



***THIS HALF TERM WE HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT PEACE AND PATIENCE.***

*Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him. Psalm 37:7a*

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

Read all about how Year 2 have been working on their 'dribbling' skills in PE and learning about the Great Fire of London. I have enjoyed story time sessions in reception this week; the children are able to retell the story of the 3 little pigs with lots of actions and different voices. In Year 3, they have designed their own easter eggs and the nursery children have been guessing which items float and sink. Year 5 and 6 are showing off their creativity again this week as they continue with their recycling art projects. I have given out lots of green cards to children who have also been busy making igloos for homework. As part of a STEM activity, Year 4 have undertaken a fraction investigation for their partner classes to problem solve and investigated circuits. I have also been very inspired by some of the Year 6 poems on the theme of hope.

Mrs. Juliet Olaniyan is leaving the Federation this term after almost 17 years with us. She will be sadly missed and we would like to thank her for the contribution she has made as a well-respected class teacher and cover teacher. We wish her well for the future.

We also say a fond farewell to Eda Bodur, our nursery assistant and midday meals supervisor, who is moving across to the Peninsula Campus as a teaching assistant. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well in this new role. Next week we will welcome back from maternity leave, Sue Rao our nursery nurse and Isabella Osei our nursery assistant who returns after Easter.

We would like to express our gratitude to Emmanuel Church who continue to support us by providing food parcels for some of our parents, including during this Easter holiday. Our Home School Link Worker, Miss Thomas organizes food parcels to be sent out every two weeks to families within our school community. Donations are provided by our local church, Woolwich Food Bank but mostly, the staff of St Mary Magdalene. If you would like to help in any way, please speak with Miss Thomas.

The last day of term is Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. For children in reception to year 6, please collect your child at 1:40pm from their usual home-time gate. School restarts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 8:40am and children should enter through their usual gate in the morning. Home-time routines will remain the same until further notice.

Wishing you all a restful Easter break. Please spend some quality family time together, make the most of the good weather and any opportunities to meet up with friends and family safely.

***Rejoice in hope,  
Be patient in tribulation,  
Be constant in prayer.  
Romans 12:12***

*Best wishes,  
Mrs. King  
Head of School*

*Next week is Holy Week in St Mary Magdalene School and your child will be completing various Easter events:*

- *There will be a Collective Worship by Reverend Dominic, our school Chaplain every day to introduce our Easter theme for the day.*
- *On Monday Reverend Dominic will share the Easter Story and children will take part in activities around the story.*
- *There will be an Easter Challenge for all Key Stages on Monday and Tuesday.*
- *The children will learn all about foods associated with Easter on Tuesday and Andy from the Slade Church will present a special worship.*
- *On Wednesday there will be an Easter Service. This service will be available on Satchel on Wednesday so they can watch it again with you at home.*
- *Every child will receive a special Easter treat, courtesy of a local charity.*

A special thank you to Mrs. Kristensen, Spiritual and Cultural Lead and Reverend Dominic for organizing our Easter activities and services.

***A message from Reverend Jesse:***

Dear Friends of St Mary Magdalene Church, Woolwich

Tickets for the church service on Sunday (Palm Sunday) are now available on the Eventbrite website or app ([www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)). You can either go on the Eventbrite website and search for 'St Mary Magdalene Church, Woolwich' and book / or go on the Eventbrite app and do the same / or just follow this link and book: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/st-mary-magdalene-church-woolwich-palm-sunday-service-28-march-10am-tickets-148210641017>. Please make sure you book for everyone in your household who is coming including children.

The Online Service for Palm Sunday will be available as usual on the parish website: [www.stmaryswoolwich.co.uk](http://www.stmaryswoolwich.co.uk). Just click onto the website homepage and follow the link for the Online Service. You can follow the service any time on Sunday or in the following week.

I do wish you all the best, and now that it is Spring, hopefully we will have better weather, and more freedom as the lock down begins to ease.

Rev Jesse

## MONET CLASS

The Nursery children have had a very exciting week! They have had the opportunity to explore and investigate water this week both inside and outside the nursery.



Here the children are guessing which objects will float or sink? They talked about weight and size and how some objects tried to trick them such as an apple!



Monet class learnt about Spring this week and enjoyed colouring spring pictures of new life such as chicks, lambs and rabbits. Look at how the children are holding the pencil using pincer grip – fabulous!



