



# Update

Spring Term 5

March 2011

## Rock Challenge

A massive thank you to Mrs Beecham and to Jackie James who have worked tirelessly to make the dance work. It really is a unique and stunning achievement to have produced a dance routine of such a high standard. Additional thanks to all the parents who helped with staging, rehearsals and on the day. Also to Jon, Robert and Sean from City College who perfected the lighting and to Amelia Beecham who very patiently did the makeup with Annette Vatter and made the children look fabulous. Special thanks to Liza Carter at Emjay School of Dance for costumes, shoes, hats, newspapers makeup etc and for coming along last night to lend support. And finally to Miss Hughes for adding her touches and to the Junior Department teachers for their flexibility in letting their young dancers rehearse.

## Year 6 We have been focussing on SATs and working really hard!

Last week was book week and Maple base visited us and we shared stories we had written for them. Also we saw their amazing Ompalomp dance.

Most of year 6 participated in Rock Challenge and we won again which is great news! Those who did not go to Rock Challenge made an amazing 3D Indian village for our class display.

**Year 5** We have been starting a new science project of "microorganisms". A "microorganism" is bacteria and you can get lots of different types of them. Year 5 have also been on World Maths Day, which is a website for kids round the whole world to play maths games against each other (it was absolutely amazing). Also, the class have been studying time as our new maths topic. Furthermore, Year 5 wrote about Indian stories, which was very tiring and hard. They were called "Sita and Rama" and they were brilliant with lots and lots of majestic description.(Curtis and Ethan)

**Year 3** In book week we went down to the infants and read 'Aliens in Underpants'. We made some paper underpants with Oak base and decorated them with different materials. We also read The Hedgehog by Dick King Smith and thought about how hedgehogs could cross the road safely. We also designed our own parks and pretended that Max was in it and he was lost. We wrote instructions directing him how to get home. We also made some cardboard books from cereal boxes. We had great fun!(Anna and Chloe)

**Year 4** In book week we used cereal boxes to make a model of our favourite books, Mr Wickins has displayed them on our ceiling! Also we did activities around the book we are reading in class which is The Toilet of Doom!!!! We also had a very active games lesson with Mr Wickins teaching us (we usually have sports coaches) and we really loved it.  
(Immi and Stephanie)

## Infant Department

In the infants last week was book week. It was a real opportunity to study how books really work and how they deliver a powerful message even if their format is simple. It was lovely to work with the link classes in the Juniors and to develop the children's love of books. The children appeared to enjoy it, especially the dressing up day, and it was wonderful to see so many great costumes.

## Leukaemia Fund Raising

A brilliant danceathon activity resulted in fantastic fund raising. The dancing was great fun. The children looked exhausted at the end. The fund raising raised so much cash that it broke my briefcase as I was taking it to the bank! The total was an incredible £2656.32. Thank you to everyone.

## Comic Relief

This is on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. The idea is to bring a £1 and dress as a monster!