

Year 5 SPJS Christmas News



Autumn Term 2021



5S Class Assembly

Our class assembly was about the African mines and the ancient Greeks. On the day, we felt very nervous because it was the first class assembly in the whole entire school! "I felt very nervous and having 2 lines made me feel like I was going to mess up!" - Leia said.

We asked Aanya how she felt about it and she exclaimed, "I was a miner at the beginning and had a very long line which was around 3 sentences and that feeling that I would get something wrong was horrible!"

Maddie said "The Greek song was really amazing and I liked it when we got the parents involved too!" We performed the show on Friday 12th November. In the morning of the day, we showed it to the school and in the afternoon, we showed it to the parents!

By Maddie, Leia and Aanya—5S

A trip to the Science Museum

On Friday 19/11/2021 and 26/11/2021 we went to the science museum on our year 5 trip. At the start of the day, we began our journey by walking to Beeches station. We went down Glebe path then turned into Gordon road. When we arrived at the station we waited around 5-10 minutes until the train arrived. When everybody got on the train, the train started the journey to London.



We got to London around 10:30am then we went down a long fleet of stairs to the underground. We got down to the platform, but we didn't get on the first train because it was too crowded so we got on the next train. We arrived at South Kensington station after the train and we felt really excited. We had finally arrived at the Science Museum. When we got inside, there was a steam powered engine towering above us. There was also a man who told us all about the huge engine. After that we went into the space section.

The first part we explored was all about the planets in our solar system. There was a bench so we sat down and learnt that Jupiter had a big red storm that is as big as Earth! Then we had lunch. After that we went up to the mathematics area. We then continued onto the flight section.



It was 1:45pm so we headed back.. Later when we got back to Carshalton Beeches station we turned up Gordon Road then turned right at Glebe Path and walked up the path to the school. We were so relieved to be back after a hard day and it was almost home time.



By Chi Wing—5S

Around the World

On Tuesday after school, we have been busy researching different countries using maps and chrome books. We have travelled on a world cruise and discovered facts such as famous cities, currency, area, population and language. All of Year 5 have been enjoying time spent with Rory, who has painted a spectacular world map in our main hall. We will be sure to improve our geographical skills with this mural on display!



by the World Exploration Club

Ancient Greek Day

On Friday the 15th of October we had Ancient Greek day. For this special day, everybody was told to dress up. The most popular costume ideas were Gods and Goddesses.

First of all, we designed our own vases. We had a lot of fun creating colourful and fun unique designs. The most used shapes were triangles, squares and especially circles.



After that, we made baklava which is a type of pastry. Normally, it would include nuts like pistachios but Stanley Park is a nut-free school.

We chose our own fillings such as marshmallows, chocolate chips, M&Ms and caramel for the sweet baklava and tomato puree, ham and cheese for the savoury.

Next came the Greek Olympics, we were all split into teams and then we started the games on the field. One of the games was chariot racing, we had so much fun imitating the horses. Next we did the Tug of War. Susannah in 5J said, "It was probably my favourite as some teachers joined sides and we pulled so hard that the rope snapped and everybody collapsed to the floor laughing!"



by Susannah, Phoebe & Minji 5J



Super Science!

This term in Science, Year 5 have enjoyed a range of fun activities and experiments!

During our topic on Earth and Space, we looked at different phases of the moon and learnt the names for each one. We also looked at how the moon changes. Then, we got some Oreos and scraped the cream off to match the different phases of the moon...in the end, we got to eat the Oreos!



As part of our learning on Forces, some of Year 5 participated in The Egg Drop Challenge. We designed and made parachutes and we had to put an egg into the parachute, or protect it somehow using a range of



would win!

different materials. Later, we went outside into the playground and a teacher would drop it from a height. If the egg cracked once it had fallen, you would lose, but if the egg was unharmed you

By Aditi and Florence 5J

Viking Day

On Friday 3rd of December 2021, Year 5 had Viking Day.

Firstly, we played a Viking game called Fox and Geese. In this game the fox has to capture and take off the geese from the game board. It is a very mind twisting game as the fox needs to find a space to jump over the goose and find a space beyond it. We also enjoyed a Viking quiz and a parliament vote, Viking style!



After break, we looked at some Viking artefacts. Some of them were boar's tusks, cow horns, ice skates, coins, shields, weapons, armour, and animal fur.

After lunch, we did spear wrestling. The year group was split into two teams, Wolves and Ravens. Miss Baldock and the Viking man held the spear horizontally across the main hall. Four children from each team came up to the spear and put their feet together and when the man indicated both teams started pulling. We had more than 5 rounds. In the end... **WOLVES WON!**



Eventually, it came to the end of the day and we all spoke about what a fun time we had. It was a great day!

by Saanvi and Jack 5J

Christmas Festivities!

On the first week of December, we started making pom poms and paper chains for the classroom and all around the school. Mrs Lamy said they were wonderful! On the first day we were in the classroom and then we switched over to the main hall.

We had to wrap wool around our hands and fingers about 100 times. Then, we had to take them off our hands and tie them up with some spare string, cut them and *voila!* We have a pom pom!

When we had enough pom poms, we stacked them up on the table at the front of the classroom. Once we had finished with our wreaths, we stuck pom poms onto them to make them look pretty. Then we added a bow tie to it at the top so we could hang it up around our school. It looked so pretty and sparkly that everybody that saw it was mesmerised with its stunning beauty.

by Rouen & Alex D, Louie & Orpheas -5S

A Festive Message from the Teachers

The children in Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the school year and we are very proud of what they have accomplished so far. We've had lot of fun days and have many more planned for the coming term. We wish all the children and their families a merry time over the festive period! Thank you for your help and support. We hope everyone has a relaxing break.



The Y5 Team

