



NEWSLETTER – March 2024

Performance Poetry

In February, every child in KS2 learnt a poem and performed it in assembly. Then, on the 7th March, five children from each year group went to Brackenbury to take part in the Portslade Poetry competition. Well done to all of them as they performed so confidently to the judges and children from other schools. Four pupils went on to take part in the finals.



Joni in Y3 performed **Cats Sleep Anywhere** by **Eleanor Farjeon**. She spoke clearly and with so much character.

Eddie in Y4 performed **Joseph Coelho's poem called Take a Deep Breath**. He spoke calmly and so rhythmically, that we felt like we were at the sea-side listening to the waves.

Oliver in Y5 had a funny poem called **Please Do Not Feed the Animals**. The judges commented on how he really understood the poem and put the emphasis on the funny parts of the poem.

Joe in Y6 performed **On the Ning, Nang, Nong** by **Spike Milligan**. He was animated and extremely entertaining. He won a medal for his year group! We are so proud of your hard work and the positive way you represented our school's love of poetry.

Dates – Coming up!

April 15th—INSET Day

Thursday 18th April—Sussex Netball Finals

Saturday 4th May – Brighton Children's Parade (yr3/4)

Monday 13th– Thursday 16th May—Year 6 SATS tests.

Monday 6th May—May Bank holiday

Monday 27th May—Half Term

Dance at the Dome

On March 20th, our amazing Year 5 and 6 dancers performed at the Let's Dance Event at the Dome. It was a really uplifting evening and their performance was fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Jones and Mrs Tully who supported them to take part in the dress rehearsal and performance and to Miss Katie (our dance teacher) and all the parents who came to watch.



Global Goals—Solar Panels!

We are delighted to have had solar panels fitted on our roof. These will help to meet our commitment to fighting climate change and will save money by reducing our electricity bills. Our Year 2s are looking forward to monitoring our energy use and the energy these produce as part of their Pupil Action Project!

Pupil Voice from the Classrooms

All of classes have completed their Spring Term Topics. We asked the pupils what they have most enjoyed and so in their words.....

Reception

We have been reading the stories 'Naughty Bus' and 'What the Ladybird Heard.' We worked together as a team to make our own Naughty Bus using large loose parts in the paddock.

Lots of children also got really inspired to make their own maps of London and other places using things they could find in the classroom .



"My daddy is a bus driver" Alex

"The bus zooms straight past the people" Bertie

"We all helped each other make the bus... there's a seat for everyone" Ellis



Year 1

We have had an exciting half term. The dentist came to visit the year one to talk about why it is so important to brush our teeth. She also showed us how to brush out teeth properly. We dressed up and read our books to the class on World Book Day and and we had a visit from some Reptiles!

"I enjoyed holding the Bearded Dragon called Grumpy Pancake. It felt prickly, bumpy and rough" (Ben) *"I enjoyed holding the snake. I was very brave. It was very heavy and smooth" (Felix)*

"It's a village, there's a farm and some woods" Imogen

"The crane is next to the river" Frankie

In our maths lessons we have been finding different ways to represent a number. *"I used all the different counting equipment to find ways to make 15" (Marina)* *"I drew a bar model and a part-whole to show 7" (Leon)*



Year 2

"In Geography, we have been learning about Jamaica and the UK. We tried different fruits – grown in tropical countries and fruits grown in the United Kingdom. (Dexter)"



"In English, we have been reading a book called Ossiri and the Bala Mengro. We pretended we were in a part of the book where Ossiri is trying to convince her father to let her play a musical instrument. (Zephyra)"

Year 3



"Our topics, in PE, this half term have been handball and gymnastics. We have learnt about the rules and the different ways to throw the ball. We even had a mini quiz! In gymnastics, we have been looking at different sits, rolls and stretches" (Joni and Lilia)"

"In DT, we have been making our own African instruments. Before making our own, we researched a range of existing instruments. We planned and created our own kalimbas." (Luca and Parker)"



Year 4

“We have really enjoyed our Harmonica lessons this term. Richard is really fun and we have learned lots of new musical vocabulary!”



“In PE, we have been creating dances inspired by spies, such as James Bond. We had fun learning a sequence and then testing different dance formations”

“In this half term I have really enjoyed art where we have been creating coil pots from clay. To create these pots, we rolled clay into long, slender rolls that were then stacked one on top of the previous coil. We then let them dry for a few days. After they dried we decorated them with Greek patterns or pictures representing daily life of ancient Greeks.” (Jasmine A)



Year 5



“I have really enjoyed PE because I learnt how to play handball. It is easy and fun game to play. The rules are easy to follow so anyone can join it. It’s a mixture of football and basketball which helped me to understand it quickly. We all played a good match and I would love to have another half term of playing it!” (Ali)

