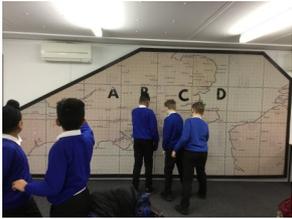




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The year 6 children have been learning about World War 2 since last term and to enhance their learning, they went to the Battle of Britain Bunker in Uxbridge. They were able to see and touch

actual artefacts from the second world war and had a carousel of activities to gain an understanding of what it would have been like to work in the bunker. Being able to go down to the actual Bunker and be in the very same place that Winston Churchill once stood was a fascinating experience the children will never forget!



Upcoming Dates

3rd February– Young Voices

5th February– Parents Afternoon, school closes at 1:15pm.

16th-20th February– Half Term, School Closed

5th March– World Book Day

6th March– Chitra Soundar (author) in 10th March– Year 4 Climate Change Workshop

12th-13th March– Science Workshops



On Friday 16th January, the year 6 children had an opportunity to learn what it means to be a Junior Citizen. Held at

Brunel University, the children were split into 6 different groups and participated in different workshops ranging from road safety to awareness to

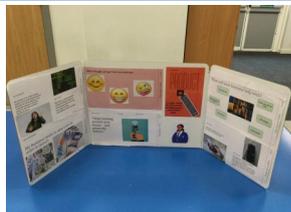


knife crime. Children were also informed of how to apply for their Zip oyster cards and how to be model

citizens when using public transport. It was a thoroughly informative and useful day for the children.



A select few children in Year 6 have been taking part in the Rise Founders programme to become Young Entrepreneur's. Over the course of 16 weeks, the children designed their own business. They had to find their target audience, select a product, market the product and finally present to their peers and parents. The aim was to ensure the children learnt life long skills that they would be able to use as they get older, in case one day they wanted to be an entrepreneur. The children worked incredibly hard and we would like to thank Tirzah Elese (<https://www.uconnecthub.com/>) for her commitment and support delivering the content.



Our FAB FOUR for January:

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| 1. 3O | 97.5% | 2. 6P | 97.04% |
| 3. 5D | 96.46% | 4. 3W | 95.76% |

Great attendance!



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Year 3 threw themselves into Cultural Week with real enthusiasm, exploring traditions, art, and music from around the world. They kicked things off with an energetic drumming workshop, then dived into the vibrant world of Pakistani truck art, discovering the colours and stories behind these beautifully decorated vehicles. The class also became young researchers, investigating the UAE and creating their own fact files to share what they learned. To round off the week, they explored the Arabic alphabet and experimented with patterns inspired by Islamic art. It was a lively, creative week that opened their eyes to new cultures and ideas.



During Culture Week, Year 4 delved deep into the vibrant traditions of Africa. It was a week defined by community and immersive learning. Our hands-on drumming workshop allowed children to explore African musicality through rhythm and song. A massive thank you to our wonderful parent helpers (guest speakers), who brought the magic of Somali heritage to life by providing invaluable first-hand insights into Somali culture. We were captivated by stories of Somali traditions, beautiful clothing, culminating in a joyful performance of music and dance that had the whole year group on their feet!

Across the curriculum, the children demonstrated great curiosity:

Geography: We explored the concept of "Global Citizenship" by comparing life in the UK to different African regions.

Creative Arts: Our classrooms were transformed by vibrant animal silhouette paintings and intricate Somali-inspired designs.

Computing: Using digital research skills, pupils celebrated the achievements of famous African pioneers.



As part of a vibrant Cultural Week in school, the Year 5 children enthusiastically participated in a high-energy Bhangra Dance Workshop. The session began with an introduction to the dance's origins in Punjab, India, where it was traditionally performed to celebrate the spring harvest festival, Vaisakhi. Led by expert instructors who broke down complex movements into bite-sized steps, the students learned iconic techniques such as high-energy, rhythmic movements characterized by a deep knee bounce, energetic shoulder shrugs and lively arm gestures. The workshop culminated in a joyous group performance, where the children showcased their new skills, fostering a sense of teamwork and a deeper appreciation for South Asian heritage.



Last week, our school celebrated cultural week and our focus culture was 'The Countries from the Commonwealth.' During our guided reading lessons, we looked at the 2023 Commonwealth short story winner and Jamaican born writer, Kwame Mcpherson's, 'Occee' – a story about racism and discrimination as an immigrant. In addition, the children also participated in a carnival dance workshop where they were able to explore the dance style of a carnival. They were remarkable! Keeping with the active theme, as a year group, we played a traditional commonwealth game from India called 'Kabaddi' – despite the windy weather, the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. To finish off our celebration of culture, the children created beautiful art pieces from different countries around the commonwealth, ranging from Aborigeni art to travel posters of the time.



