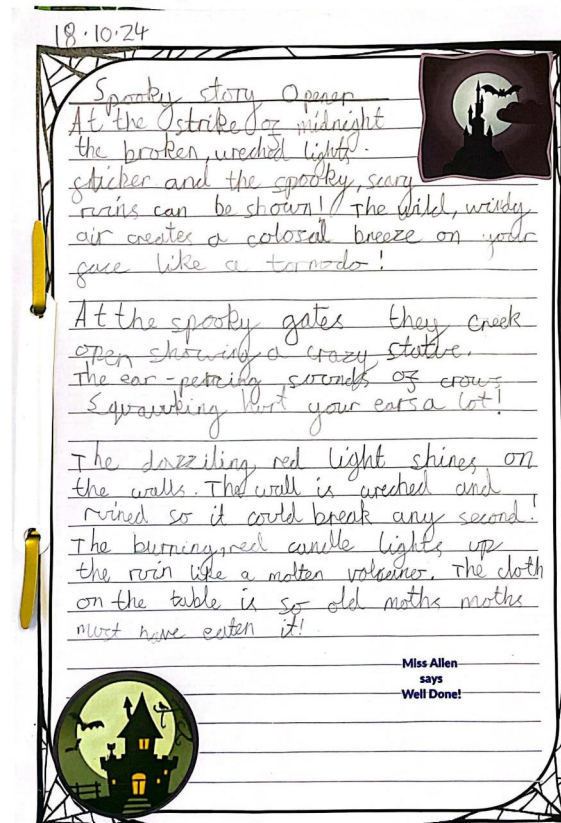
The blue bat marked on
the blazing bible as well as blood
curdling screams.

However whoever entered would
be shivering and doing ear piercing
screams.

This place makes you emotional and
nervous.

Miss Allen
says
Well Done!





Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

| | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| Ladybirds | Archie G & Stanley |
| Bumblebees | Oscar & Willow |
| Dragonflies | Anna & Jane |
| Foxes | Matilda & Olive |
| Squirrels | Daisy & Rocco |
| Hedgehogs | Flynn & Lily R |
| Rabbits | Darcie & Evie |
| Eagles | Alice & Harry |
| Hawks | Isobel & Scarlett |
| Falcons | Ewan & Marnie |

STARS OF THE WEEK

Attendance

Congratulations to **Eagles** for winning the attendance certificate **this week!**

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Eagles** classroom for the week.



Online safety

Vault (secret) Apps

Have you heard of Vault Apps? They are basically secret apps that are concealed by looking like a normal, less conspicuous app. For example, one of these apps looks and works like a working calculator when opened, but when a passcode is entered, it reveals photographs, videos, documents and contacts. One way to prevent your child from using these apps is to ensure parental controls are set up so you can review all app purchases. You can find out more here:

- <https://www.bark.us/blog/findhidden-apps/>
- <https://www.safes.so/blogs/vaultapps/>

The Friends

The Friends need you!

We are looking for people to join the Friends team to help organise fun, creative, exciting and memorable events for our children. The aim is to raise funds to help support our kids' educational

needs and enhance their mental wellbeing whilst also giving them lifelong memories (the first school disco is a special one!) and treats (ice creams at the end of the summer terms, Easter Eggs etc).

There are many ways to contribute whether it be helping with social media/communications, creating posters, looking for bargains for prizes, food etc. or having an input and/or leading with creative ideas for events, or a more formal role i.e. Secretary. You can give as little or as much time as you can.

We are currently a very small but friendly and passionate team; we would love to run more events, but we can't without support. If you would like more details email: friends.gbs@sfet.org.uk and we can arrange for one of the team to meet or give you a call to have a chat.

Any support would be much appreciated, keep an eye on the newsletters for exciting ways you can help (next week is a Christmas crafty one!).

Thanks - Sara, Naomi and Kate on behalf of The Friends of Great Bookham School