The children loved being outside in the sunshine exploring and playing with water. Some of the children did mark making with large paint brushes. Other children enjoyed pouring water into different sized containers and talked about 'full' and 'empty.'



## Reception. Hawkins

### Expressive Arts and Design

This week the children have been looking for the Signs of Spring in our outdoor learning environments. We have painted daffodils, butterflies and blossom trees. We have learnt that some animals such as hedgehogs are waking up from hibernation.



### Literacy & Maths (Outdoor Learning)

The children have been consolidating their knowledge of tricky words and numbers while playing outdoor games. There has been a buzz of learning and the competitive spirit amongst the children. We love learning using our bodies.



## Makeba

This week Makeba Class have been busy decorating the 3 little pig's houses using straw and colouring pencils.

The children have been familiar with the story using actions and the story map to retell the story. We also had a special visitor, Mrs King who read a different version of the story and we used the character figures to re-enact the new version.



The children continue to learn about Easter and easter celebrations by decorating their easter eggs with various patterns.



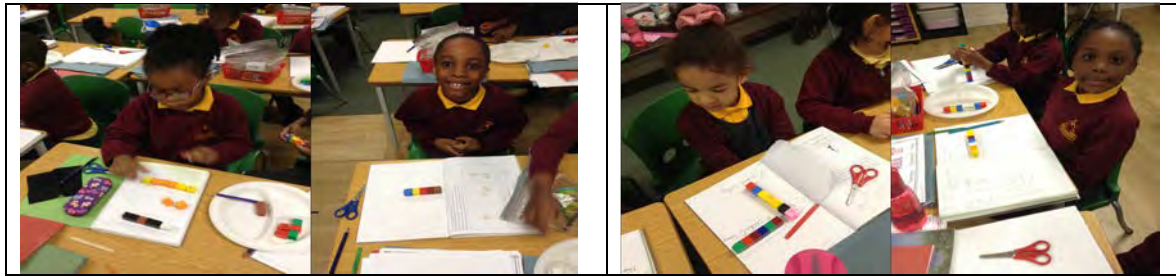
They have also been busy learning about 2D and 3d Shapes and we have looked at shapes in our environment. They also used shapes to create pictures of minibeasts.





Year 1 Hargreaves pupils are definitely back to learning and having fun in school.

In Maths we are learning to measure lengths using cubes.



We are learning about “Palm Sunday” in RE. We acted out the story- “Jesus rode on a donkey and the people waved palm leaves and shouted-Hosanna!”



We celebrated STEM Week (Science)- We are learning about Electricity and How to make our food better. We were electric appliances detectives in our class and group room.



We have been learning about farm products and wild products. We made our sandwiches with some farm products.





Year 2 Potter and Dahl have had an exciting week of learning in school. In Year 2 Potter we created Great Fire of London puppets and then put on our own puppet show!

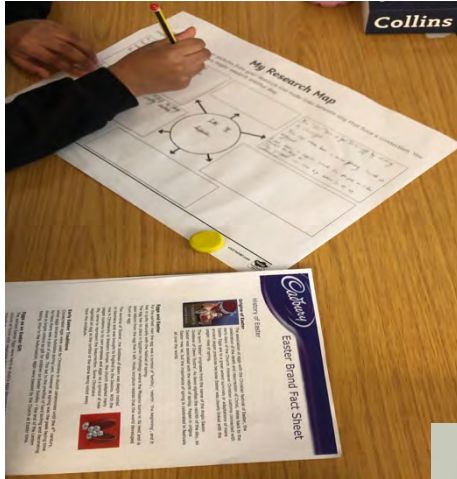


Dahl Class have been practising their dribbling skills with basketballs, including dribbling around people!





**Year 3 Moore and Perry** have been preparing a persuasive pitch to sell their Easter Eggs. Each group designed an Easter Egg and delivered a pitch to the class. Who do you think won?



