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Pool Hayes Primary Express

Welcome to the superb Spring edition of our fabulous school newspaper. Our young journalists have been working hard to update you with all the exciting developments that have happened in the Spring term at our fantastic school. Firstly I'd like to introduce you to our super talented writing team who all contributed articles and features found in this festive Easter edition:

From Year 6 –Georgia Hubble, Joe Knott and Emily Bowen

From Year 5 – Kitty Kerry, Aiden Osborne and Abbey Footman

From Year 4 – Meya Sheldon, Evie Webber and Freya Robinson

I hope you enjoy reading the newspaper, have fun completing the activities and have a safe and happy Easter break with your family and friends.

Mr Carter–Deputy Headteacher

The complete team!

Look for these Easter pictures as you're reading the newspaper.
How many can you find of each one?
Once you've counted all of them write the total in the boxes below:

Bunny ☐ Egg ☐ Chick ☐

In the news

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Current events and developments:

Welcome –we welcome Mrs Vaughan to our school; we are delighted you have joined us. We also welcome Mr Wright who is our new sports coach – exciting!

Inspire workshops–excellent workshops so far this year from Mrs Peasley with an Easter fun workshop. Miss Darby with a Greek inspired workshop Year 4 and 5 had a festive Christmas workshop and Year 3 completed an Ancient Egyptian workshop. Parents have been delighted with them!

E-cadets – have been busy in class and in assemblies making sure that children understand the SMART rules and make sure they can keep themselves safe online.

School trips – this term Year 4 went to the outstanding National Space Centre in Leicester. Reception went to Hoo Farm in Telford. Year 1 visited Weston Park to investigate toys and games.

Young Tycoons – the House Captains have been waiting patiently for the results of the nationwide enterprise contest that they entered in the Autumn term. We were fortunate to receive a letter from Peter Jones congratulating the 'Impeccable Inspirations' team on their fantastic total of £400 sales and £300 profit. See right for the sparkling certificate of achievement from the Peter Jones Foundation.

Albion Foundation Sports Festival – Mrs Snape and Mr Wright took a group of children to successfully take part in a range of sports at The Hawthorns.

The Interview

Mrs Vaughan

What is the best piece of advice you could give us?
Always try to be the best version of yourself.

Our new head teacher

Why did you choose to be a head teacher?
I was an acting head teacher at my old school and enjoyed it ; I thought I should give it a go.

Which rugby team do you support?
Ospreys-My home team and also Wales

Describe yourself in one word
Pedantic

What was the worst day of your life and why?
I lost a bet to a child at my old school and I had to walk around wearing a hat saying England is the best for the whole day

Where are you from?
A small city named Swansea.

What is your favourite book?
The boy in the striped pyjamas.

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PHP Egg Competition 2018

Photo Gallery

Pool Hayes Primary holds an egg competition every year at Easter but this year it was a really difficult decision to choose a winner. From sheep to reality TV shows to The Royal Wedding. This year everyone has had mind-blowing ideas and everybody has raised their game! Awards go to the top three and they are awarded an Easter surprise but if you are not a winner, you will not go home empty handed.

Stunning entries

The Results.....

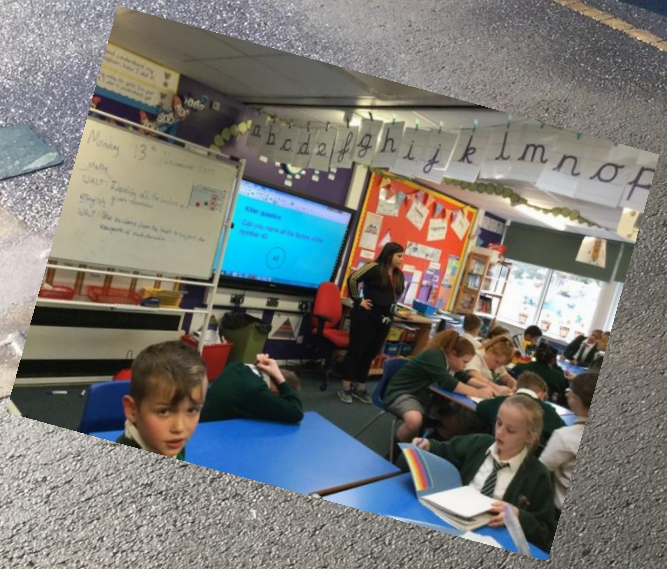
In 1st place was Leo Edwards from Year 2 with his outstanding Royal Wedding creation which was very popular and unique. It starred Meghan Markle and Prince Harry as a boiled egg!

