

Saplings Class trip

Saplings class were lucky enough to visit Emmetts gardens last week as special guests of the National Trust! The children were busy all morning pond dipping, cloud spotting, meadow flower and insect hunting and, of course, they had an all important picnic lunch!



The children had the opportunity to help prepare the ants that we had previously painted in school for their Fairy Trail, which is opening for the summer at Emmetts. Saplings found newts and dragon flies, bees, grasshoppers and ladybirds and a beautiful variety of wild flowers in the meadow. After some play time in the woodland area, it was time to go home. Thank you to the National Trust team for welcoming us to the gardens. We had a wonderful time!

Mrs Daniels

Beech Class Trip

Last week Beech class had the opportunity to visit London as part of their learning about Monarchs. It was a super visit, which combined travelling by train, visiting the National Portrait Gallery and a visit to Buckingham Palace. Beech class had a fantastic time at the Portrait gallery. The children explained



"We did a scavenger hunt, looking for portraits of Kings and Queens, like Henry VIII and his wives."



The children then went to Buckingham Palace to learn more about where the King lives and the most amazing thing happened... they saw the King, who then stopped to wave at the children! What a wonderful adventure.

A huge thank you to Mrs Daniels and Miss Rose for organising these fantastic class visits for the children and to all the parents who helped with these days. Even though the trip was a week ago, the children are still excitedly sharing their stories from their adventures out of school. Thank you all for making that possible.

Year 6 Performance

On Thursday 13th July, I was lucky enough to watch the year 6 production of "Pirates of the Curry Bean" at the village hall. This is always my favourite time of year, when we see just how much the children have flourished and how ready they are for secondary school.

Well...what a treat! It was actually a real privilege to watch the children's performance. The standard is always exceptionally high but I was impressed with the children's levels of confidence, their ability to not only remember all their lines but also to deliver them with such skill and comedic timing. As I said at the performance, I remember when the children first joined us in Saplings and some of the children were very shy. To see the children now singing, dancing and acting in front of an audience makes me so proud of you all. The children were ably supported by our year 5 children, who also let their lights shine through so I have high hopes for next year's performance too!

I will again echo my thanks to Mr Howse and Mrs Pearce for making this such a brilliant performance. Mr Howse has a natural talent for casting the children so well in their parts and this allows the children to share their talents with us so well. This year Mrs Pearce took the play to a whole new level with the most incredible props from a local theatre. A variety

of trees, boats etc. started appearing from her car and it seemed that the supply of props would never end! Thank you both for your great attention to detail, care and dedication in making these performances the best they can be for the children.

Year 6

This year, I invited year 6 children to contribute to the final newsletter of the academic year by selecting a topic within the school that they would like to celebrate. Charlotte chose "Sport at Ide Hill".

This year the Ide Hills teams have had some great achievements that all of the school were proud of, especially Mr. Taylor, who said:

"I think there is a lot to be proud of considering we are a small school but, we continue to achieve amazing things in the sport and in the classroom"

Team achievements:

Girls cricket: Ide hill year 5 and 6 girls came 1st place winning all games at The Vine, Sevenoaks. Our outstanding team was: Lucy, Amber, Charlotte, Grace, Evie, Robyn, Darcy, Sophia, and Sienna.

Netball: The netball A team the won the Sevenoaks netball tournament, coming first. Our school are also very proud of the B team for beating the reigning champions; St James.

The children involved in these competitions were: Lucy, Logan, Harrison, Luke, JJ, Ella, Amber, Darcy, Charlotte, Stanley, Grace and Robyn

Before I go into personal achievements I would like to include an inspiring quote from Mr Taylor's interview:

"I don't like to focus on the Individual, I like to focus on the collective because we are all one team"

Personal Achievements:

Wilbur (Y4) achieved 73 speed bounces in 30 seconds!
 Seth (Y4) achieved most tags in a rugby game,6!
 Emerson (Y6) achieved the furthest standing long jump- 1.91 M, that's far!
 Charlotte achieved most netball goals- 9 in 5 minutes
 Charlotte achieved flamingo balance 10 minutes and 29 seconds
 Lucy has captained of most teams this year!!
 Well done everyone!

SIAMS Inspection

Many thanks for your support with our recent SIAMS inspection. The report for this was sent to all parents yesterday and is also available on our website https://idehill.eschools.co.uk/web/siams_inspection_report/624574

Leaver's Assembly

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the class of 2023 – our fantastic year 6 children. This assembly is always emotional as we share in the children's memories of Ide Hill and wish them well on the next stage of their educational journey. The assembly was wonderful. The children's memories were deeply personal. They made us laugh and cry at the same time and shared some common themes!

Year 6, we are all so proud to have watched you grow – in confidence, in maturity and in skill. You have achieved so much in your time at Ide Hill and I know that you are leaving us with fond memories and with the skills to succeed in life. You are all more than ready for the challenge of secondary school so be bold, be confident, let your lights shine through and always remember to do be kind and do everything in love.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy summer holiday. I look forward to seeing you all in September.



Thank you from all of the staff for our very generous end of year gifts and cards. They are all greatly appreciated





<p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>to our children who celebrate their birthday during the school holidays!</p>	<p>Teddie Isaac Louie Darcie Rupert Noa Tobias Lana Jake Aubrey Zach Alice Harvey Willow Eva Poppy Alexander Violet Cora Charlotte Freddie</p>
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