



# Half-term Highlights

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### CURRICULUM

- ◆ It's been a very busy half term!

EYFS welcomed all their parents to join them for lunch!





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### CURRICULUM CONT.....

- ◆ Year One decorated biscuits and made masks to host a tiger tea party for their parents. The parents were really impressed with the children's singing and art skills.



- ◆ Year Two had a fantastic time at Rainham Marshes exploring habitats and discovering lots of animals and plants!





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### CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ 2M led our Harvest celebrations in Key Stage One. All the food donated to the school was taken to the Harold Hill food bank as part of Year Two's social action project to help our local community.



- ◆ In year 3, the children have enjoyed finding out more about famous Landmarks in London. We read the story of Katy in London and created our own London Landmark artwork. As part of our Science topics, we had a fantastic visit to Hyde Hall. We used our scientific knowledge to find out lots of useful information about plants, rocks and soils. We also saw an amazing collection of different pumpkins and sweetcorn! During theme week, year 3 researched different endangered animals including the Orinoco Crocodile, Galapagos Tortoise and the Jaguar. It was interesting to find out more about these creatures and to understand why they are sadly on the verge of extinction.





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### CURRICULUM CONT/...

- ◆ Last half term, Year 4 were making Anglo-Saxon purses. The children looked at different examples of purses, both modern and from Anglo-Saxon times. They then designed their own purse before cutting a template out of felt. Working hard on their sewing skills, they used running stitch and blanket stitch to connect the two halves before adding in a fastening element. The finished purses look fantastic!



- ◆ This term has been incredibly successful for our Year 5s. They've had great fun using our new Chromebooks in computing lessons, exploring the various tools and programs available. Additionally, they've been learning about the different positions in netball and refining their skills, all leading up to playing a full game. As part of our English unit, we have explored *The Barnabus Project* by The Fan Brothers. The children examined a range of writing genres and produced high-quality pieces; for example, they wrote their own sequels to the story, creating unique hybrid creatures and exciting new dilemmas. In history, Year 5 has been studying the Vikings, learning who they were, where they came from, and why they came to Britain. Recently, we discussed the havoc they caused, and it was wonderful reading the children's newspaper reports on the Viking attack on Lindisfarne. Our trip to Thriftwood was filled with adventure, concentration, and team-building skills, along with the occasional muddy sock!





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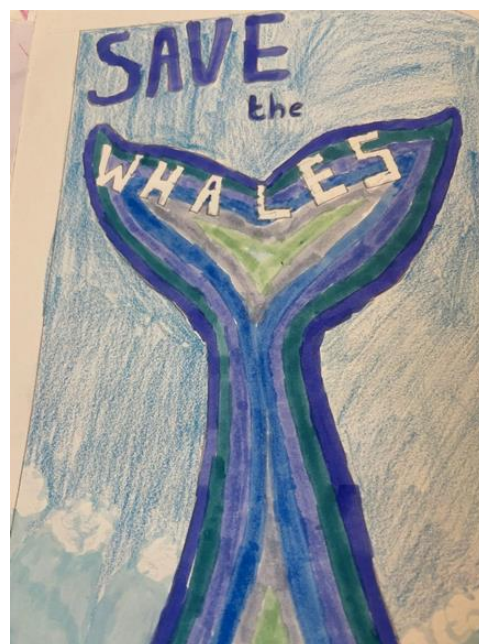
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- ◆ The last week of term was our Theme week and the subject was Endangered Animals. Each year group was given a continent in which to find an endangered animal to research.

Year 6 chose the Blue Whale. The children produced some really great non-chronological reports on the Blue Whale with lots of facts and illustrations. The children were quite knowledgeable about the blue Whale by the end of the week.

The children created Save the Whale posters and wrote creatively about the whale with some choosing to write a poem, or a short story and some chose to do an interview with the whale.

All in all it was an enjoyable Theme week with some really wonderful work produced as a result.





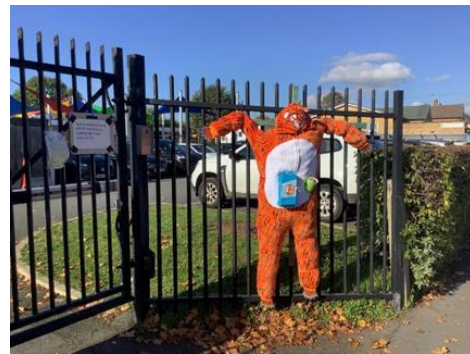
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### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ In other news Year Six pupils have been visiting other schools before making decisions about where they might like to attend for their secondary education.  
One of our pupils completed an Emoji Book Titles Quiz at the Sacred Heart School open evening and won the prize for getting all 15 books correct! Well done Caitlin!
- ◆ EYFS, Year One and Year Two had great fun creating their scarecrows for the EPFA scarecrow trail 2024.



- ◆ After our success in the Summer Seed Growing Competition we were put forward for a London wide award. In early September we found out that our school has been awarded the Worshipful Company of Gardeners Trophy for being Runner up to Best School Garden

The Trophy Award Ceremony will be held in the Guildhall on Thursday 14th November 2024.

We were also voted Winners of Best School Garden at the Haverling in Bloom awards!





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### STAFF NEWS

- ◆ We said a sad farewell to Mrs Watts who has worked at Engayne since 2009.

She will be much missed by all the staff and children but is going off to help with her new twin grandchildren and will be a super Nan!



- ◆ We have welcomed Miss Marjoram who has joined our Teaching Assistant team.



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### OUTSIDE ACHIEVEMENTS

- ◆ Elcie (4B) has done so well in her dance exams, 2 distinctions, one modern and 1 tap. A proud mum moment. Born to perform she is living her best life doing what she loves and wants to be. Well done Elcie!







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- ♦ Samar (5BA) progressed from Green belt to Green Blue in Ju-Jitsu on Sat 2 Nov, well done Samar!



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