



# The Hayfield Herald

## Time Travellers

We hope that you all were able to reflect on the passing of the Queen in your own ways over the weekend and bank holiday of the funeral. In school all of the classes had some time to learn about the Queen and her life at an age appropriate level. We focused more on her achievements and her long service to our country as we know you will have spoken to them in your own ways about her passing.

Following on from Year 2's Great Fire of London experience at the start of term Year 3 and Year 5 have enjoyed their own topic days recently (Year 4 and 6 have their residential visits to look forward to instead!). Yesterday Year 5 had the most amazing time living as Ancient Greeks for the day on an immersive experience provided by Portals to the Past. They learned so many different things and explored many different aspects of Ancient Greek life including solving an Archimedes puzzle and playing a Greek strategy game called Petteia. They had a mini Olympics pitting Lodestars against Lumineers, looked at Greek armour and weapons and learned all about the birth of democracy.

Last week Year 3 also travelled back in time to learn about the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age as part of their Stones and Bones learning experience. Their experience day was provided by History in Schools and they spent the day exploring life in Ancient Britain. Part of the day they had to consider what it means to be human and learned about how we have evolved since ancient times and how humans learned to make and use tools. They got to see and touch a range of different artefacts that brought their learning to life. They also learned how to fish so that they would be able to feed their tribes. In the afternoon they finished the day by trying to rebuild Stonehenge.

These experiences have been so enjoyable for the children and we are so pleased with how they have gone. It is just awesome seeing everyone getting so involved, special thanks to all the staff getting dressed up and to the parents for such an amazing job with the children's costumes. We have always had a range of 'Buzz Points' planned through our curriculum but this is the first time we have brought in external providers to lead them. We are definitely going to look at doing these again and are very grateful to TOPs for the contribution to the cost of them.

Today we are enjoying seeing the children riding their bikes around on the playground and MUGA as Year 3 and 4 are undertaking Bike Ability. It is fantastic to see so many children taking part as it's so important that they learn to be safe on their bikes.

If you have been to Celebration recently you will have seen that our fabulous Year 6 have now taken on the role of clap leaders (and creators) and Freddie is reading the house points. Celebration is one of my favourite parts of the week and I feel so proud every week as our whole school comes in to the hall so impeccably and celebrates each other's achievements. Although we can only accommodate Hero award parents attending it is so lovely to have you join us and does mean we can have time after for you to congratulate them and take some pictures too. I was very humbled last week when Mrs Plesca hijacked the end of celebration to present me with a 25 years' service award from the staff – thank you all!

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*Remember that I commanded you to be strong and brave. So don't be afraid.  
The Lord your God will be with you everywhere you go<sup>2</sup> (Joshua 1:9)*

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