



Friday 31st March 2023

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# DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WEEK

This term in Design Technology, the children have been learning how to make structures. There has been glue gun usage, construction with paper straws, lolly sticks everywhere and even marshmallows with tooth picks! The strength of the structures was also tested, thankfully they were all able to stand up. Baby Bear got lots of new chairs, playgrounds were created and windmills are all around Year 1.



Pavilions by Zaapayim and Naemah, Year 4



Windmill, Year 1



Making Pavilions in Year 4



Suspension Bridge, Year 5



Playground, Year 6

# World Book Day

This year we had an amazing mix of costumes. There were princesses, goblins, race car drivers, characters from Hogwarts and even a Gruffalo. The children put a lot of effort into their costumes and could talk about the character they were dressed as. Thank you also for your donations. All the money raised from World Book Day will go towards buying new books for the library.



## Football Coaches Inspire the Next Generation

On Friday 3rd March, we were pleased to welcome Nigel James and Anthony Gale at our school. Nigel James is a renowned football coach, who was born and bred in Lambeth. He is also the father of Reece James and Lauren James; both of his children play for Chelsea Football Club and represent England Senior Men's and Women's teams. Nigel has had extensive experience developing players at 'Nigel James Elite Coaching', as well as teaching football in primary schools in the Richmond, Surrey district since 2003. Anthony Gale works alongside Nigel at 'Nigel James Elite Coaching' and he also has extensive experience as a football coach as well as Head of youth development at professional academies. Anthony is currently managing football teams for the Nigel James Academy.



In November 2021, Nigel donated football kits to our school football team and this was a great moment for the children to meet him and receive some valuable football tips; hearing about his journey to his current position and the key qualities he developed through sport.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the 'Inter House Tournament' - displaying some of our learning powers; resilience, collaboration and a positive attitude. It was an entertaining tournament from start to finish! All the children demonstrated determination.

# Kings Avenue's Budding Artists

This term Year 1 have been investigating colour, what happens when you mix them and how to use them effectively. We have looked at the work of American artist Jasper Johns who painted a series of pieces featuring numbers. The children used the three primary colours for the numbers and then added the secondary colours to add depth. We were amazed at their tenacity and attention to detail when completing their task.

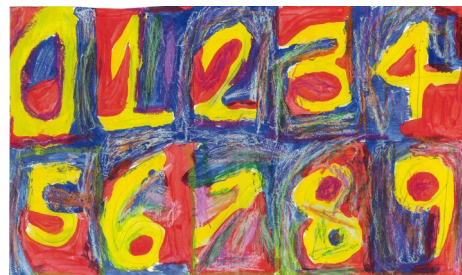


'0 through 9' by Jasper Johns, 1961

We have kept with the colour theme but have moved on to look at the ceramicist Clarice Cliff who also used the primary colours in much of her tableware. We enjoyed blowing diluted paint onto our plates to depict black trees on top of the coloured circles just as she did. Well done Year 1; you should be very proud of what you have achieved this term.



By Jacob, 1H



By Maya, 1H



'Circle Tree' by Clarice Cliff, c. 1930



## POETRY BY HEART

This term, school held a poetry competition. All children were encouraged to learn a poem by heart and then recite it in front of an audience. All year group winners received a prize for their efforts and the winners from KS2 will now be entered into the national Poetry by Heart competition. Poetry by

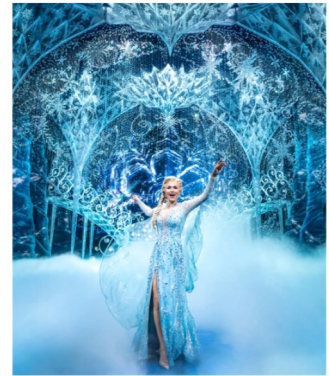
Heart is a national poetry speaking competition for schools across England. The prize for this is performing their poem in front of an audience at Shakespeare's Globe in London, in June. The children are very excited about taking part and we wish them all luck.

POETRY BY  
HEART

## MATHS WHIZZES SEE DISNEY'S 'FROZEN' LIVE

After winning the Times Table Rockstars competition, two children from each year group were rewarded with a trip to the theatre, to watch Frozen. It was a fantastic experience for all who attended, including Miss Stephenson and Ms Nolan who sang along to all of the songs.

Narges and Dara from Year 6 said: 'It was absolutely amazing, we loved every second of it. When she changed her costume mid-song we were blown away.'



## Year 5 Enter the World of Drama with Buggy Malone at the Elms Academy

This spring year 5 were invited by Elms Academy to participate in a drama workshop as well as watch some of their performance of Buggy Malone.

