

Girls Dance Production

On Tuesday 5th April all the girls in the school performed a selection of lovely dances to their parents. Each year group had either one or two dances each, and the dance crew also had an array of beautiful dances to perform that they have choreographed themselves. It was a wonderful evening of Dance. The Years 5 and 6 performed at 6pm-7pm and Years 7 and 8 7:30-8:30.

Thank you for all your support and a big Thank you to Mr. Kent.

By Siobhan Fitzsimons.

Court in the Spotlight

5TH APRIL 2011

The Wind in the Willows

We were lucky to have a theatre company in to show us a production of The Wind in the Willows. The Wind in the Willows is about four friends called Ratty, Toad, Mole and Badger. Toad has a habit of wanting new inventions; this gets him into all sorts of trouble.

I didn't like the fact that they had loads of characters and only two actors. As a consequence of this they had too many songs while the actors got changed. In some scenes they had to miss out a character because they did not have enough actors.

I really liked the way they encouraged the audience to join in, for example the audience sang about the chores of Ratty. I found the character of Mole very

amusing. The actors made me feel sad when Toad was in prison and the end of the show made me feel happy! I would give this 9/10 because there were a few



An illustration from The Wind in the Willows.

bits which could have been improved.

By Nathaniel Lewis

Primary School Assemblies

The History Committee are going to be holding a series of activities at Moyse's Hall on the 13th May. To promote the event we have been doing assemblies at local Primary Schools. These schools are: St Felix, Westgate, Ickworth Park and Guildhall Ffeofment. The events and assemblies are being organized and performed by the History Committee of ten people with the help of Mr Whitwell. There will be a total of six activities over an hour and a half; the children attending will pick two activities for 45 minutes each. The St. Felix assembly was held a few weeks ago by Max Morley, Sam Farrant and Alex Slater. The next assembly will be at Guildhall Ffeofment this week on Wednesday. Good luck!

Year 8 Tesco Science Visit

On the 22nd of March Harriet Upton, Laura Warren, Emma Turner, Lorna Summerscales, Ashley Wiggins, Guy Rodwell, Matthew Turner, Jack Mapston, Andrew Davy and Alex Slater visited Tescos on a scientific trip. Here they learnt about how Tesco is becoming a more eco

friendly company. They were given a tour by the lovely Linda and were shown the devices and facilities that Tesco employ to become eco friendly ; the devices and facilities they use are recycling bins, their lobby retains the heat, they also use less packaging on things so that there is less

waste. There is also a board that measures power.

All the children had a very enjoyable time and are grateful to all the teachers and staff at Tesco for making this experience possible.

Written by Harriet Upton and Laura Warren

Learning opportunities.

This year our pupils have continued to take advantage of the challenging opportunities offered by County Upper School, the Royal Ballet, Moyse's Hall, West Stow Country Park and many more.



Year 6 boys wrote to an astronaut at NASA.

Watch this space.

Next term Miss O'Neill is looking for aspiring authors as she has decided to 'publish' our very own HCMS book of poetry and short stories. More news soon ...

Working on problems in our community

BIG VOICE

Year 6 letter to an astronaut.

Miss O'Neill's Year 6 English class have been revising for their S.A.T.s in May. To make revision more interesting, Miss O'Neill thought of writing a letter to an astronaut. All of the class seemed very excited about the idea and got to work straight away. They were given a W.I.L.F. (What I'm Looking For) to focus on. Some children asked about gravity and the appearance of the planets; they also asked what sort of food you could take up with you. Some people asked if any

creatures have been spotted in space! At the end of the letter some people asked for signed photographs or any small souvenirs.

Joel Morris wrote a very impressive letter referring to the science he had learnt in his questions. All the letters have been posted to NASA and hopefully everyone will soon be getting a reply.

Hannah Goldthorp 8NW.

Year 6's Nursery

Stop - don't buy all of your plants yet! Year 6 are growing plants to raise funds to educate a child in the Philippines. Sweet peas, nasturtiums, tomatoes, red peppers—these are just a selection of our plants. We will issue a full list after the Easter holiday.

Yr 6 West Stow trip

On Friday, 18th February, ten Year 6 pupils, accompanied by Mr Kent and Mrs Haines spent a day at West Stow Country Park. To support their literacy lessons the students wrote a quest story which they then turned into a film script. The story was then filmed in the houses and grounds of West Stow. They were fortunate enough to have a film director

working with them and the staff of West Stow at their beck and call! Fires were lit for them in the Anglo-Saxon village and they used the costumes that West Stow provided. The students had to apply for this exciting opportunity by presenting their ideas to the English department and Mr. Alexander of West Stow. Free tickets to the 'Ring

Quest' events at half-term were also given to the students and their families.

The film is now being edited and the final version will soon be available on the school website.

