

BOURTON MEADOW NEWS



Learning Beyond the Classroom



Children enjoyed a fantastic range of educational visits this term. Reception visited Tiggywinkles; Year 1 attended a creative writing workshop at Waddesdon Manor; Year 2 explored Evenley Wood; Year 3 visited Milton Keynes Museum; and Year 4 experienced Roman life at Upton Court. Year 5 created explosions at the Science Fair and completed Bikeability, while Years 5 and 6 made lasting memories and developed confidence, resilience and teamwork during their residential visits.

May Day Celebration

BMA was delighted to host Buckingham's annual May Day celebrations. In glorious sunshine, they welcomed the Town Crier, the Mayor of Buckingham, parents, carers and members of the wider community to watch a range of maypole and traditional country dancing.



BMA Choir at the Albert Hall



Bourton Meadow Choir took part in the Echoes music event at the Royal Albert Hall, performing to an audience of more than 1,400 people. The children gave a memorable performance, with one of the Year 6 pupils selected for a solo role. It was an exceptional performance all round!

Cooking Competition



The third round of the Year 6 Cooking Competition saw pupils produce an impressive selection of pastries. The final round will challenge three finalists to plan, prepare and cook a two-course meal in school.

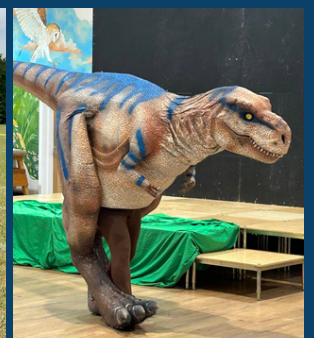
A Living Tribute



To mark Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday, every pupil took part in a 'Grow Your Own Sunflower' competition organised by Friends of Bourton Meadow.

The flowers have been planted to create a special centenary garden in the school allotment, celebrating his remarkable life and achievements.

Rainbow Run & T-Rex Fun!



Friends of Bourton Meadow (FoBM) hosted another fantastic Rainbow Run, with KS1 pupils enjoying rainbow-themed activities and KS2 children completing a park run before the colourful finale! A few weeks later, FoBM also organised a surprise visit from Teach-Rex, bringing children face-to-face with an incredible range of dinosaurs.



Year 5 have had a very enjoyable year exploring many text types in their English lessons, but their favourite was, without a doubt, the portal story inspired by the book 'Journey'. Creating their own portal stories led them on a journey of their own to The Oxford Story Museum, where they explored some of the famous works of children's literature, such as The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and Alice in Wonderland. It transpires they also love acting and performed part of Shakespeare's play Macbeth in the Year 5 class assembly.

Cooking Competition

Y6 turned up the heat in a cooking competition featuring cupcakes, pastry, and bread rounds. From careful measuring to creative decoration, they showcased impressive skills in the kitchen, and great sportsmanship cheering one another on.



Y2 at the Oxford Science Centre

In Year 2, the summer term concluded with a highlight of the year: a trip to the Oxford Science Centre. The children engaged in hands-on scientific activities and enjoyed the 'Wow to Wonder' show. The children worked together to build their own chain reactions - shared ideas, built together, tested often, persevered and innovated, all the while keeping calm! The experience made such an impact that it was the focus of our class assembly.

Exploration Zone – playing and exploring!



Reception See How They Grow



Reception children had a quacking hands-on science experience, caring for duck eggs as they incubated and then watching the ducklings hatch. They learned about life cycles, responsibility, and gentle handling – with plenty of delighted peeps along the way.

Reception visit Mead Open Farm



10 Year Anniversary



In April, Lace Hill celebrated a special milestone in the life of their school – its 10th birthday!

The celebrations kicked off with bouncy castles for the children to enjoy, and also included a special celebration assembly, cakes and a time capsule burial. Pupils took part in themed lessons, creating work to go inside the time capsule that will be opened in 50 years' time. The Mayor of Buckingham even visited to commemorate the occasion. A photographer also attended to take a very special '10' aerial picture that was formed by every child and staff member in the school.

Science Fair



Children in KS2 visited one of the local secondary schools to take part in a science fair. The event really inspired and sparked curiosity.

MP Visit

Lace Hill welcomed their local MP, Callum Anderson, to visit the school and meet with their Pupil Parliament. The children asked



thoughtful and challenging questions and were delighted to then receive personalised thank-you letters for their efforts.

