Half Term Highlights

Spring 1 - 2026

Thank you to the EPFA who managed to obtain sponsorship from Abbey New Homes for a zoom call from the author of `Aliens Love Underpants', Claire Freedman.

Kings Green Sales Manager, Bruno Valente presented the school with a cheque for £350.00 which Abbey Homes raised to fund this exciting future event.

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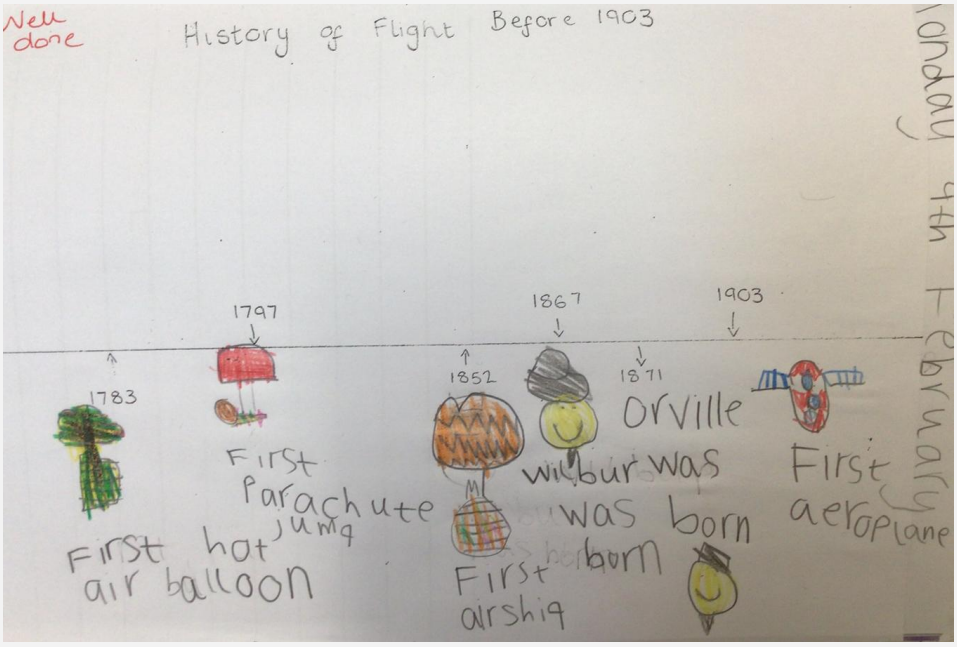
Reception

In Reception the children enjoyed learning about Space. They found out about all the different planets and learnt a song to help remember the order. The children compared what life was like on Earth and on the Moon. They completed work linked to the story of 'Whatever Next' and 'The Man on the Moon'. We also had an excellent morning building rockets and making aliens with our parents.

Last term Year 1 really enjoyed learning about different toys from the past. They were able to see how toys were made of different materials in the past in comparison to now. We absolutely loved being inventors. We focused on the history of airplanes and the Rubik's Cube.



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YEAR 2

Last half term Year 2 travelled back in History to 1666. We learnt all about The Great Fire of London and especially enjoyed our Historical workshop. We got dressed up and experienced working some of the jobs that so called 'street urchins' did in London. We could be Bakers, work at the Tanners, Candle makers, Soap makers and many children thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Barber Surgeon. The surgical tools and leeches were a real hit. The children helped in a fire line, getting water from the well and finally became detectives and searched through soil to find relic of the past.

In Art, Year 2 studied the work of Russian painter Wassily Kandinsky the first to paint in an abstract style using only lines, shapes and colours. We enjoyed colour mixing and painting in the style of Kandinsky.

In Computing, we have been learning about programming, we have been using Beebots to give instructions using positional language. We designed floor mats for the Beebots to move on.

Year 3

This half term in Year 3, we have come to the end of our exciting Iron Age topic with a fantastic Celtic Day celebration. The children fully embraced the experience by dressing up and taking part in a range of hands-on activities, including Forest School sessions, cooking over an open fire, hapazoming (natural dye printing with leaves), making clay jewellery and pots, printing Celtic art patterns, tasting Celtic stew, cleaning our roundhouse, sorting different furs and sketching Iron Age tools. It was a fun-filled and memorable day that brought our learning to life. In Science, we have completed our unit on light and shadows. The children particularly enjoyed creating "light blockers" by designing Iron Age figures and then guessing what each person was doing from the outline of their shadow. Next term, we are very much looking forward to beginning our new history topic all about the Romans.

In Year 4 we designed our own inventions for theme week. We presented our inventions in a Dragons Den style pitch. Some children presented to Year 3 and 4.

We made clay geckos in DT and decorated these with bright colours. We found making the arms and legs difficult as it was very fiddly and we needed to ensure they were not too thin as they would have cracked and fallen off!