**In History we designed Mayan architecture. We used boxes and lego.**

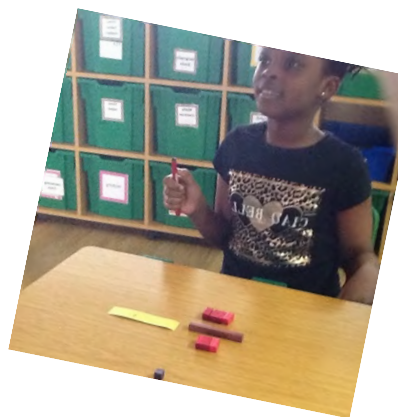
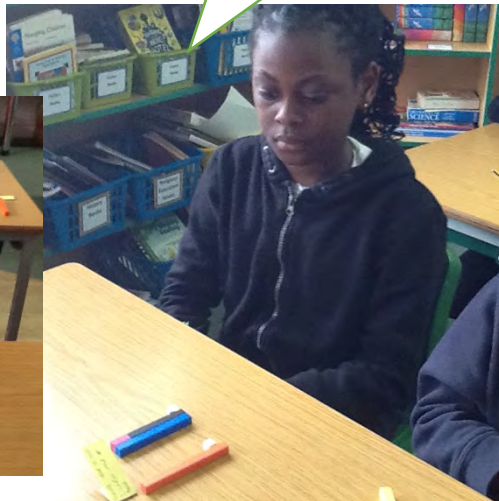
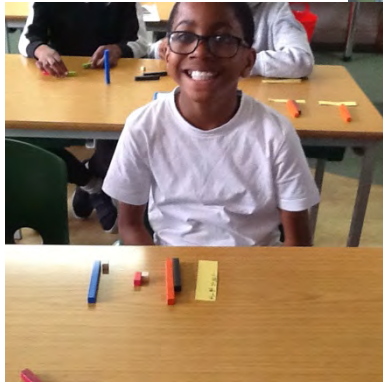
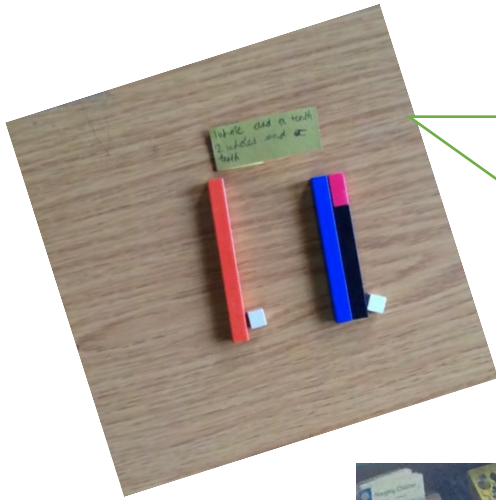




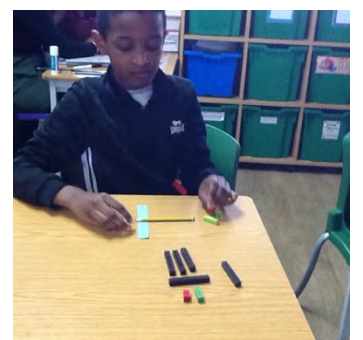
**Year 4 Fonteyn and Cooper** enjoyed STEM week experimenting and investigating.

In Maths we investigated fractions using objects.

Can you guess, the fractions we have made?

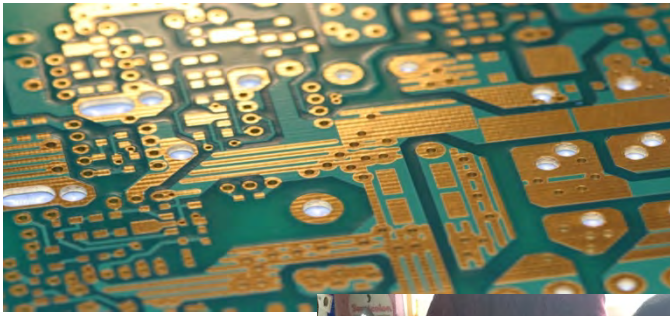


We exhibited our fractions for everyone in Fonteyn to explore and ask us questions about our exhibits.

