



PLUMCROFT



Times

What a fabulous term. It has been so lovely seeing our Plumcroft family back together again. The children have settled in very well and have been working incredibly hard. We are all immensely proud of the way the children have coped during the last year and delighted with the effort they have put into their school work. We hope you enjoy looking at some of the brilliant work and fun activities enjoyed by all since our return. Enjoy!!



IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



Plumcroft celebrated World Book Day 2021 in style! The staff and children across the school were inspired by their love of reading to dress up as a favourite character from a story, while raising money for charity. It was lovely to see the effort made by the children and staff and it's clear they loved dressing up as their favourite book character.



This year, Book Aid International will receive **£464.30** from Plumcroft to continue their mission to enable children all over the world to have access to books for their education and for pleasure.





Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day was another great success! It was wonderful to see the children and staff wearing something red to support this year's theme.

Plumcroft raised an amazing **£627.30** for Comic Relief.



House and Vice Captains voting results:

Willow	Oak
Shay V - HC	Ayo - HC
Noah P - VC	Edgar - VC
Birch	Elm
Mia - HC	Che - HC
Naila - VC	Ruby - VC



Macbeth

Year 5 have loved being back at school, as it's been full of high octane drama, action and excitement, which was a great introduction to Year 5's Macbeth Unit for Literacy and our 'Heroes & Villains' topic. The children have been working hard to learn, to be creative and have fun with their classes. They used their role-play skills, and planned and wrote split narratives from the perspectives of Macbeth and Banquo. They have engaged in intense discussions about who is the greater villain – Macbeth or Lady Macbeth. They have been planning, analysing, writing and performing revolting poems for the Witches spell.

"It was fun. The acting was quite funny, and I liked hearing my classmates doing the witches voices. Writing the split narrative was challenging but interesting to see the story from two different perspectives." Shelly (5J)



"The acting was really exciting and now I feel like I have a future in acting (maybe on a New York stage). Writing the split narrative made me feel like I was really part of the story. When we were sharing our writing, I really enjoyed listening to Oscar's. It really sounded like it was something straight from a book." Mo (5J)



"The acting was fun because I liked looking at all the 'dead' classmates on the floor. I found the split narrative quite difficult writing from two different point of view." Skye (5J)

Africa

This term, Year 3 have been learning all about Africa. The children experienced some Gumboot dancing from South Africa. Taught by Ms Charlton, our music specialist, the children looked at the history of the dance as part of their Africa topic and practised their own versions of the dance. The children really enjoyed the lesson and are enjoying learning all about Africa.



Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale visit Year 2

This half term Y2 at Vincent Road and Plum Lane have been learning about the historical figures Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. As well as learning about their lives and work, the children have been learning about germs and hygiene.

The children have written poems about the conditions of hospitals before Florence Nightingale changed them for the better. They also heard about the great work carried out by Mary Seacole.



Ruby's Worry

Some children in Year 2 were a little nervous about returning to school, so they read a book called 'Ruby's Worry'. The children have been discussing the worries some children may have had after returning to school. They wrote reassuring letters to Ruby about their worries and how to handle them.

Year 2 have done a great job at dealing with their worries and have loved being back at school!



Nursery

There have been lots of new children joining our nursery and they are settling really well. We would like to welcome them all to the Plumcroft family.

Electricity and Inventors

Since coming back to school, Year 4 have been learning about Electricity and Inventors in their Topic and Science lessons.

As well as making electrical circuits in Science, they have been learning about the invention of the daguerreotype in Topic and discussing how photography has changed since then.

Year 4 had great fun taking photos around the school building and using these to create amazing collages.