By Jordan Harris

2012 London Olympic and Paralympic Games

BT has organized a national project, where children in schools are being challenged to compete in 'The Big Voice Project'. The project has been taken up by English students in Years 6, 7 and 8. The competition

challenges you to identify a problem and a solution in the local community. Each team had to produce the idea for a film and write a persuasive film treatment. If they win their film will be made and shown at the Olympic Games. The project contains more: some of our Year 8 students have

been writing a blog each week in which they recall everything that they have been doing -this will include scanning work in with ideas, storyboards and evaluations.

By Michael Farrant and Alex Slater

Mini Meteorologists!



A few weeks ago 5KH presented a whole school assembly performing a weather forecast using a large screen to project images. Throughout the assembly each student displayed a variety of skills such as Speaking and Listening, Geography and Science skills.

The rest of the school watched and enjoyed the Year 5 students' efforts in the assembly and a great round of applause was given at the end.

We all thought they were very brave; their meteorology skills were impressive.

By Megan Taylor and Harriet Upton.

Mrs Murray says a huge thanks to everyone who has supported the DT department. All contributions—large or small—are continually welcome.

County Upper School Cycling

On the 17th February six of our students took part in a cycling experience at County Upper School. Jessica Jarrett, Florence Rooke, Laura Warren, Tommy Chapman, Brendan Dodd and Matthew Turner were the lucky six who were chosen to take part. They spent four hours cycling and competing with other schools, including Year 9 students from County Upper School. All of the students agreed that they had a fun, enjoyable day.

By Laura Warren.

Library News

There was an excellent response to fundraisers on World Book Day. £203 came from those who dressed up as their favourite book character and a further £54.50 was raised by the pupil librarians at their "Books & Biscuits" sale. Thank you and well done to all. This has enabled us to purchase lots of new books so please come along to the library and start borrowing!

Red Nose Day Haka

As always in Horringer Court Middle School, we do something special for charity. This year we chose to do a 'Haka', which New Zealand uses to scare their opponents before a rugby match. The dance crew came up with a twenty four beat dance which left the words to be written by top set Yr 8 English. Matthew Turner's chant

was chosen as the school's Haka : "Tapping your feet to the Haka beat, clicking your thumbs to the beat of the drums, Horringer Court in purple and white, what a great school enjoy the sight, come and have a play for Red Nose Day, come and have a play for Red Nose

Day!" The whole school dressed in red and performed our Haka. Our performance was mentioned in the Mercury and Bury Free Press. The total amount of money we raised on Red Nose Day was almost £300.

By Callum Morton.

Thank you PTA!

The school would like to thank the PTA for all of the fund raising they have completed on behalf of the children at Horringer Court Middle School. Besides organizing discos and Chocolate Bingo, plans are

well under way for the Summer Fayre next term (June 17th—a date for your diary). If you would like to book a pitch for a stall, or offer support, please contact the school office with your details.

SATs reminder:

Monday 9th May is test week for the whole school. Tests will cover English, Maths and Science.



HCMS celebrate Red Nose Day

Graffiti Artist.

On Friday 1st of April, a graffiti artist came to HCMS for the day to work with 15 gifted artists from Year 8. Charlie Kelsey – the artist – taught the 15 children, including myself, how to use a spray paint can properly. He brought with him stencils which he had made especially for us, roughly 50 cans of spray paint and other small parts of equipment that were appropriate for the day.

I know that all fifteen pupils enjoyed working outside and we are all very proud of the finished piece! We created a master piece that had Horringer Court Middle School carefully spray-painted on the 25 meters length of wooden, white boards. There is more detail and painting on our work! Our piece of work will be fixed on the front of the tennis courts so everyone can see it. If you want to take a look, hurry down to HCMS some day soon!

By Kitty-Mai Moore.

Rugby County Finals.

On Wednesday the 9th of March, the Year 7 & 8 Rugby team's went to Ipswich Rugby Club to take part in the County Finals. After both teams won the Western Area tournaments, they qualified to take part in the County Tournament. The Year 7 team came 4th, with Callum Hempstead scoring every single one of their tries. The Year 8 team came second in their pool - winning all of their games except one. Both teams played very well, but were beaten by the better team on the day.

By Jack Mapston.

Yr 8 teaching St Felix science

On Friday 25th March 2011 some pupils from Year 8 spent the day teaching St Felix Middle School (in Newmarket) different science experiments. These experiments were all to do with a crime scene investigation, which was 'Who stole Mrs. Johnsons mug? '.

The experiments we did were a) seeing if there was starch in the sample of food b)finger print testing d) acidity in drinks e) looking at different fabric samples using microscopes f) finally there was chromatography. There were 4 suspects in this crime case. These criminals were Mr Kent, Mrs Page, Mrs Luntz and Ms Higgins. All the experiments led to one

suspect and that was... Ms Higgins!

The other group of St Felix children were with Mrs. Page doing an experiment on the A14 mix up. In the mix up, they had to separate salt, gravel, flour and iron filings. The task was to get the cleanest salt crystals available, so they had to be the whitest.

By Sam Farrant and Adam Kroon



Students completing their graffiti.



HCMS celebrated Mothers' Day on Monday 4th April— a great success.