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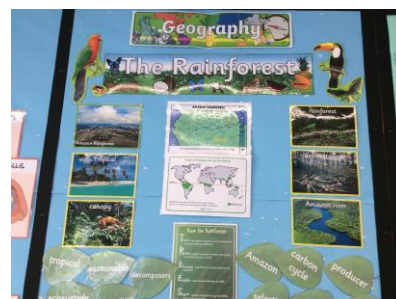
This Week:

In assembly this week, we marked Earth Day, thought about our Brookland Value of cooperation and were treated to a very interesting assembly by Lara Lewis on technology and commerce. *"Thank you Lara (Jacob's mum in 5A) for coming and doing a wonderful e-commerce assembly. We learnt so much about the tech world and we are very grateful you could take some time off to come to our school."* Esther, Olivia & Noa 5A

5E treated us to a wonderful assembly on life in Brazil with a Jumanji-themed performance. The audience were very impressed with the class' samba playing, dancing, singing and superb acting. What a stunning performance! Thank you Miss Ellington and 5E.



One of the threads of our School Development Plan this year is to achieve the Primary School Geography Mark status. We have been working as a teaching team to further improve each lesson focusing precisely on the geography skills of mapping, a sense of place, geographical enquiry and fieldwork. This week our Learning Network Inspector visited to review our focus area. She was very impressed by the children's knowledge, depth of understanding and mapping skills as well as their commitment to their own learning and their collaborative skills. She congratulated all the teachers on their inspiring and energetic teaching and Miss Symons for leading Geography with such passion and commitment.



Visiting Magistrates delivered workshops in Year 6 as a follow up to their PSHE unit on Democracy last half term. The Year 6s learnt more about UK law, the role of the Magistrate and how the court system works.

"The magistrates came to our class, they volunteer for laws, decision and court. They get paid £0.00! They don't use the gavel since it is only for America. Magistrates hear most crimes but not the most serious. In the court room they have a legal advisor. Magistrates work in teams of 3, since it is an odd number, to make the final decision. It was an informative talk and we learnt a lot. Thank you magistrates!" Jesse and Andy 6D



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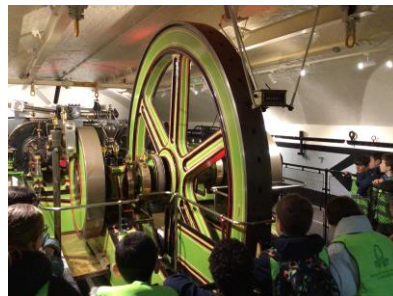
Also This Week:

"On Tuesday, to learn about the rainforest biome, 5AM grew their own mini rainforest - a real one! We learnt about the 4 layers of the rainforest (emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor) whilst Mrs Alam modelled building a real tropical rainforest terrarium! We started by putting clay at the bottom of the jar to absorb water, then nutrient rich soil with activated carbon to keep the environment fresh, followed by more soil. We then added moss and different plants like real micro palm trees and fern! We also added animals that live on different layers e.g. the tapir lives on the forest floor and the toucan lives in the canopy layer. This was a really fun and exciting way to learn about the rainforests and we hope our rainforest ecosystem will thrive and survive!" 5AM



Year 5 have also been busy touring Tower Bridge and learning about a range of bridge structures as part of their design and technology unit.

"On 23rd April 2024, we went to the stunning Tower Bridge. It had electric powered engines which made the bridge open and close. We also build moulds of a new bridge crossing River Thames. It was spectacular." Bohan 5A



Debate Club:

"Debating club began on Monday with Mrs Alam and Mrs Pejakovic. We played rebuttal tennis and debated in teams against each other with different motions such as: Women should stay at home and look after children. Lyla from 5AM, who was for the motion, did an excellent job at debating her points articulately for a topic that is challenging to justify in today's age! Another motion was "We should only eat food produced in the UK" and Archie and Georgia (5E) debated against Zainab and Adam (6P) with both sides being able to respond efficiently to the opposing arguments thrown at them. Well done!"





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Well Done:

Ray Scott (in year 6) is swimming 5km together with his dad and his uncle next Sunday. It's part of a national event called Swimathon, where thousands of people are swimming their hearts out to raise money for Cancer Research and Marie Curie. You can sponsor them here: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/scottsadream>

Gardening Club:

Gardening club have been busy this week. Growing your own vegetables is rewarding, healthy and fun. We have planted some cauliflower, cabbage and beetroot. We wanted to deter slugs and snails using the cloche. Let's hope it works. All we need now is some sunshine!!!!



Next Week:

Monday 29th April: Y3 St Lucia Day (in school)

Tuesday 30th April: 5AM visit to Tower Bridge

Tuesday 30th April: Small group of year 3 and 4 pupils on art trip.

Friday 3rd May 9:00am: 5AM Class Assembly for parents in the hall - please do stay for coffee/tea if you are able

Further Ahead:

Monday 6th May: BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday 9th May 9:00am: Secondary Transfer presentation for year 5 and year 4 parents in the hall

Thursday 9th May pm: Y3/ 4 Tennis team tournament

Friday 10th May 9:00am: 4K French Class Assembly for parents in the hall - please do stay for coffee/tea if you are able

Week of 13th May: Year 6 National SAT testing week

Golden Sentences in Big Writing this week:

"Boom, glass shards spilled across the mahogany wreckage then the ship's sail crashed as the waves started to engulf the vessel. The crew clambered out of the boat. Clutching the cargo as the ship started to plummet. Cody & Sakura fled out of the ship. Bourn, sink, crumble, what's going to happen? Watching the ship fully submerged into the deep blue sea, it vanishes out of sight. "Hands up! We know who you are...." Sean 6L



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ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

PERIOD: Monday 22nd April - Friday 26th April

Class	3B	3G	3HD	4K	4R	4S
ATTENDANCE%	94.83%	90.0%	90.0%	88.06%	94.67%	94.33%
PUNCTUALITY%	97.24%	98.62%	99.29%	98.39%	99.67%	98.67%

Class	5A	5AM	5E	6D	6L	6P	Whole School
ATTENDANCE%	92.33%	91.0%	91.33%	89.0%	94.19%	96.67%	92.21%
PUNCTUALITY%	99.0%	100%	99.67%	98.67%	97.10%	97.33%	98.63%

Well done to **6P** for having the highest attendance this week.

Congratulations to **5AM** for having 100% highest punctuality this week.

Mrs Lake