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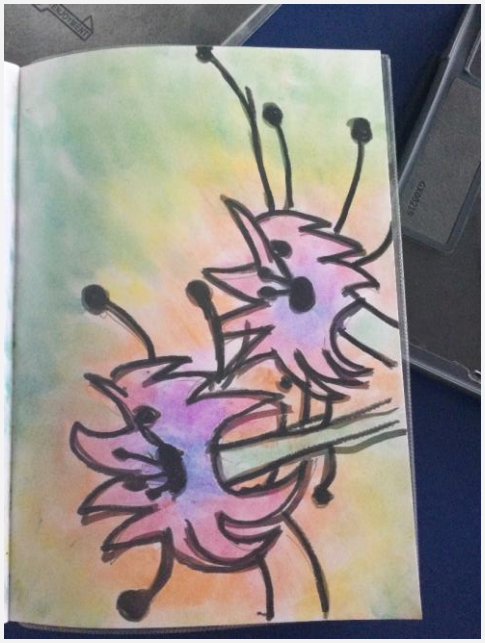
YEAR 5

This term, Year 5 have truly enjoyed their learning journey! The children have worked diligently to master multiplication using the column method and division with the bus stop method, showcasing their growing confidence in maths. Their creativity shone through in their descriptive writing, where they crafted descriptions of emotions and the setting, behind the shoe doll.
In art, the children embraced their observational skills by sewing beautiful flowers, inspired by the stunning works of Georgia O'Keeffe. Their attention to detail and commitment to their projects were commendable. Year 5 children showcased their creativity by designing their own algorithms using a micro:bit. They were simply amazing!

Additionally, Year 5 participated in an exciting theme week, where they created innovative inventions. The highlights were their pitches to both Year 5 and Year 6 in the hall, where they presented their ideas with enthusiasm. The children demonstrated excellent effort in tackling tricky questions from their peers, sharing their understanding and passion for their projects.
We are incredibly proud of the hard work and dedication this term, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and achievements next term!



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YEAR 6

It has been another busy half term for year 6. During our computer lessons, we used Scratch to edit and create games. This was a lot of fun as we learnt many new features in Scratch and could add plenty of extra detail to our programs. In geography, we learnt about rivers. To help us understand the features of a river, we made dioramas using cereal boxes and lots of newspaper. It was very messy, but the final structures looked great when they had been painted. During theme week, we got to work in small groups, inventing a product which we then got to 'pitch' during a Dragons Den session. The year 5 and 6 teachers played the part of the dragons! All groups who made it through to the final pitch won the backing of one or more dragons, with the teachers having as much fun as the children!

Miss Sheehan and her partner were married on 15th February. The wedding took place at Crondon Park. Huge congratulations to the happy couple `Mr & Mrs Anthony' who had the most perfect day.

The Zipwire

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the EPFA we've been able to build a zipwire on the school field.

In addition to this 30-meter ride, we also have a play tower with a climbing ramp and wall, a scramble net and a slide. Beneath the tower there's a den and beside the tower there's a small hill to roll down and a couple of balance beams to play on.

This play zone is going to be a thrilling addition to our lunchtime OPAL play.

At the moment, the field is a little too soggy to make use of it regularly, but as soon as the weather dries up a little the new zipwire and play tower will be open to all KS1 and KS2 pupils every lunchtime.

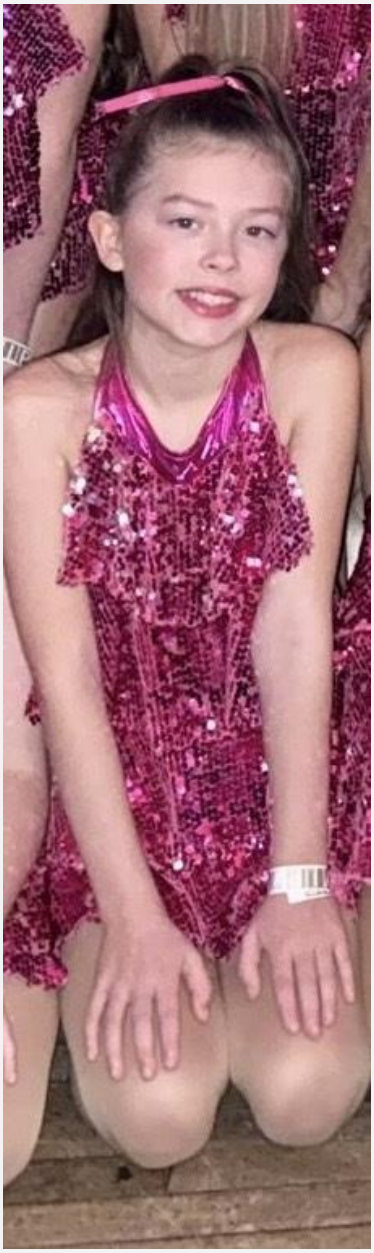
Come along and have a go yourself on the afternoon of March 27th when we will be holding our next OPAL parent playdate. More details about the play date will follow soon.

Other Highlights

Havering Sports Council held its annual Awards Night at Upminster Golf Club on Monday 2 February, crowning this year's winning sports stars from across the borough.

We are very proud to announce that our Boys cricket team won `Primary School Team of the Year'. Special thanks to Mr Parr and Mrs Allaway for coaching the team.

Congratulations to Mrs Viv Allaway who was awarded the `Peter Bruce Lifetime Achievement award' for her dedication to sport. Mrs Allaway said "'I always enjoy working with children from Engayne but last year's teams were outstanding. The commitment, skill and enthusiasm shown was absolutely brilliant.'

Outside Achievements

Rae, 4BT has had a very busy January full of fantastic achievements. She won 1st place and brought home her first gold medal at only her 2nd dance Competition. The following weekend Rae competed with her dance school at the SEEA's (south east entertainment awards) and received the Golden Buzzer which means they have secured a place at finals at the O2 Arena this summer as well as going on to perform in New York on Broadway!! We are so proud to see her up on stage doing what she loves most. Well done Rae!