LHA's £20.26 Challenge



Children across the school took part in LHA's PTA Spring challenge, where pupils were challenged to fundraise at least £20.26. Many children from nursery to Y6 took part and raised over £2,000 for school projects. It was a joy to see the enthusiastic entrepreneurs!

LHA Residentials

Y6 and Y4 both enjoyed residentials. The children demonstrated LHA's values of respect, resilience and integrity with many facing fears and overcoming challenges. Both classes had fun-filled days and made memories to last a lifetime.



LUMBERTUBS NEWS



Lumbertubs Trips



Year 2 visited Rockingham Castle to learn all about their History topic of Castles. They had a fantastic time learning about it's features and history and how it was built by William the Conqueror. They all demonstrated Lumbertub's Core Values brilliantly!



Year 3 have visited Stanwick Lakes to learn all about the Stone Age and even got to go inside some of the Round Houses. This was an excellent trip for them to put their learning into practice and they excelled at representing the school.



Reception class have been exploring the topic 'People who Help us', and as part of this they have been learning about the important role of the Royal Mail. They wrote letters to their friends and walked to the local post box to post them. They were very excited to receive post from their friends!

TA of the Year Nominations



Two TAs at Lumbertubs have received nominations for the Northants 'Teaching Assistant of the Year' Award. In recognition of this, they were each presented with a bouquet of flowers from Teaching Personnel who are

sponsoring the awards. LTP school community wish both ladies the best of luck for September when the winner will be announced.



Junior Leaders worked hard to make a positive difference to the school environment. They have been picking up litter to ensure that the playground and field are positive places to learn and play. They worked hard as a team showing excellent responsibility skills. Thank you!

Reception Drawing Club and Writing



Reception worked hard over the last few months using Drawing Club. This has given them the confidence to use their imagination and communication skills to engage positively with their writing. They showed Mrs Robinson their amazing work who was very proud of them!



Y6 children have been superstars and excellent role models to the rest of the school, always trying their best to demonstrate Lumbertubs Core Values. They approached KS2 SATs with a positive and mature mindset, trying their best to Aim for the Top. Staff are proud of the mature young people they have become. Thank you Year 6 - wishing you every success at Secondary School. LTP will miss you!

MOORLAND NEWS



Moorland Makeover!

Moorland's outside areas have had an amazing makeover with the development of their very own allotment and garden, the arrival of new play equipment and the brilliant, Big Blue Blocks!!



Making Music

Moorland's Musical talent was showcased with Year 3 and 4 pupils performing their own production of 'Pet Side Story' and the whole school took part in the 'String Orchestra Roadshow'.



Story Cafe with Ark Farm

Early Years enjoyed their Story Cafe with parents and a visit from the Ark Farm where they had the chance to pet the pigs, feed the goats, groom the donkey, stroke the dog, feed the ducks and much more!



Y6 Dragon's Den Experience

Year 6 were happy to swap their SATs papers for the Santander Dragon's Den where they pitched their designs to the Dragons and successfully funded their Enterprise projects.



Aspirational Thinkers

This term, Year 6 pupils attended an inspiring STEAM event at the University of Northampton, encouraging them to think about future careers and opportunities. The younger pupils in school have also demonstrated aspiration, with Year 1 growing vegetables as part of their science topic in their very own allotment. They successfully harvested carrots, radishes, lettuce and beetroot, which were then used to prepare meals for their Wild Things topic!



Expert Learners

During the summer term Spring Lane have had plenty of enrichment visits including Chester House, West Lodge Farm, Sacrewell Farm and Mini Meadows for the Nursery children. They also enjoyed a David Attenborough Day, celebrating his birthday and learning all about his work with the natural world. They ended the term with a fantastic Spring Lane Culture Day celebrating themselves as a No Outsiders School.



Healthy Individuals

SLP successfully launched OPAL, with children already benefiting from improved play opportunities. They have also had NSPCC workshops, a Fire Engine Visit, Fit for Life Week, a Year 5 Adrenaline Alley trip, a Year 3 Hazard Alley trip, the Year 6 residential and Sports Day which all support active lifestyles, with Lions Class proudly returning as Team of the Year from the Benham Sports competition. The Lion's Class have had PE lessons delivered by Northampton County Cricket Club and the school have also had Northampton Saints deliver Values PE to a mixed group of children which has been thoroughly enjoyed and beneficial to their wellbeing.

Effective Communicators

This term Spring Lane have had some fantastic class assemblies, including a Year 4 brass performance. They have also begun their Voice 21 oracy journey, introducing talk activities and the listening wheel to support communication across the school.

