



# Y6 News

## Spring 2022

### Book Week

Book week was an amazing experience for pupils at SPJS! The book character competition was a huge success where students performed their poetry, dialogues and monologues to an audience, including the judges Mrs. Lamy, Mr. Sewell and Mrs. Rowe. There was also the book fair in which lots of us got some fascinating new books. Throughout the week we did lots of fun book-related activities, one example being the 'curriculum crash' where we visited other classrooms and different teachers. To finish off, on Friday we had a book banquet during which we ate snacks and read our choice reading material, including any books we had exchanged for one from home. I can speak for many students by saying that book week was super! Dara and Shirin 6S



### 6S class assembly (6S)

In January, 6S performed their Year 6 class assembly about their history topic, the Victorians. With Mr. Sewell directing, we were able to pull off a great show with scenes including the evolution of the railway, the first vacuum cleaner and a little about Alexander Graham Bell, inventor of the telephone. Along with learning lots of well-written lines, we also got to choose our own costumes from the costume cupboard, including accessories like old hats or dilapidated bags from with a Victorian style.

To finish off the show, Mr. Sewell played the 'Scarborough Fair' song on the guitar and we sang some new lyrics about Victorian inventions!



We all enjoyed the performance day and we're certain our families did too!

Holly 6S

### Athletics

This term, for outdoor games, we have had two coaches visit and teach us a variety of different athletic skills. These have included jumping, shot put, sprinting, long distance running and javelin.

They were very motivational and incorporated a lot of important information about keeping our bodies healthy and how it works.

We are incredibly grateful for the expertise they have passed on to us.

Ella, 6J



### Cooking

Cooking for fun! Across the two sessions, we made a fruit kebab, some fruit smoothies and a carrot and coriander soup.

For the fruit kebab, we used a range of fruits including pineapple; apple, bananas; oranges and strawberries. Then we used all the left over fruit to create a variety of fruit concoctions. For this session, our main focus was cutting skills. We learnt the bridge and claw methods.

For the soup, we used our cutting skills from the previous lesson and chopped up some carrot; onion and sweet potato. The veg was then fried in oil and seasoned with salt and pepper. We then added water and milk to create the sauce and then thickened the soup using a blender.

Lucas and Oliver, 6J



### 6P Class assembly

On March 11th 2022, 6P performed a class assembly about Evolution and natural selection. As well as learning our lines, we practised our projection and movement on the stage. Some people had a lot of lines to memorise like the narrator, Darwin and the palaeontologist. Mrs Duggan rewrote the lyrics to our finale song to link to our topic for our assembly.

We also tried to focus on the comical parts of the play, for example, the jokes from the animals, the tortoise and the tyrannosaurus rex. During the play it taught everyone about natural selection and evolution and the famous people around it, while also being fun and imaginative. We had a playlist of sound effects which would play at the dedicated time, this helped the audience understand what was happening.

For the costumes we had a variety of props and additional clothing to express the character/animal. We wore black clothing and had our props over them. Some people had masks and others had coloured clothing to show what animal/character we were.

We really enjoyed performing our class assembly to the whole school and our parents.

Niyati and Eben (6P)



### Science Week

During science week, we learnt a bit about air pressure and made one by using two syringes and a small tube. We put one syringe in the tube and then did the same thing on the other side of the tube with the second syringe.

We had many visitors including: videos from a marine biologist and a biomedical scientist answering questions asked by pupils and the manager of a European solar orbiter spacecraft come in and talk to us about all the different ultra violets on the sun. Finally we made 2 science posters: one about growth in female scientists and one about the theme of the week, growth. Overall the week was very enjoyable.

Evie and Roxy (6P)



### Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week 2022 took place from 7-13 February. This year's theme was Growing Together. We had an assembly about children's Mental health. We talked about how we have grown as well as listening to the book 'the hungry caterpillar' and how our mental health impacted us. We also made wellbeing butterflies about how we would grow in high school and how we would grow in the future including who would help us. In the end we finished off children's mental health week with a dress to express day where you wore the colour which best describes your emotion. We really enjoyed children's mental health week and learnt a lot.

Maria and Morewa 6P

### Netball

This month, the SPJS netball team competed in 2 tournaments: one at St. Philomena's and the other in Redbridge. The first was against some of the other schools in Sutton. Our team won first place and everyone received a medal.

As we were Sutton champions, we were invited to represent the borough at the London Youth Games in Redbridge, which included a total of 25 schools from across London. After many very tiring matches, we were immensely proud to finish in 13th position!

Ava, 6J



### World War II

This term our history topic was World War Two. We have learned about different weapons such as tanks and aeroplanes, as well as the powerful leaders like Hitler, Stalin and Churchill and how they shaped the war. In our dance routines we recreated scenes from the war with appropriate facial expressions and gestures. Possibly our favourite part so far has been the stop-motion animation of some of the important battles in Europe. It's a fascinating topic!

Max and Leo 6S