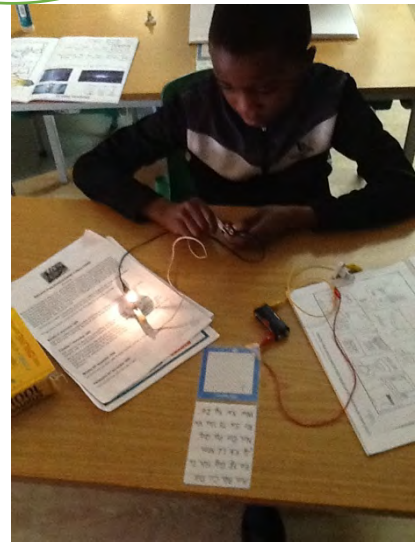




We experimented making circuits and investigated what would happen if we added another bulb and a battery to the circuit. We made predictions and explored different conductors and insulators.



Hooray!  
We scored 100%  
Attendance  
certificate for the  
Autumn Term.



We predicted and  
tested materials  
which are in  
groups of  
conductors from  
insulators.



Year 4 have also enjoyed  
planning and writing  
spooky stories.





# Year 5 Curie and Faraday

Faraday class created a butterfly for the school art display.



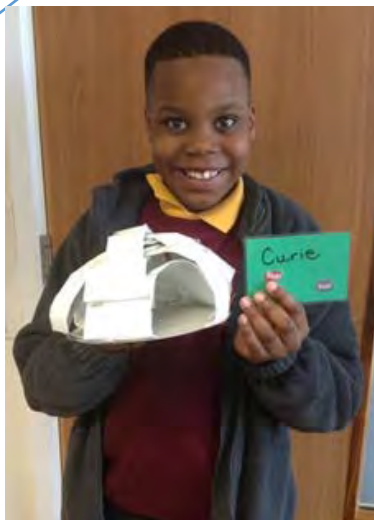
Faraday class have been learning about the different phases of the moon in science this week. We used Oreo cookies to recreate the different phases.



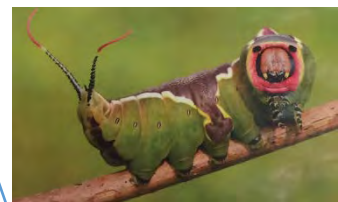
Curie Class have produced some amazing homework this week!



Maro in Curie Class



Jason in Curie Class

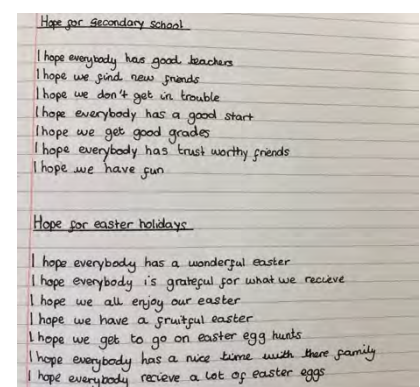
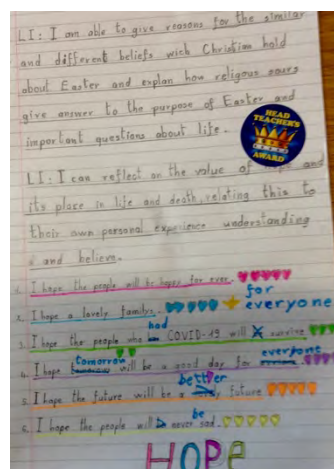
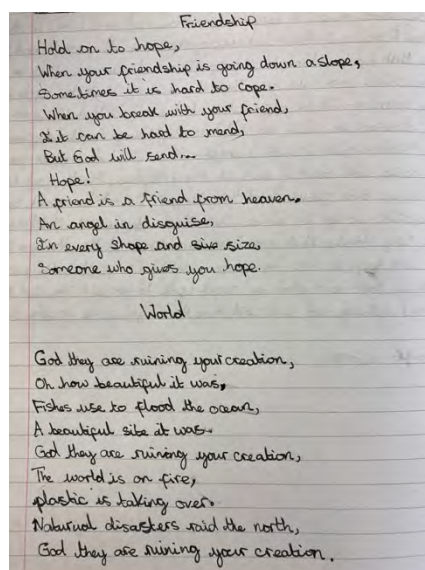


We created a caterpillar for the school art display too.

**Year 6 – For Einstein and Walker classes, we have been creating wonderful pieces of art using recycled materials, specifically bottle lids, creating animals that would fit in a garden! See below examples of students work creating recycled material animals.**



In RE, we have been studying Christianity and Easter, thinking about the value of hope and its place in life. Below are examples of poems written by the year 6 students on the theme of hope.



Thank you.