"This term I have enjoyed story writing. We were able to write an ending to 'The Adventures of Odysseus' so we could use our imagination to write a creative piece. I included the cyclops in my story as it is my favourite mythological character. Also, with coach Olly, we played basketball and handball in P.E. It was fun because we got to learn a new sport. I think handball helped to improve sportsmanship as we improved as a team over the term. (Sofia)"



"I've really loved being part of the school football team this term as I've been able to play matches against other teams. It has been a rollercoaster of emotions. I think that the team has really improved thanks to our coaches, Mr Phillips and Paul. D.T. this term has been fun, In class we drew pictures, then added pop-ups to make our images come alive. We learnt a range of folds: I found the mouth fold most challenging. I used a box fold for the fire on my page, as part of the story of Odysseus, to make it stand out from the rest of the picture" (Saxon)"

Our Willow Tunnel

Thank you to Ethan, George and Joey's family who have helped plant our willow tunnel at the edge of the Forest School area. Ethan and George raised the money for this last year.



Friends of Peter Gladwin (FOPGS)

A huge thank you to the FOPGS and all the parents who contributed to the smarties challenge and the sweet sale. This raised £358 and £170.30. Please look out for information about the quiz night (26th April) and save the date Saturday 29th June for the summer fair. This is always a fun filled day and raises a lot of funds for the school. In the coming weeks, FOPGS will be in contact with ways you can help in advance and on the day to make this fair the best yet!

Children's Parade Workshops— Dream Again!

A huge thank you to Jim, Luci and Ruth—the parents who have worked with Mrs Marcantonio to start building our structures for the Children's Parade. They look amazing and we can't wait for the 4th May! There will be two workshops in School in April for the pupils to complete the build and their costumes—please see the Ping message if you are a parent of Yr3/4 and would like to help.



Sporting News

Y3-4 Albion Cup Football Tournament

On Thursday 14th March, children from Years 3 & 4 took part in the Albion Cup tournament at the Sussex FA in Lancing. It was a brilliant morning of football, where the children were able to play against 6 other schools. There were many close games, a few narrow losses and some fantastic teamwork. Well done to all those who took part.

Stearman Cup (Boys fixture)

On Tuesday 26th April, the boys football team played against Mile Oak Primary, and you guessed it, it was rainy and muddy! They boys dominated the game and ran out deserved winners – the final score was 9-4. The boys will go on to play in the next round after Easter.



Stinger 5-aside Netball Competition

Our netball team have done incredibly well at the stinger 5-aside netball competition. They progressed from the first tournament stage and went back for the Brighton and Hove finals on 21st March. At the finals, our netball team were undefeated and have now progressed to the regional finals, which is taking place after Easter in Burgess Hill. This is truly an incredible achievement. Huge thanks to Miss Ledward and Miss Timms for being such fantastic leaders in netball at Peter Gladwin and good luck in the regional finals!

Roxboro Cup

On Friday 22nd March, our girls football team played against Goldstone Primary. Again, this was another wet and muddy game. The girls battle hard but unfortunately lost 2-1. This was an incredibly close game and one that the girls deserved more from – but that's the wonderful thing about sport! Well done girls, a great effort.

Sportcool Cup

On Tuesday 19th, our girls football team played against a very good Westdene Primary. It was very rainy and the pitch was very muddy! After a valiant effort, our girls unfortunately lost 7-3. Well done girls, you showed in-

Hove & Portslade 7-Aside Netball Tournament

On 14th March, our netball team also took part in the annual 7-aside netball tournament at Hangleton Primary School. Again, our team did fantastically well and reached the final, unfortunately losing on this occasion. Well done to all those who took part. This is the best we have ever done at this



World Book Day at Peter Gladwin



I chose a whale book. It's amazing and it inspires me to read it over and over again.

Arla Y4

I got a new book called Midnight but I haven't started it yet as I am finishing my book called The Audition. It's the first book in a series. It's written by a famous dancer and I love it.

Phoebe Y4

Book Fair

THE BOOK NOOK

Thank you for your support. We raised £151 for new books!

I got the book called Harry Potter and The Cursed Child. It is one of the best books I have ever read. Josie Y6

Live Lessons



World Book Day 2024 – Live Lesson: Thursday 7 March 2024, 11:00



World Book Day at Peter Gladwin

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Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



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Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



Other fun

Children visited our school library to choose a book.




When we heard the bell, we all took part in DEAR

(Drop Everything and Read) to show you can read ANYWHERE!



Attendance Matters



WHAT IS GOOD ATTENDANCE?					
190 days	180 days	178 days	163 days	161 days	143 days
100%	95%	94%	86%	85%	75%
Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
					
Only 1-2 day missed per term		Between 3-8 days missed per term		More than 9 days missed per term	

At Peter Gladwin, we place great importance on attendance, as we know that good attendance has a direct impact on children's wellbeing and their learning. Our overall attendance target is 97% and attendance across all years groups is currently 94.3%

The graphic below shows the current attendance levels for our school. Please support the school by aiming for 100% attendance.

