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Class Maple Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed another busy half term in Class Maple and once again it has flown by. The children have worked extremely hard with both myself and Mrs Wheatman in Master Classes.

Science Week was a particularly fun time for us; this included welcoming many visitors into the class and we also completed a range of exciting investigations.

I am looking forward to the special events that the summer term brings, including many Olympic themed projects, as well as completing the SATs with the Year 6 pupils.

Happy Easter!
Rachel Baxter

SCIENCE WEEK

**WE FOUND OUT THESE AMAZING FACTS
DURING SCIENCE WEEK!**

I learnt from ice cream scientist Mr Clarke that the longer you stretch a balloon, the warmer it gets. The longer you keep it stretched and then return it to its normal length, the colder it gets.

Stefano

In Class Maple we put white carnations in blue dyed water. The carnation flowers turned blue because the plant was transporting the water up the xylem vessels. We did the same with celery in red dye.

Lily-May

We mixed vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. This made carbon dioxide bubbles. We added more vinegar to each test and we kept the amount of bicarbonate of soda the same. As we added more vinegar, more carbon dioxide was produced. We were trying to create the perfect line graph!

Stephanie

On Wednesday we had a special visit from 'Mad Science'. She was called Supersonic Sam! She showed us exciting experiments such as Eggbert Egg - an egg that fitted into a glass jar with the help of flames. We also met Peter Ping Pong who was suspended in air with 'air-thrust' from a hairdryer. Sam also explained how the Great Fire of London became so fierce with a demonstration of exploding flour.

Alice

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM SCIENCE WEEK



A rocket-making competition



Supersonic Sam's science show

THE OLYMPIC PROJECT

OUR TEAMS

We have been put into teams named after different athletes in the Olympics: Daniel Keatings - a gymnast; Rebecca Adlington - a swimmer; Victoria Pendleton - a cyclist and Ben Ainslie - a sailor. In these teams we will complete different enterprise projects and also compete in sporting tournaments. Each team can win merits linked to the Olympic Values.

I am in Ainslie's team!

Annabelle

THE PIN BADGES

We designed our own pin badges to represent our teams. Each badge matched the team's Olympian. For example, Adlington's badge included goggles, famous London landmarks and 2012. The school met in their teams in the hall. The winning pin badge from each class was shown and we voted for our favourite one. Each pupil will receive 4 badges and will swap them with members from other teams.

Axel

OLYMPIC ART

In art lessons we looked at some Olympic paintings and pictures and then created our own in a similar style. We also explored facts about London and important people who lived there. Posters were created, consisting of collages and facts.

We studied London icons, including Big Ben, The Houses of Parliament and The London Eye. We sketched images of these icons using sketching pencils after exploring sketching techniques such as cross-hatching and different methods of shading.

EASTER ACTIVITY MORNING

On Thursday 29th March we enjoyed Easter activity morning. Pupils in Class Maple visited the Key Stage Two classes and had a go at a variety of crafts. These included making cards, puppets and hats. There was also the opportunity to make edible goodies, such as chocolate nests and decorated biscuits.

In Class Maple we were able to sew a bookmark as well as being able to take part in a colouring competition to decorate a picture of an Easter egg.



NEXT TERM

23rd April: Bourn Primary's Olympic Opening Ceremony

14th -25th May: Year 6 SATs

Year 6 pupils will meet the head of Year 7 from Comberton Village College in May.

31st May: The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration

Swimming starts!

HAPPY EASTER!