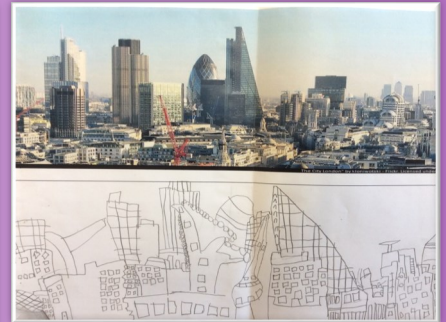


Houses and Homes

It has been so wonderful to welcome Year 1 back. The children were very much missed, and we have loved learning in-person with them again. We spent a lot of time discussing our feelings about lockdown and returning to school. The children have also shared their favourite things about being back. Many

VR children said the highlight was playing with their friends again on the pirate ship!

The children have been busy learning about Houses and Homes. In Art they learned about the work of Stephen Wiltshire and drew their own city scape. In DT they designed and created their own 2D and 3D dream house and experimented with making houses from a variety of materials, based on the story 'The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig' - a fun twist to a children's classic!



Reception

Well done to the Reception children for settling back into school so well. Thank you for all of the wonderful Family Trees that were sent in. The children really enjoyed presenting them to their friends and telling us all about the members of their family. They have been learning about the changes that Spring brings... but most of all they have been having fun, dressing up, making music and enjoying seeing their friends again.

We look forward to continuing with all of our fantastic learning after the Easter break, where we will begin learning all about our bodies.



Mighty Milers

On March 18th Mighty Milers, the Year 6 Running Club, took part in the nationwide Amazing School Run, organised by Fix Events. Their nominated distance was 5km – an easily achievable distance for these fantastic athletes! The Amazing School Run was established to assist in getting children active again, following weeks of national lockdown and to encourage children to use exercise as a means of maintaining good mental health.

Our Mighty Milers certainly started back at school as they

mean to go on, keeping themselves fit – both mentally as well as physically.



Activity Idea for the Spring Holiday

Mini Egg Cookies

Ingredients

- 300 g Plain Flour
- 1/2 tsp Bicarbonate of Soda
- 1/2 tsp Salt
- 1 tbsp Cornflour
- 115 g Unsalted Butter/Stork
- 100 g Light Brown Sugar
- 100 g Granulated Sugar
- 1 Medium Egg
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 180 g Mini Eggs (2x 90g bags)
- 200 g Micro Chocolate Eggs



Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan and line two/three large baking trays with parchment paper, leave to the side.
2. Whisk the Plain Flour, Bicarbonate of Soda, Salt, and Cornflour together in a bowl and leave to the side.
3. Melt your butter carefully, and then add to a bowl. Add in the Sugars, and whisk the mixture together for two minutes. (I used my electric whisk, if whisking by hand, whisk for 3 minutes)
4. Add in the Vanilla and Egg and whisk again till combined.
5. Add in the flour mixture and beat till everything is evenly distributed and a cookie dough is formed.
6. Add in the Mini Eggs, and the Micro Eggs and mix together again.
7. Scoop the cookie dough using a cookie scoop for even portions, then roll into balls. Bake in the oven for 10-13 minutes.
8. Leave the cookies to cool on the trays for 5 minutes, then transfer to a rack to cool completely! Enjoy!

Nature Walk Photography Project

Thank you to all of the children, parents and staff that sent in photographs for our Nature Walk Photography Project. Please take a few minutes to enjoy the video and see how wonderful our local area is. Our four-legged friend Mr P even makes an appearance!

<https://youtu.be/3SAI-2TBFmw>

Congratulations !

Congratulations to Ms Harris and Ms Ings who announced the birth of their baby boy last week. Also, congratulations to Ms Zeinab on the birth of her baby girl.
We can't wait to meet them!

Pup-date with Inca

Inca has been so excited to see all of the children back at school. She is loving all of the extra attention and having so many children say hello each time they pass the office.



Second Hand Uniform - Watch this Space!

After half term we will be selling second hand uniform. This will be done via an email address and will be managed by Paula Shujah. Look out for information on this after the break. If you have any spare uniform that you think is in good enough condition to sell, please let the school office know.

We hope you have a lovely Spring Break. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 20th April.