

# ALBION TIMES

## A NEWSPAPER BY THE CHILDREN FOR THE CHILDREN

*Welcome to the Winter 2015 edition of the Albion Times. Reporters have worked very hard to bring you the latest news from around our school. We hope you enjoy it once more! Have a fantastic break over the Christmas period.*

### The Big Write in Rainbow Class



This term we had lots of fun joining in with the 'Big Write'. We really enjoyed reading our favourite book, 'We're

Going on a Bear Hunt' and talked about our favourite characters and moments from the story. We all worked together on a big table and used lots of different pencils, felt tips and chalk to draw our favourite parts of the story. At the end we looked at all of our drawings and writing and retold the story together. It was so much fun and we can't wait to do it again soon!

Reported by Rainbow Class (Nursery)

### Rocking Romans!

In Sapphire Class we have been learning about life in Roman times and how it helped shape our lives today. We visited Lullingstone Roman Villa where we learnt about life in the villa, how they cooked, how life saving operations took place and how they used the toilet! "I enjoyed the part where we acted out using the toilet," said Daniel. We found it interesting that the Romans had no plumbing. We all enjoyed trying the Roman food too.



Reported by Sapphire Class (Y4)

### Jeff Kinney

Year 5 and 6 were invited to the Lyric Theatre recently to listen to Jeff Kinney, author of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid books. Mr Kinney spoke to a captivated audience about how he became a renowned published author. "It was interesting to find out how long it took to get a book published," said Melisa. Ryan added, "Jeff had so many rejection letters but showed that being patient and continuing to work hard will bring rewards." All children received a copy of 'Old School' the latest Wimpy Kid book. A fantastic finale to a terrific trip!

Reported by Violet Class (Y6)

### Christmas Show

Last week, we watched a Christmas show about traditional stories, but each with a twist! They chose children to come up to the front



and act in role as a character. It was really funny and all of the children were giggling! Our favourite part was when the Wolf was trying to eat the Three Little Pigs- the Wolf kept changing the words from the traditional tale! We would love to see them again.

Reported by Sadie and Aaron, Buttercup Class (Y2)

### Delightful Drumming



On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Emerald Class

organised a African drumming performance to the rest of KS2 after 10 weeks of practising. Pauline and Sandra taught us lots of rhythms to play on the drums and each group performed a different piece. The larger drums made a lower sound and the smaller drums made a higher sound. At the end of the performance, we also sang a traditional African song and Hamarni did a brilliant job of leading us! "It was incredible fun and also really loud. We were really proud of ourselves because we improved a lot over the 10 weeks of lessons!" exclaimed Johnny and Poppy.

Reported by Emerald Class (Y3)

### **Clown!**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015, Crimson class went on their first class trip to the theatre! We were brilliant at walking sensibly to Canada Water Culture space and were so excited to watch the show. We were all amazed by the performance and enjoyed every moment!

"That was super fantastic!" said Xuan. "I liked it when they were all dancing!" said Isaiah.

Reported by Crimson Class (Reception)

### **High Flyers!**



On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2015, Lemon Class went to the cable cars in Greenwich.

Some of us were feeling a bit nervous about going up high but we were excited when we saw the cable

cars! We saw lots of enormous buildings in London like the Shard and the O2. We also looked out for other marvellous machines; we even saw a plane take off from London City Airport! At the end, we got to take home a special boarding ticket to remind us of our fantastic day on the cable cars.

Reported by Lemon Class (Y2)

### **Oh Help, Oh no! It's a ....!**

In Tangerine Class, we had a surprise visitor to our classroom. They left muddy footprints all



over our floor. It was the Gruffalo! We decided to go on a Gruffalo hunt in Southwark Park to find the naughty Gruffalo. We searched high and low until finally we found him. He had sneaked up a tree! We took him back to our classroom and we wrote a story about our adventure.

Reported by Tangerine Class (Y1)

### **Horniman Museum**



It felt like only yesterday when Violet Class visited the amazing Horniman Museum. Starting in the Aquarium, we studied the habitats of different animals around the world including jellyfish, seahorses, frogs and

angel fish. Then we moved upstairs to the main galleries where we explored skeletons and stuffed animals (taxidermy). This part of the trip helped us understand about the evolution of different animals. After our delicious lunch we took part in a workshop about Indian artefacts. We had terrific fun, the activities included: shadow puppets, tabla drums, decorative bells, learning how to put on a sari (Indian dress) and about the tale of Ganesh. The whole day was an amazing adventure.

Reported by Violet Class (Y6)

### **Jade Class' Trip to Creekside Discovery Centre**

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Jade Class set off to Creekside to learn about life in the Stone Age. When we arrived, the lady running the workshop, Lucy, gave us some challenges. We had to find rock sources, water sources, food sources and a place to build our shelter. We then started to build our shelters. We were given wooden poles, tarpaulin and ropes which we pretended were tree branches, animal skins and plant stems. Just like in the Stone Age! I was so annoyed because our shelter kept on falling down.

To end the day, we made a warming fire and even toasted marshmallows on it! They were gooey and delicious. Jade Class had a fantastic day and learnt lots!

Reported by Amal, Jade Class (Y3)

### **The Fun of the Ball**

As part of our topic 'Shoes', and inspired by the story Cinderella, Scarlet Class decided to write invitations to invite Crimson Class to come to our ball. We enjoyed writing the invitations and decorating the cards with sparkles. At the ball we worked with our partners and learnt new dance steps for the waltz. Everyone had a great time, Sophia said, "This is fun. I like dancing."



Reported by Scarlet Class (Reception)

### **Perfect Poems**

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, Indigo Class were visited by a poet called Joseph Coelho. He taught us how to make a perfect poem using a method called MORERAPS, which stands for: Metaphor, Onomatopoeia, Rhyme, Emotion, Repetition, Alliteration, Personification, Simile. Also, he said that a poem does not need to rhyme, it just needs to come from the heart.

We then wrote our own poems about our own real life heroes. At the end, we performed them to the whole school. Habiba, aged 9, said, "He was a great inspiration to me because he helped me write better poems and he told me to always try my best."

Nathan, aged 9, said, "Joseph is a role model to me and is very inspirational. He encouraged me to be like him one day."

Reported by Indigo Class (Y5)