In 2nd place was Poppy Purcell from Yr2 with her Charlie and The Chocolate Factory design which involved a very blue Violet.

In 3rd place was Harry Kindon from Yr 4 with his Pokémon model which included a boiled Pikachu and Chansey egg.

Amazing Active Maths

Over the past two terms we have been doing at least one lesson of active maths in EVERY class. The reason PHP started to do this was because we all needed more confidence and in resilience in maths. Here is an opinion from Lola Footman in Year3- "I think that active maths is fun because it gets you active, also it improves your maths skills.". Here is another interview from Brooke Nardone from Year 5 - "I think that active maths is really fun. I also think I am improving in maths and also gaining confidence and resilience. I feel like it is more active for us during lessons and gets us fit."



World Cup of Reading

Last year, there was the OBE, which stands for the Outstanding Book Expert. Now its World Cup Of Reading for the 2018 World Cup in Russia. After we complete this challenge, we get a badge to prove we did it. Also, we get house points for completing leaflets. The first booklet is for 25 house points, which is 25 nights. 50 nights is 50 house points; which is the quarter finalists. 75 house points is 75 nights; which is the semi finalists. 100 house points is 100 nights; which is the finalists. This is to make sure we are all reading every night, and that we read fluently with expression. This is because people need to read at home and for the enjoyment of reading as a hobby. We have all enjoyed competing for the awards and most of us got to at least the semi-final stage this term.

Interview with Filip and Cyra

Filip likes reading because some books are very interesting. He also he thinks he is a confident reader who only sometimes makes mistakes. Last year, Philip was very close to getting the OBE badge award. Filip likes reading because its cool, fun and enjoyable and he was delighted to finish the final award.

Cyra thinks that reading is good exercise for the human brain. "We have reading challenges, which is good for us. I personally like reading because it helps others and it takes you on adventures, you cant do in real life. My favourite author is Roald Dahl and my favourite book has to be The Midnight Gang by David Walliams."

TT Rock STARS

TT (times tables) rock stars is a fun online game to practise times tables in a competitive way. you can almost relax while doing work at home. Children get onto their TT rock star account from the passwords and usernames they have been given

We have a weekly house group competition and everyone gets very excited about it. Populi and Salus vs Suprema and Lex. Everyone tries hard and house points are awarded to the best teams in celebration assembly on Friday.

New pupils are in the lead every week. Children play this game to improve in their maths skills. and just to have fun.

Rockstar interviews

"I like that you get to play against each other but I would change the fact that if you went on you would only play against people when you want to." Oliver – Y5

- What do you think of TT Rock stars?
- "I think that TT Rock stars is one of the best games I've ever played" Arman - Y6
- "I like this game because you get awards while doing fun sums I also like that you can change your avatar" Kitty – Y5
- "I enjoy winning coins" Evie – Y4

I think it's a good way to improve your work and it is great fun.

The National Space Centre

This term Yr 4 went on a thrilling visit to the National Space Centre. It was all the way over in Leicester but it was definitely worth the wait. As soon as we got there we were immediately greeted by a member of staff. As we entered the café there was a big 'DON'T PRESS' button... obviously we pressed it and the visitors looked like they had seen an alien as mist and fake fire blew on their worried heads. From then on we knew we were in for a treat!

