



Houses of Parliament Trip

Last Thursday the School Council visited the Houses of Parliament. We had a fascinating tour! We sat in the viewing gallery and watched a live debate between MPs about various issues. We met John Baron's (local MP for Basildon) parliamentary assistant. We asked her lots of questions about her job and the role of a MP. We also participated in an activity which involved discussions on democracy and how a Government is formed. We also had lunch by the River Thames followed by a play in the park. All the school councillors behaved impeccably and we all learnt so much about parliamentary life.

By Indigo L



Year 6 Hampton Court Trip

Meeting an aged Henry VIII, ghost hunting and a lesson in Royal architecture were just some of the highlights of Year 6s trip to Hampton Court Palace on Monday 19th March. Linked to their topic on 'Monarchs through the Ages', the children had the opportunity to visit this amazing royal palace and learn - with the help of a costumed guide – how both the building and the role of the monarch changed vastly between the Tudor and Stuart eras.

Their guide, Lady Portland, helped them to understand how Hampton Court was altered by monarchs, from Henry VIII through to William III, to suit the changing needs of their court. A quick lesson in royal succession and precedent proved entertaining and great fun was had exploring many of the different rooms in the palace, including the Tudor kitchens and William III's toilet. One favourite was a room decorated with displays of weapons.

The children were all beautifully behaved, a fact that was commented on by members of the public and were a credit to the school. Even the cold didn't dampen their spirits and a great day was had by all.

Mrs Gowland



Stars of the Week 23/3/18



RSA	Elsie A	4CC/CCh	Sophie C
RVJ	Harriette D	4JW	Kai G
1SR	Logan H-W	5MPr	Charlie I
1JC	Emilija B	5CF	Jacob H
2KT	Scarlett P-A	5MPe	Farid K
2CL	Kayleigh B	6CS	Chloe S
3SG	Grace C	6SP	Alice L
3DB	Lily D	6KG	Jude C
3KP	Igne S		

The Children's Society

The Children's Society are running a parent support group offering practical support and advice around managing challenging behaviours within the home. It is running from Thursday 19th April, 09:30 – 11:30, for 8 weeks at The Limes building in New Century Road. There are no costs involved in the programme.

If you are interested, please contact the school office (in person or email admin@merrylands-pri.essex.sch.uk) who will pass your contact details to The Children's Society.

Spring Term Attendance w/e: 23/3/18

KS1 Winning Class: 2CL (99.64%)

KS2 Winning Class: 5MPr (98.67%)

**Merrylands Primary School and Nursery
attendance target for 2017/18:**



FOMSA AGM

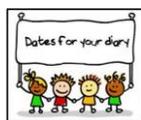
Tuesday 24th April 2018

2.30 pm in the KS1 hall

All parents welcome to attend

Dates for the diary

- 29.3.18 - 15.4.18 Easter Holidays
- 16.4.18 - Return to school
- 16.4.18 - Girls Football match vs. Lincewood
- 19.4.18 - Y5 Football match vs. Laindon Park
- 23.4.18 - St. George's Day (Special Dinner)
- 24.3.18 - Disability Awareness Day
- 24.3.18 - Y3 -6 Swimming Gala
- 25.3.18 - Y4 G&T 'Dance in a Day'
- 30.4.18 - Girls football match vs. Lee Chapel



St. George's Day Special Dinner Monday 23rd April



FISH, CHIPS AND PEAS

ST. GEORGE FAIRY CAKES