



## Half Term Update from Mrs Gee

Wow! It is hard to believe that we have already reached the last day of this half term! My first term as Head Teacher has flown by and I have absolutely loved it. The half term has been filled with exciting learning opportunities for all of the children and successful sporting events, as well as a truly memorable 'Bryony's Got Talent' at the Juniors and an unexpected crash landing from a UFO at the infants!

*'The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.'* - Dr. Seuss.

Next half term our whole school focus will be on reading, with the goal to inspire all children to develop a lifelong love of books. There are many other exciting things to look forward to next term; the introduction of Spelling Shed for Years 1 to 6; the house point system is being relaunched with new house names, new incentives to earn points and, for the first time, all children from Reception to Year 6 will be involved; for Years 5 and 6 a trip to Sky Academy Studios; Children in Need; Early Years Nativity; FOBS Christmas Fayre; the Christmas Carol Service and of course, the Pantomime. Don't forget, there is also the Halloween Party during half term.

Please remember when we return from half term, all children need to be in their winter uniform. This includes the **school** winter coat or blazer and the **school** cap or hat.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the support shown during my first term and I wish you a peaceful and refreshing half term break.

**Mrs Gee**

Coming up .....

**Thursday 31st October**  
- Holiday Halloween Party  
at Lordswood Sports and  
Social Club - 4 p.m. to 6  
p.m.

**November**

**Tuesday 5th - MYG**  
Basketball at Medway  
Park

**Thursday 7th - Year 3**  
Parents Evening

**Thursday 7th - Year 5**  
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Swimming

## Pre-school Open Morning

Parents of pre-school children were invited into school this week. The children loved showing them what they did at school. They joined in with art, dance, play-doh and Fish Land. It was a lovely morning, We all had fun.

**Mrs Reid & Mrs Robinson**



## PYO Pumpkins Pre-school



## PYO Pumpkins Reception



## PYO Pumpkins Year 1 & 2

On Monday 14th October, Year 1 and 2 were lucky enough to go Pumpkin picking in Hoo. All the children enjoyed getting muddy in their wellies and were amazed at seeing the different varieties of pumpkins and squashes.



**Folashade** - "I thought pumpkins were just orange. I didn't realise they are all different colours."

**Gurpreet** - "My pumpkin was very heavy!"

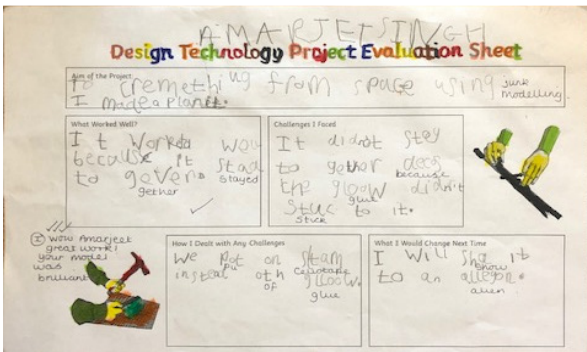
**Luca** - "I liked the muddy puddles."



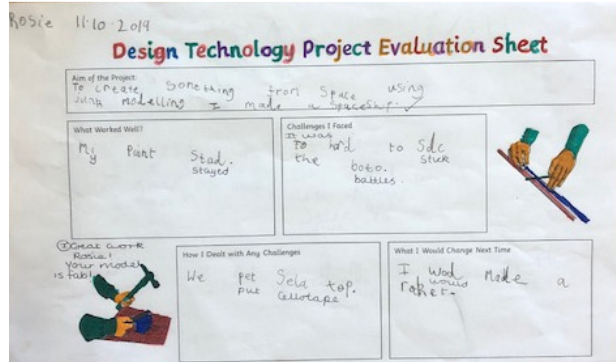
Although the weather was not on our side, it did not dampen the children's enthusiasm at picking their pumpkins to take home. A big thank you to Mr Sparks and Mr Wood for driving us to and from the Pumpkin farm! Mrs Dyne, Mrs Paice, Mrs Smith, Mrs Farnes and Mrs Saroya.



## Year 1 Junk Model Evaluation



Year 1 really enjoyed creating their own 'junk model' space objects. They continued their design technology work by completing a self evaluation. The children looked at what they made and questioned -how could I make this better? what could I do differently next time? what worked well?



The children produced beautiful pieces of work! We will be recreating our models soon to see if our new suggestions work! :) Well done year one!

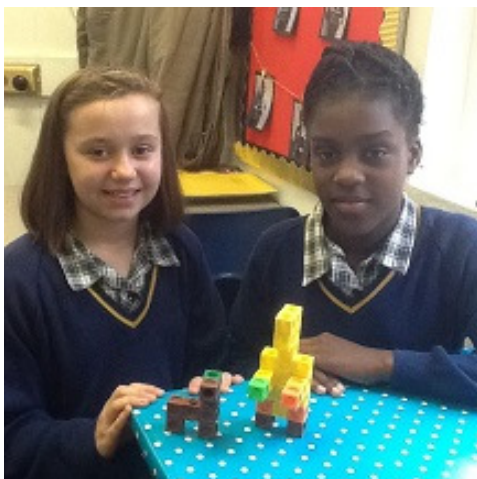
Mrs Farnes and Miss Hills

## Dramatic Dinosaurs Raid Year 6 Maths

Whilst a number of the Year 6 children attended a Mini Youth Game sporting event, the rest of the Year 6's enjoyed using their maths skills to solve an investigation involving and creating (to their surprise) dinosaurs!