We then went to the Planetarium where we learned all about what an Astronaut goes through when he is in space. It was in stunning 3D and we were scared and excited experiencing the thrill of space travel.

The Simulator

As we entered the simulator our eyes widened when we saw the simulator. it was like a roller coaster cart in front of a screen. When the simulator started the screen showed an image of Jupiter's moon. The ride was exciting and jolted us around until we reached the moon base... phew! We could also go on the robot simulator where you had to test your co-ordination skills by completing laser guided direction tasks. Freya had the highest score overall because she had the best control.

Year Four Interviews

Selina- "the ride-simulator that was very bumpy was really fun it made me laugh and made me a bit dizzy."

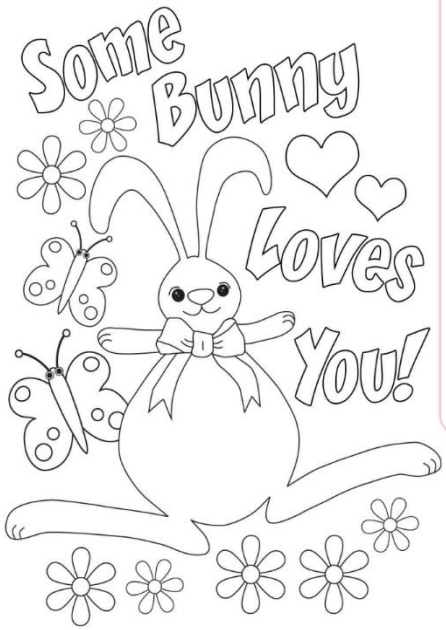
Grace - "the facts are interesting and there's loads of fun activities to do." She also felt that in the 3D cinema you might feel a bit sick because you feel like you're in space. It's so realistic!

Ruby- "the planetarium was really cool and it was like a cinema but bigger and it was like we were really in space."

Caitlin - "when we went to the planetarium it felt that we was actually there and everyone was screaming. I thought it was really cool and I would like to go there again."

Easter Activity Sheet

Color Me



Fill in the Vowels

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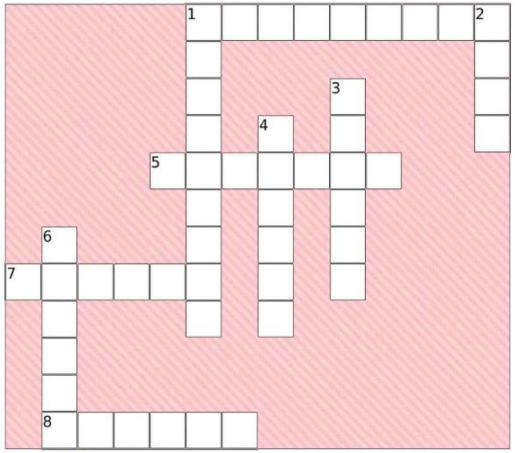
Easter Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 WHAT PEOPLE DO ON EASTER
5 RHYMES WITH SHOPPING
7 A WOVEN CONTAINER TO HOLD OR CARRY THINGS
8 A LONG EARED ANIMAL THAT HOPS

DOWN

1 A FAVORITE EASTER TREAT
2 THESE ARE DECORATED FOR EASTER
3 EASTER IS ON THIS DAY OF THE WEEK
4 ONE OF THE FOUR SEASONS OF THE YEAR
6 A HOLIDAY IN THE SPRING

