

Thorndown Newsletter

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Allotment News



The last fruit and vegetables to come from our allotment this year were some leeks, apples and some pumpkins. Some of our pumpkins have been carved up for Halloween.



Grandparents were invited on Friday 18th October to help make sure the allotment was ready for the winter. Thank you to all the staff and grandparents who did amazing things with the allotment and Wildlife Area on one of the sunnier days in October.



Hockey Interhouse Competition



Last half term, our Year 5s were very lucky to have hockey lessons from St Ives Ladies' first team captain, Vicky Leighton. She came and taught a series of lessons to the classes and ran a successful after school hockey club with Mrs McCarter. The half term was finished with a fabulous inter-house competition where all children were in teams and played against each other. The children's skills have improved no end with this opportunity. Whether your child is in Year 5 or not, if they are interested in playing hockey out of school, St Ives Hockey club children's section welcomes new members to their Monday evening club. For more information visit: www.stiveshockeyclub.co.uk or email info@stiveshockeyclub.co.uk

Rugby Match Report



On Thursday 16th October, three TAG rugby teams from Year 5 went to Hinchbrooke School to play in a competition against other schools. We had trained hard and even watched some clips from the rugby world cup to help us improve our skills. We played several matches against other schools with each team winning, drawing and losing at different times. Finally, we made it through to

the play-offs but at this point we were playing teams of Year 6 children. We came fifth overall and had a brilliant afternoon out representing our school. Thank you to the parents who supported us with the tournament and training and thank you to the parents who were able to help transport the children to the event.

Christmas Cards

Thank you to everyone who bought Christmas cards or ordered wrapping paper or a mug, as we have raised enough money for the pantomime "Alice in Wonderland" to come on the last day of term for all of our pupils from Year 1 to 6. Father Christmas will also visit our younger pupils that week too. I know my pupils will really enjoy the fun experience.

Cambridgeshire Year 6 English Challenge 2019



We arrived at Westfield and headed into the main hall. Our school team was Martha, Josh, Maja and Luis.

We took part in many different rounds including the Book Round and Basic Skills plus the Extra Thinks Round.

We came second! This means that we are through to the final in Ely Cathedral later this term.

By Luis Year 6

Well done to all the Year 6s involved.

Visitor to Year 2

On Friday 1st November, to celebrate our History Week, Year 2 had a special visitor! His name was Captain Harrold and he was a real pilot. Year 2 had been studying Amelia Earhart, who was a wonderful pilot in history.

Captain Harrold spoke to us all about what it was like to be a pilot, how he became a pilot and where he has been able to fly. We were even lucky enough to try on his First Officer jacket and his Captain jacket. He also showed us how he communicated to the watch tower when he was flying. We all learnt so much about what it would be like to be a pilot and had some wonderful questions to ask!

Miss Collins

Year 6's Hilltop Journey 2019



This year, the Hilltop trip for Year 6 was an incredible experience. The staff there were supportive and encouraging throughout our journey. Some of the activities were: Air Jump, High Ropes, The Big Zipper, Mountain Biking and The Climbing Wall. Our favourite activities were The Big Zipper and Air Jump because we felt like we were flying through the air and we could challenge ourselves to jump from different heights.

In the evenings, we played a big game of Owls and Mice in the forest while it was dark, had an enjoyable time around the warm campfire and had a movie night with hot chocolate!

On the last night, we had a dinner date followed by a memorable disco.

Overall, we had an unforgettable experience. If you are a Year 5 and are wondering whether to go to Hilltop, we highly recommend it!

By Sophie and Olivia Year 6