These are some of the children's reviews of the performance:

*"I think the show was splendid. The actions and the enthusiasm made it great. I also thought that the singing was good. The people on the side that were playing after the scenes were on point."* - Liam

*"I was amazed and I got inspired by the acting. I would score the acting 9.5, the talking 10/10 and singing 10/10. I loved the singing parts, especially the song tomorrow."* - Jaden

*"The show was fantastic... it made me want to go to Elms Academy when I start secondary school."* - Gevanie

*"I really enjoyed watching the Elms Academy performance. I enjoyed the way they could change their facial expressions depending on the scene. They all knew their lines and they projected their voices well. They were all very confident in front of the audience."*

*Some of the actors had a very good talent and expressed themselves so well that I was able to feel the emotion that they were playing out. One of the lines that made me feel sad was when the cleaner said, "you always say tomorrow" that really made me feel for him."* - Shai.

*"My favourite character was Fat Sam and the one and only Buggy Malone. I was very impressed with the children's performance and I do truly believe we should go watch them another time whenever it is. Overall it was a beautiful sight and congratulations to the children of Elms Academy."* - Dylan



## Learning About Different Celebrations

### Holi:

On Friday, the children had a visitor from the local Hindu temple to tell us all about the festival of Holi. Holi is a popular and significant Hindu festival celebrated as the Festival of Colours, Love and Spring. It celebrates the eternal and divine love of the god Radha and Krishna. The children even got to have a go at throwing some of the colours about! It was a lot of fun and the children really enjoyed it.



### Easter:

At the moment, some of you may be taking part in Lent, where you give up something for 40 days and 40 nights. Easter falls this year during our holidays. Reverend Kit from the local church came and shared the story of Easter with the children.



E- Entry

A - Ate

S - Service

T- Trial

E- Execution

R- Resurrection



### Ramadan:

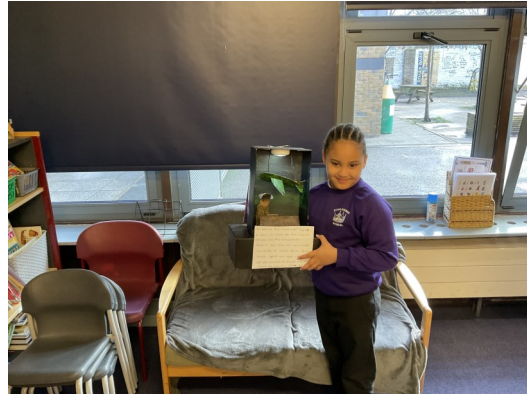
And finally, some of you may be fasting at the moment for Ramadan.

As some of you may be aware, Ramadan, in Islam, is the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting. It begins and ends with the appearance of the crescent moon. Because the Muslim calendar year is shorter than the Gregorian calendar year, Ramadan begins 10–12 days earlier each year, allowing it to fall in every season throughout a 33-year cycle. During the month of Ramadan, Muslims won't eat or drink between dawn and sunset. This is called fasting. Fasting is important during Ramadan as it Muslims believe it allows them to devote themselves to their faith and come closer to Allah.



# Humanities Competition

It was delightful to see all the entries for the Humanities Spring 2 competition! All children worked hard - entrants were really enthusiastic about their project and were able to articulate themselves well when discussing their creation. I would like to thank and say well done to everyone who took part. Although I was blown away by the entries, there had to be winners. I would like to say an extra well done to the children who won!



## Update from Year 1

We have been so busy in Year 1 this term, lots of learning and experimenting. We have been on spring hunt, went searching for human and physical geographical features and measured lots of objects with cubes! We also had our assembly this term and were amazing! It was all about poetry. We recited poems, sung poems and performed one too. A very busy and fun term. We are looking forward to our trip next term, we are off to the Science Museum.

## Reader's Cup

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this year's Readers Cup. Kings Avenue did extremely well and made it to the Grand Final. The children worked together, communicated well and showed great team work and sportsmanship. We may not have won but the children tried their best and we are so proud of them. Well done.

# Year 5 Go 'Into University'

Year 5 had an Into University workshop, where they had the opportunity to learn about what a university is, the experience of living away from home and the vast amount of interesting course choices that are available at university.



## UPDATE FROM YEAR 4

Year 4 has had an extraordinary Spring term! We were busy like a bee as we covered many exciting topics, events and went on a trip.

At the beginning of the term we performed our own class assembly based on 'Earthquake'. Which was expressed through singing, dancing and acting.

As a class, we also went on a trip to our local playhouse called Brixton House where we watched an award winning play by young budding actors titled 'Belonging'.

It was really lovely to see young people like ourselves being creative and expressive through modern arts.



Watching 'Belonging' at the Theatre

In addition to our core learning, we attended a 'Road Safety Workshop'. Finally, in design technology classes we researched, designed and constructed our own pavilions.



Road Safety Workshop



Making Pavilions in DT