Easter Word Search Puzzle

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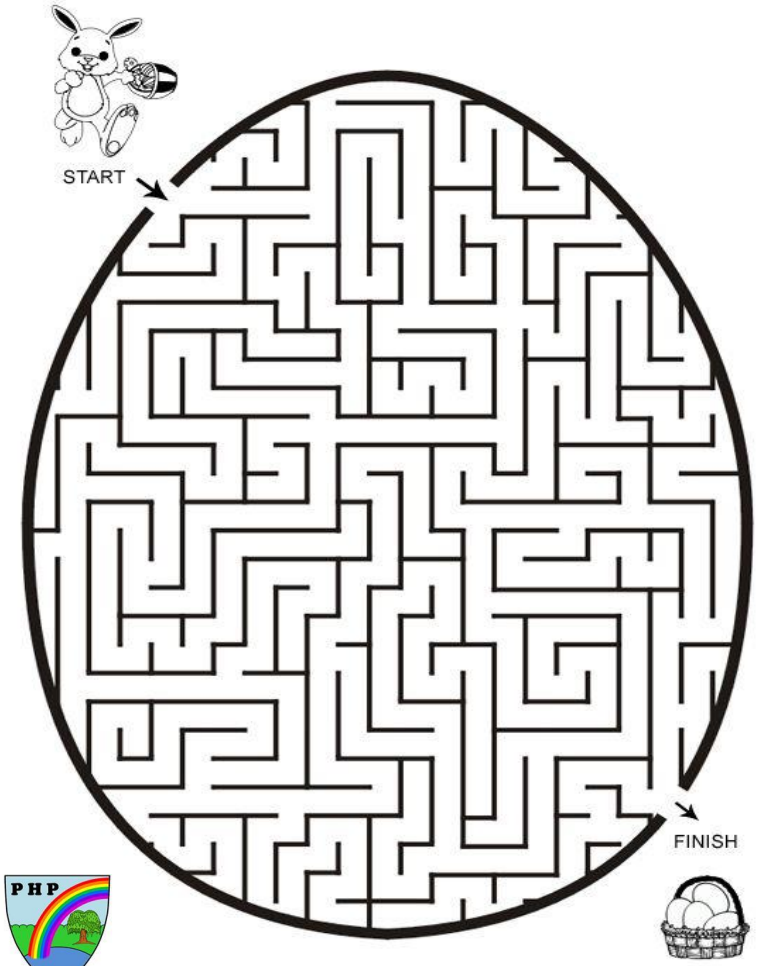
BASKET BUNNY CANDY CELEBRATION CHICKS CHOCOLATE
DAFFODIL EASTER EGGS FAITH FAMILY FLOWERS
HOLIDAY HUNT RABBIT SPRING SUNDAY TULIPS

PHP Easter Fun and Games Time!

Help the Easter bunny find his way to his egg basket!



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PHP IS ACTIVE

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Our last focus week was 'PHP is active' and was, by far, our favourite Focus Week ever. The 2012 Olympic Games bronze medallist, Kristian Thomas, actually came to our school and gave us some entertainment and education by doing some flips and lots of other gymnastic manoeuvres.

He took us through his life explaining how he became the professional gymnast he is today. The aim of this week was to get people to do over 30 mins of exercise every single day.

So we gave people pedometers to record their score of steps everyday and some people had over 60,000 steps by the end of the week (5 days).

The competition was to see who was the most active boy and girl and whoever it was got a prize to help them to stay active outside of school. Hrithik Dugh (Year 4) won the boys competition, and Brook Nardone (Year 5) won the girls competition.

INTERVIEW TIME!

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Hrithik Dugh – Y4

How much effort did you put in to win?
"I had to put in a huge effort to win."

Was this the best focus week?
"Yes it was the best focus week we have had so far."

Do you exercise at home, how much?
"A lot of running and walking"

Why was this focus week fun?
It was the most enjoyable focus week so far because it mixed fitness with maths and being more active in all my lessons.

Photo Gallery

All classes had fun, got fit, thought about careers and improved their maths skills during focus week.
Above are some of the highlights from our Olympic assembly!

Anti-bullying

Peer support

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At Pool Hayes Primary School we do not allow bullying. Luckily we have peer supporters to help us. They help children at playtime with things that they are struggling with or when they are feeling down. If they see anybody on the buddy benches they won't hesitate to help them.

IN PSHE LESSONS WE FOCUS ON PREVENTING ALL BULLYING AND ONLINE BULLYING. WHICH CAN HAPPEN ON: