

Marvelous Mummies at the British Museum!

Before the half term break, Year 3 took a huge step backwards...in time! We all went on an exciting trip to the British Museum to learn even more about the Ancient Egyptians and their mummies. We all arrived at the museum with much enthusiasm and went straight to the Ancient Egyptian galleries, where the children were able to see the amazing exhibits of ancient artefacts. They were fascinated by the huge sarcophagi, tools used for mummification and the wrapped bodies of important Ancient Egyptians. 'Are they real?' asked many of the children. Their eyes were wide with awe and wonder!

After a relaxing lunch, we went to the lecture theatre for a presentation and talk about the Mummies. We found out some fascinating facts about them: such as the fact that they were buried in the West because the Egyptians believed that the Sun God died in the West every night and was reborn in the East every day; and that the museum took the mummies to local hospitals to be CAT scanned to see what was under the wrappings. The children found out why the mummies wrappings contained amulets and why the Ancient Egyptians dehydrated (removed the water) from the bodies. *Lisa Dray*



On July 6th, we hosted a **Spanish ConnectED event** in our school.

Some of our Year 5 and 6 children, together with children from Broadfields School and Woodcroft School, spent a fun afternoon learning new vocabulary and how to express their opinions about food and transport in Spanish.

We were very impressed with the level of Spanish of our Year 5 and 6 pupils, as well as our visitors, as by the end of our session they were great at expressing their opinions using complex sentences such as:

Los fines de semana, me gusta montar en bicicleta porque es sano. (At the weekend, I like riding my bike because it's healthy).

Me encanta la sandía porque es dulce, pero no me gusta el limón porque es agrio. (I love watermelon because it's sweet, but I don't like lemon because it's bitter).

Here are some images of children enjoying their carousel activities where there were practicing vocabulary, role-playing and also having fun at the same time.

Maria Enciso Martinez



Increased security measures

Two weeks ago a man lost his way, walked into the school foyer and into the playground. Our security measures were followed and he was escorted off the premises. He told Donna, he was just trying to take a short cut through the school.

In the light of this we have re-viewed our security and will soon be installing a CCTV camera by the main entrance, which will now be shut between 9am and 3pm. If you want to get into the school between those hours for any reason, you will need to press the bell and wait for a member of the office team to buzz you in.

We will also be locking Poolsford gate between 9am and 3pm, to prevent the public taking a short cut through the car park during the day. If you want to gain access to the school and this includes nursery parents dropping off and collecting their children, you will have to go through Clovelly gate.

A close neighbour of Colindale has complained about the amount of litter our children are dropping on their way home from school. Please can you make sure this does not happen and it is against our Eco Code.

During the spring term, Year 1 visited the **RAF Museum**. Whilst there the pupils drew sketches of the different aircraft. These drawings were then finalised at school and turned into a design for a banner to be displayed outside the RAF Museum. On Wednesday 7th June, a group of 6 children along with



Miss Parmar and Ms Rodgers, visited the RAF Museum to see the actual banner. The children were very excited to see the banner proudly hanging up outside the museum, as well as a second which was shown to us privately. The children's drawings looked amazing and it was wonderful to see what all their hard work had accomplished. The museum will be displaying the banners for a long time as work continues on the museum grounds. Please visit the museum and take the children to see their banner. Each child's name is under the aircraft they have drawn. *Ms Nisha Parmar (Assistant Headteacher)*



Over the past 2 weeks, Year 3 and 4 have held **open maths lessons** where the parents of all of the children were invited into the classrooms to learn about maths. The parents were shown what the children have been learning about and what special equipment they use to help them to understand tricky maths ideas. Many parents said that it was a really useful way to understand how their children learn and how to help them at home. We plan to have more open lessons next year across the school so if you weren't able to come this time, look out for the next one and come along! *Mrs. S Averbrook (Assistant Headteacher)*



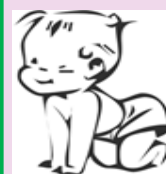
Eco Committee Trip The Eco Committee were overjoyed and very excited to receive an invitation to City Hall! They were invited to be a part of The Youth Summit Sustainability Day. We travelled by coach and were escorted into City Hall, first being given a quick tour and to see the amazing sights of London. The children then joined another eco committee from a secondary school to take part in the 'WE Take Charge' campaign. This was led by a representative from WE which is a charity which aims to make the world a better place and encourage young people to take charge and make a difference in the world. The Eco Committee took great pride in discussing the changes they have made in our school and our on-going efforts to make Colindale Primary more sustainable. After an empowering morning with Amelia and the other committee we had lunch at the top of City Hall with a view of Tower Bridge. It was breath taking! In the afternoon the children created an action plan for their new topic Biodiversity. They were assisted by Amelia and then they had to create a presentation to present to all the schools taking part in WE day. Colindale Eco Committee were first to do their presentation in front of over 100 people and they did a fantastic job! They spoke very passionately about their actions for biodiversity and how they will improve our environment and empower our school and community to welcome and protect wildlife. The Eco Committee are very excited to share their action plan with the rest of the school and begin their biodiversity topic.



Lisa Thompson

BABY NEWS

On the 15th June Mrs. Taylor gave birth to a beautiful baby girl- Ariella Maisie Taylor. Her birth weight was 7lb 9oz. Both Mother and baby are home now and doing very well.



This month the following classes won the **Colindale Gold Attendance Award** for the highest attendance:

2FC, 3T, 4G, 4R

The Super Gold for 100% attendance was won by: 1PF

WELL DONE!

