

## Years 5 & 6 Newsletter - Spring 1, 2017

Welcome to the Years 5 and 6 spring newsletter. All the children are well settled and back into their routines; they are continuing to work hard and present excellent pieces of work.

### Year 6 trip to the Natural History Museum

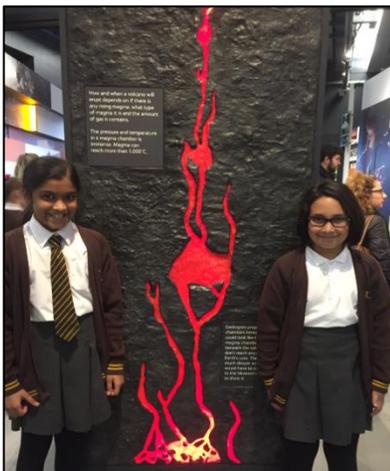
All our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to visit the Natural History Museum on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January to attend paleontology workshops. Children learnt about the difference between rocks and fossils and also how fossils were formed. Later, in groups, children *excavated* dinosaur skulls and tried to understand whether the prehistoric animals were herbivorous, carnivorous or omnivorous by carefully studying their teeth and jaw structures. Many thanks to all the staff and parent volunteers who supported Year 6, especially when travelling using London Underground.



*"I really enjoyed visiting the Natural History Museum. Apart from the amazing paleontology workshops, I enjoyed finding out more about earthquakes and volcanoes. I even went on an earthquake simulator which had a magnitude of 4 on the Richter Scale!" Aniesha 6V*



*"Visiting the Natural History Museum was great as I thoroughly enjoyed unearthing the different dinosaur skulls and finding out more about the specific eating habits by carefully looking at the cranium measurements and jaw structures." Pakshika 6RS*



*"We went up the escalator and into an orb; it was really interesting! Inside this gigantic orb were lots of different minerals and types of rocks found in various parts on our planet." Keshan 6H*



Many thanks to all parents who have completed our online parent survey. If you haven't yet done this, we would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to give us your views. The survey can be found at:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views>

# Chinese Zodiac signs' spinners

All our Years 5 and 6 pupils have been learning about the Chinese New Year. Children have been busy making their own Chinese Zodiac signs' spinners!

*"We had a lot of fun learning about the various Chinese New Year traditions; many are very similar like enjoying a lovely meal with your family and exchanging gifts."*

*"We made spinners with the Chinese Zodiac, using card and split pins."*

**Mylo and Mahisha 5D**

*"We have enjoyed learning about the Chinese Zodiac signs. Most of the Year 5 children were born in 2007 and so were born in the year of the pig. Year 6 children born in 2006 were born in the year of the dog."*

*It is very interesting to know that in the Chinese Zodiac different animals represent different qualities and strengths, for example anyone born in 2017 is born in the year of the rooster and will be trustworthy and responsible."*

**Charlotte and Ciaran 6RS**



Examples of Year 5 and Year 6 children's spinners

## Year 6 Drug Awareness Workshops:

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the Year 6 classes attended Drug Awareness Workshops at school. These workshops informed children about being responsible citizens.

*"The workshop was very interesting and I learnt about how important it is to read medicine labels and follow the doctors recommended dosages before taking any kind of medication"*

**Shreya 6H**



*"I learnt how important it is to make the right, independent choices and not follow what others are doing, just because it may appear to be cool!"*

**Prahlad 6V**

## Rights Respecting Values & British Values

Every month we focus on a different set of values throughout the school. These *values* are shared with the children through assemblies and class discussions. The values shared this half term were 'happiness' and 'democracy'. Next term's values are 'thoughtfulness' and 'individual liberty'. Please spend some time with your children discussing these values to help them to understand their importance and significance.

Thursday 2nd March is World Book Day. We are keen to recognise this as a school and use the time to celebrate some of our favourite books. With this in mind, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

Alternatively, children may like to bring in a simple 'prop' that might be found in a popular story such as Harry Potter's wand or Charlie Bucket's golden ticket.

School staff and adults helping in school will also have the opportunity to get involved, so keep a look out for some interesting book characters!

Children are also encouraged to bring in a copy of the book that has inspired the character they are dressed as so please try to support this if you can. Thank you

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## Dates for your diaries

### **Year 5 Earth and space workshop**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

More details to follow by your child's class teacher

### **Year 5 Maths Challenge at Pinner High School**

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

More details to follow

### **Class assemblies**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 - 5H

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017 - 5D

We aim to promptly start at 9am; your attendance is much appreciated.

### **Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip &**

### **End of Year Assessment Procedures parents meeting**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

More details to follow

### **Parent Teacher Meetings**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March - 3:30 to 6:30pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March - 5:00 - 8:00pm

**If there is anything you would like to discuss; please do not hesitate to contact me.**

**With best wishes,**

**Mrs S. Saad and the staff & pupils**