

Y6 News Christmas 2019

It has been an incredibly busy term for year 6!

Included here are some of the highlights of the term written by the children themselves.

Honeywood Museum

On Tuesday the 5th November, 6J walked down to Honeywood Museum. Once settled, we looked at pictures and artefacts from Victorian times. It was interesting to see how Carshalton has changed! We also discussed Queen Victoria and Prince Albert - we knew a lot of facts already from our history lessons so it was good to show off our knowledge!

After lunch, we learnt about the history of the house itself. Also, some people decided to dress up like a Victorian child and you could play with toys and games from the nineteenth century. Meanwhile, the other half of the class were upstairs doing quizzes about the area. Overall, it was a great experience and we hope that next year sixes will enjoy it too.

George and Nico, 6J

The Sutton Life Centre

On Wednesday 13th November, Year 6 travelled by train to The Sutton Life Centre, where they were taught valuable life skills. The year group separated into their classes to move around a series of different rooms and activities. In our first room, The Virtual Simulator, we learned about the different signs of danger that we may see in our local area.

In our second room, The Street, we learned about bullying and how to stay safe on the streets. The next room was set up as a train station and we were taught how to stay safe and behave around railways and public transport.

The final room of the morning was set up as a home, consisting of a dining room; bedroom; kitchen and living room. The main teaching points were about fire and online safety, healthy eating and Childline.

In the afternoon, we had a discussion about the different types of drugs, legal and illegal.

By Imogen and Archie, 6P

Indoor Athletics

In November, 36 Year 6 students were selected for the Indoor Athletics competition. We discussed at school what track and field events we were going to do. When we got there, Stanley Park was split into an A and B teams: eighteen in each. We were against five other schools. It was going to be tough. First, everyone did their two field events; the options were chest pass, speed bounce, long jump, vertical jump, javelin and triple jump. After that came two track events each. Team A and team B did well in both field and track events. Unfortunately, Team B came sixth and Team A came fourth. It was a good experience for everyone and we hope that Stanley Park will do better next year. We hope the future athletic children enjoy it too. Nico and George, 6J

<u>Cooking</u>

This term, Year 6 have enjoyed cooking lessons. We had two lessons at a time, over a period of two weeks. The first week everyone made fruit kebabs and tried lots of new fruits such as yellow plums, giving them to the teachers in school, and then we tried them ourselves. Then we tried some smoothies that we made in a blender. Everyone really liked them, so did the teachers. The next week, we made a hot dish. Some people did biryani, and lots of other dishes. We also made a vegetarian option. Lots of different foods, techniques and listening skills were used in the making of the food; otherwise it could potentially go wrong. In cooking, there is a rule that if you don't like something you would call it 'interesting' so the other people wouldn't feel put off. We learnt the claw and bridge cutting methods, which shall help us when we are older. This has been such fun, and a big thank you to Mrs Haines for doing it with us. By Niamh, 65

6P Class Assembly

On Friday 22nd November, 6P performed a Victorian class assembly about the lives of Victorian children. Featuring multiple songs and a poem, it was a key guide to learning all about the topic. The enthusiastic children of SPJS were taken around the museum for a whistle stop tour by the curator. It included the jobs that the children were forced to do from young ages and details on what that entailed. The historically themed show also had information on school life and how tough (and painful) it was. One scene was about Victorian street children and how difficult it was to survive for orphans of the time. 6P thoroughly enjoyed practising for the assembly and having the time to demonstrate their acting skills. By Oliver and Trisha, 6P

Netball

This term we have had several netball matches against different schools, and we are proud to say we have not lost any of them. On our first game we won, and on our last game of the term, the A team won 12-0. The B team also won. The schools we played were Barrow Hedges, Green Wrythe, Hackbridge and a few others. We drew one game to Green Wrythe and won all the others. In netball club, we have been practising different skills and positions and have put them into use in our games. Some have discovered that they like to attack or defend and lots have tried something new, having lots of fun in the club and matches. A big thank you to Mrs Burridge, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Hatcher, without whose help we could not have had such a great result. Also we would like to thank all the parents who brought the children to the games. We wouldn't have played anything if you hadn't put the effort in. The players in both teams have done exceptionally well and well done for the time and effort you put into this term's netball matches. Keep up the great work! By Erin ,65

Victorians

Year 6 learnt about Victorians and the Victorian times this term. In October they went on a school trip to Honeywood Museum (which used to be a Victorian house!) and studied Carshalton in the times when Victoria was on the throne. They all found out lots of fascinating facts- for example there was no antiseptic so if you had a wound, it was likely that it would rot. Comparing rich Victorian children to poor Vic-



torian children in lots of different ways was intriguing. They looked at Victorian maps and we studied Victorian schools, and also were interested in the effect of railways as they were invented in the Victorian times. Some of year 6 completed a project on the Industrial Revolution, which they



had to present in a creative way- all of them were absolutely amazing! Learning about the Victorians is a very entertaining pastime- all of year 6 enjoyed every second of it! Marina, 65

A word from the teachers...

After a long term of wonderful learning, we can look back on some great progress, such as furthering our understanding in mathematics, perfecting our various writing skills and enjoying some wonderful enrichment activities and trips., not to mention some spectacular sporting success. We look forward to seeing everyone in the Spring Term. Year 6 Team