



Little Phoenix



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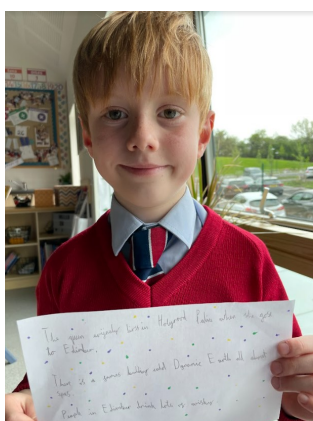
Mrs Speight's message ...

The good weather has brought the Pre-Prep children outside to have fun in the sun. As I was writing this newsletter, I was able to see the Nursery children enjoying their afternoon snack. Leaving my desk to observe, I was so impressed with their wonderful manners as they said 'please' and 'thank you'. I always explain that good manners will take you anywhere and everywhere! The Reception children were also enjoying the parachute and I wonder whether they remember the activity they were doing? Inspiring children to enjoy plants and gardening can give them such a healthy hobby for life. Therefore, our Year 1 children have sown radish seeds and the Eco-Club members have planted the most beautiful jubilee plants using royal blue bins which we recycled, many thanks to Abi for giving us the idea. Mr Pengilley drilled a hole in them for drainage purposes and I'm sure you'll agree, they look gorgeous. Final preparations are underway for the Year 2 trip to Edinburgh and the whole school Jubilee Party on Thursday, which happens to be the last day of this half term. I'm sure the sun is going to shine all weekend. I imagine that many of you are already planning days out during half term. Warmest Wishes,

Joanne Speight



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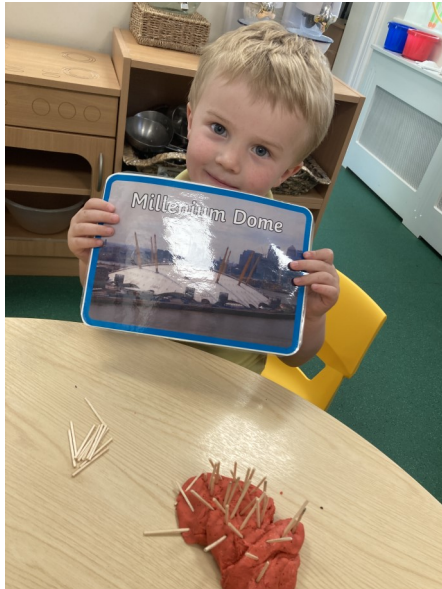
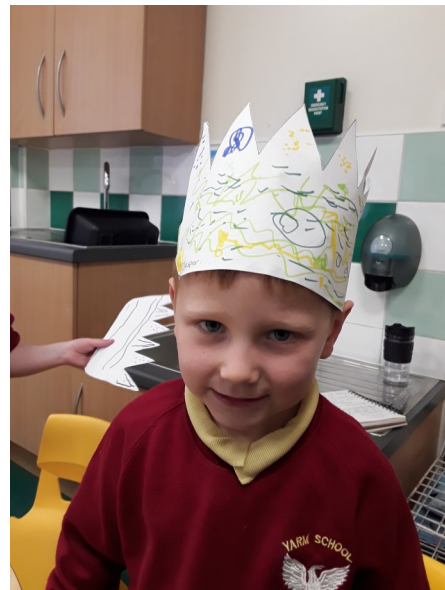
Edinburgh

Inspired by our trip to Edinburgh next week, we created different landmarks from the city using objects we could find in the classroom. We researched facts and shared these with our friends. We can't wait for our trip next week!



Jubilee Preparation

The children in Nursery have been so enthused by the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee. Much of our work in Nursery starts with a text. We have read many stories this week including 'The Queen's Hat', 'The Queen's Knickers' and 'The Queen's Jubilee'. In the continuous provision, the children have been making models of London landmarks with blocks and playdough. They have designed crowns and even made some corgi bunting to decorate the Nursery. We can't wait for the School Street Party next week.



3D Shapes

What are the similarities and differences between a cube and a cuboid? The children in Reception have been investigating this and other questions as they explored 3D shapes in the outdoor area. As well as observing that a cube has six square faces, they also noticed that a sphere can roll but a cuboid cannot.



We are farmers!

Inspired by our book 'Lila and the Secret of the Rain', we have been planting crops in the Pre-Prep Garden. Having discussed why Lila's crops struggled to grow in the very hot Kenyan climate, we are hoping that we can provide just the right conditions to produce a harvest. Fingers crossed we shall have some radishes to pick before the end of the term!





Second Hand Uniform

As part of our ongoing initiatives to encourage sustainability, we offer a second hand uniform service; good quality, second hand uniform items are available to purchase from the Uniform Showroom which is located on the Senior School site. If you wish to sell/donate good quality uniform you no longer require, please drop items at the Uniform Showroom or phone Lesley Porter, Showroom Manager, for more information on 01642 792588.

Second hand Nursery, Pre-Prep and Prep School uniform can also be donated to the YPSSC and sold to raise funds for the Prep School. Please contact the Prep School Committee for more information: ypssc@hotmail.com

2022-2023 Calendar

Autumn Term 2022	
Pupils Return	Thursday 1 st September
Half Term Begins	Friday 14 th October 2022 (after school)
Pupils Return	Monday 31 st October 2022
Finish	Wednesday 14 th December 2022 (after school)
Spring Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 5 th January 2023
Half Term Begins	Thursday 16 th February 2023 (after school)
INSET	Friday 17 th February 2023
Pupils Return	Monday 27 th February 2023
Finish	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer Term 2023	
Pupils Return	Thursday 20 th April 2023
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May 2023
Half Term Begins	Thursday 25 th May 2023 (after school)
INSET	Friday 26 th May 2023
Pupils Return	Monday 5 th June 2023
Finish	Friday 7 th July 2023 (12 noon finish)

Dates For Your Diary

May

- Tuesday 24th—Year 2 Edinburgh trip
- Thursday 26th—Half term begins (after school)
- Friday 27th—INSET Day (school closed)

June

- Monday 6th—Children return
- Friday 24th—Summer Fair
- Wednesday 22nd—Nursery sports afternoon
- Tuesday 28th—Nursery musical showcase
- Wednesday 29th—Pre-Prep sports morning

July

- Monday 4th—Pre-Prep End of Year Celebration (PAA Auditorium) Reception-Y2 Children will have tea in school
- Wednesday 6th—Nursery End of Year Celebration
- Thursday 7th July—Last day of term (12 noon finish)

Holiday School

Summer 2022

Monday 18th July—Friday 5th August

*Further information to follow from Mr Simpson