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School Trip to the FIFA Women's Champions Cup

On Wednesday 28th January, pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend the FIFA Women's Champions Cup at the Gtech Community Stadium. The match was a semi-final fixture between Gotham FC and Corinthians FC, giving the children a fantastic chance to watch top-level women's football live.



The atmosphere at the stadium was electric, and both the children and teachers had a wonderful time. The match was closely contested, with Corinthians securing a 1-0 victory after scoring the winning goal in the 83rd minute. It was an amazing experience for everyone involved and a great opportunity to celebrate and be inspired by women's football. The children were well behaved, enthusiastic, and thoroughly enjoyed the day, making it a memorable trip for all.



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Minet Junior School Football Team Shine in Premier League Primary Stars Tournament

The Minet Junior School football team put in a fantastic performance at their recent Premier League Primary Stars tournament, showing great determination and teamwork throughout. The boys progressed into the group stages and got off to an excellent start, winning their first match 2-0.

Out of six teams competing, Minet finished an impressive third overall and successfully reached the quarter-finals. Although they were unfortunately knocked out after two tough matches, the team showed a huge improvement compared to their last competition. Most importantly, the boys were absolutely fantastic in the way they played together, supporting one another and maintaining a really positive attitude throughout the tournament. Their teamwork, effort, and sportsmanship were a credit to the school, and they should all be very proud of their performance.

Pupil Feedback

SG6S: "We scored two goals in the first game. I think this tournament was better than our last one because we played better, we had better chemistry and we won a match. I was really happy that I scored one goal today."

AM 6P: "This tournament was really good, we made a really big improvement from last time. It was really fun winning the match. On the second match I really thought we could win it, we were so close. But overall it was a really good day."



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Carers Trust Hillingdon is delighted to be working with Minet Junior School through our Young Carers in School Project.

The aim is to identify as many Young Carers as possible, provide information, advice and support the Young Carers and their families.

Young Carers are children and young people aged from 5 – 25 years old who help to look after someone in their household who has a disability, mental or physical ill-health or misuses substances. This could be a child caring for a sibling with autism, a mother with depression, a father with cancer or even a grandparent with dementia.

We are a registered charity and our aim is to reduce the impact that caring can have on a young person by providing free trips and activities, youth clubs, workshops and support for young carers in school through 1:1 or small group work.

We would like to invite the parents and Carers, from Minet Junior School to a coffee morning to offer you the opportunity to learn more about our services and to answer any questions you may have. If you think that you may be a parent of a young carer.

If you have any questions ahead of the coffee morning please contact Rosalie Taylor or Wendy Page.

The Coffee morning will be held on 3rd March at 9.00am.

We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Regards

Amanda Hampton

Schools Outreach Manager



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Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum

SEND Family drop in

We invite you to join us as an opportunity to share your feedback and experiences as we offer advice and support.

For families with children with SEND aged 0-25 years



Colham Manor Children's Centre

9:00 am
11:30 am

Term time only

Upcoming dates: 11th February
11th March
22nd April



PINS Project Parents only virtual drop-in.

Learn more about the Graduated Response and Ordinarily Available Provision.

Via Teams

Meeting link: [Hillingdon PCF PINS virtual drop in | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

Meeting ID:
934 229 835 118 2
Passcode:
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**Tuesday 3rd February
7PM-8PM**

With Nicola and Louise
from
Hillingdon Parent Carers Forum.



Introduced in 2011, the Pupil Premium is a sum of money given to schools each year by the Government to improve the attainment of disadvantaged children. This is based on research showing that children from low income families perform less well at school than their peers. Often, children who are entitled to Pupil Premium face challenges such as poor language and communication skills, lack of confidence and issues with attendance and punctuality. The Pupil Premium is intended to directly benefit the children who are eligible, helping to narrow the gap between them and their classmates.



How do I know if my child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding?

You are eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you are receiving the following benefits:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit **and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190.**
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit (with a NET of £7400 or less)

Children who are or have been in care, and children who have a parent who is or was in the armed forces, are also entitled to Pupil Premium.

Free School Meals If your child is eligible for free school meals, they will remain eligible until they finish their primary phase of schooling .

Pupil Premium contact at Minet Junior School

Mrs Dobson and Mrs Costello are here to help support you and your family with any questions or queries about Pupil Premium or Free School Meals.

Please feel free to contact them on 01895 462 362