The children were given different coloured cubes which each had a different decimal value. Working in pairs, they had to find a combination of colours which equalled a total of 6.82.. luckily one of the cubes had a value of 0, so this cube could be added to the total without any change on the worth but could be added to give greater depth to their dinosaur design.



Every time a pair found a combination which worked, they provided top tips to the rest of the class to support them as they continued to tackle the challenge. The top tips displayed excellent maths knowledge in addition and subtraction of decimals and all children managed to find a combination...some even managing to find another, different combination to therefore create a new dinosaur.

The children displayed excellent perseverance within the investigation and thoroughly enjoyed the practical aspect. Well done to all children!

Mrs Platford

## Year 4 Design Technology

On Thursday Year 4 prepared and evaluated their own healthy sandwich designs for Design Technology. They have worked hard this term evaluating different breads, considering food groups and how they benefit our bodies.



The children considered ways in which to be hygienic when preparing food and how to be safe when using kitchen equipment. They loved making and eating their sandwiches!



Many discovered flavour combinations which worked nicely like jam and grated apple, many even tried new ingredients like sardines!

Well done year 4!

Mrs Rivers

## Tasting and Evaluating Year 5

We have had 6 weeks of tasting and evaluating a variety of biscuits including shop bought, the children's choices and favourites. We received some fantastic homemade biscuits too. Thank you to all that helped make this a special occasion to share. Today they tried a variety of biscuits that they wouldn't normally try..... Mmm fig rolls.... only two children liked them. I had to share some photos of the faces they made while tasting

them, anyone would think they'd been poisoned them!!!!

Ms Claxton



## Year 6 Emergency Response

On Wednesday, the Year 6 children had an informative session with members of the fire and ambulance team, receiving information on how to support a casualty in need.



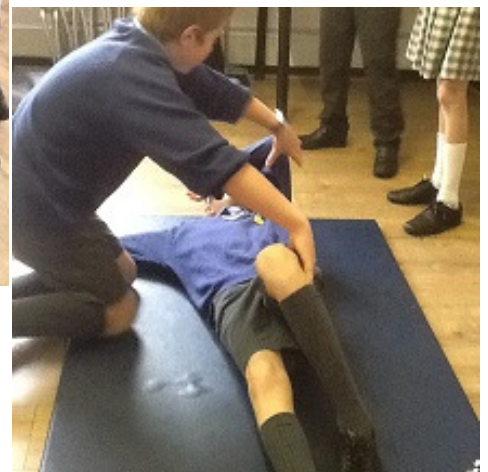
During the session, the Year 6's learnt different strategies and steps to help them potentially save someone's life by ensuring there is no danger, checking for response, checking airways and breathing before administering compressions or putting the patient in the recovery position.



Furthermore, the children learnt CPR compressions to the tune of 'Baby Shark' to ensure their rhythm was appropriate and effective, how to follow the instructions on a defibrillator and how to place someone in the recovery position.



All the children had an attempt at putting someone in the recovery position and administering CPR to a dummy.



These life skills are essential to anyone and the children, most importantly, learnt that it is better to do something, than nothing when in an emergency.

The children's behaviour was impeccable; all thoroughly engaged and receptive to the advice given with some outstanding questions to further their learning. Well done Year 6 and thank you to the instructors for their time in delivering such an important session.

**Mrs Platford**



## Mini Youth Games Hockey

Bryony entered the first mini youth games event of the 2019-2020 season. The team played some good hockey throughout the day, supporting each other making it a real team event. They were humble in victory and magnanimous in defeat and always congratulated their opponents. Out of 22 schools that entered the cup event Bryony came a creditable 19th. We are now looking forward to the MYG basketball which is November.

**Mr Johnson**



## Medway Schools Cross Country League

The second race of four in this year's Medway Schools Cross Country League took place at Thamesview School. It was great to see more participants making it a real team event for Bryony. All our runners finished the course which again was demanding. Again congratulations must go to Stanley of 6J who finished second within the boys' race. The league takes a break now until the spring when the final two races take place. In the meantime we have the Kent Junior Schools Cross Country Championships to look forward to on Saturday 23rd November at Brands Hatch. This event is open to children from years 3 to 6. A ParentMail regarding this event will be issued shortly outlining details and how to enter.

**Mr Johnson**



## Success in Gymnastics

Last weekend on Myla (5P) took part in a gymnastics competition at Pegasus Gymnastics Club. Myla proudly took part in the floor and vault event. The floor event involved Myla performing a floor routine to music which she had perfected during her lessons.

The vault event involved Myla approaching a springboard and leaping from this into a handstand onto the vault and

flipping over. Sounds extremely exciting!

We are pleased to say that Myla came 5th out of 8 people who took part in her round and we congratulate her on her success!

We look forward to hearing more about future events she partakes in!  
**Mrs Platford**



## Past Pupil

We were very happy to hear from past pupil this week through our facebook page. Sue Trainer is pictured here on her first day at school in 1966.... Sue now lives in Sydney, Australia and has fond memories of her Bryony School Days.



## Halloween Disco



Thursday 31st October

At Lordswood Leisure Centre 4.00-6.00p.m.

## Pumpkin Carving

Laith from pre-school enjoying scooping out his pumpkin....



## Another Successful Part Secured by Elena



Elena was asked to send an audition tape in to Airbrush Productions for the role of young Fiona in Shrek the Musical.

**This week she found out that she got the part!!!**

She'll be playing both young Fiona and baby bear. She's very excited and her family are really proud.

We would like to congratulate Elena, this is fantastic news and we wish you well in your rehearsals and upcoming performance. Shrek will be showing from 24th - 30th May at The Central Theatre in Chatham.

