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It has been a very busy half term and as you can see from the latest edition of our newsletter our children have been taking part in some fantastic learning tasks and visits this half term.

We are really pleased with the links we are making with MMU. The work that year 6 have completed is amazing, we are hoping to maintain and develop MMU links even more this year.

As you can see below, we had a fantastic 'Children In Need' day. Your support and contributions have led to a grand total of £1,007.50 being raised. We are particularly happy with the year 6 initiative's for fund raising ideas, many of which received 'Champions of Change' badges in assembly.

We have many events to look forward to before our end of term holiday. Please remember to check our website and twitter accounts, as well as asking your children for letters and reminders about the details of these events.

Best wishes—Mr Reynolds and Ms Turner.

**Children in Need Fundraising Day**

We had a fantastic time raising money for Children in Need.

Pudsey Bear was our special visitor in school and all the children (and adults) wanted to pose for photographs with him.

A variety of activities took place, including a very popular cake sale, nail painting, face painting and lots more besides!

We want to thank everyone for taking part in the day and especially for helping us raise money for such a great cause. Children in Need helps fund local projects in our area so we are proud of every one who helped us to raise over £1000 this year!

## Reminders

There are lots of activities taking place in school between now and the Christmas break.

All events are published on our website on the calendar but here are just a few dates for your diary

10.12.15 Art showcase in the hall

SEN Parents Drop in - 2pm-5pm

11.12.15 Winter Fair

14.12.15

Foundation Stage Performance

15.12.15

Key Stage One Performance

16.12.15

Key Stage Two Performance

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Remember you can follow us on Twitter to keep updated with news from school too -  
[@Rolls\\_Crescent](#)

## Mountains and Holcombe

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In Year 4 this half term, our topic is all about Mountains. Decathlon in Stockport, kindly loaned us a tent and Mr Jenkins and Miss Reilly brought in some of their mountaineering equipment. As part of our English work we have been reading a book called 'Touching the Void' and in order to get an understanding of what climbers and hikers might experience we had an outdoors adventure. We braved the weather and took a hike up Holcombe Hill to Peel Tower. The children were thrilled to make it to the top, despite cold fingers and sore feet! 4A were lucky enough to have a clear day for their visit and could see Beethams Tower in the distance. 4B were less fortunate with the weather, misty cloud came down and made for a very adventurous walk! All the children enjoyed the day and got to experience a little of what a mountain climber might go through, luckily no-one came back with frost-bite! We did come back with some fabulous photographs - check out our blogs to see a video montage of some of them!



## News from nursery

In Nursery we are learning about ourselves and our big question is What makes me Special? We have been trying different foods and talking about our likes and dislikes. We have been creating self portraits and finding differences and similarities between our friends and ourselves. We have been learning some new songs too, the Hokey Cokey, Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes and My Body, My Body. Check out the blog to find out the words so you can sing together at home!



## Great Fire of London - Year 2



Year 2's topic for this half term is *'Why is The Great Fire of London Great?'* We have learnt all about how the fire started, how long it lasted for, how they put it out and what happened to London afterwards. This included reading extracts from Samuel Pepys' diary, comparing modern and 1666 London, creating our own houses and role playing been at the Great Fire.



Here are a few freeze frames photographs of Year 2 role playing people from The Great Fire. Some children are pretending to escape from the fire on a boat, some are pretending to pull down a house, some are recreating a pump and hose and one group are pretending to use buckets. Can you guess which one is which?



## Year 6 Science and Poetry

Year 6 had a great visit to MMU - organised by Juliette Wilson, featuring Dr Sam Illingworth and helped by lots of great people at the EdLab. After just a short walk from school, we started straight away sharing ideas about what Scientists are like and getting some ideas about poetry vocabulary down on paper. The students of 6A quickly organised themselves into mixed groups and helped each other find some great words and images. Then Dr Sam read us some poems about science! We did some investigations with different materials and recorded some of our predictions and conclusions.



Everyone joined in beautifully and the adults were very proud of everyone's achievements. Juliette has asked us to make a presentation of our finished poems for the walls in the faculty...watch out for them on our Year 6 blog pages.

## Anti Bullying Week

As part of Anti Bullying week the children entered a competition, some designed posters, plays and even gadgets to stop bullying, these will be on display in the hall - the children had some great ideas! This is just one of the amazing entries.



## What is Beyond our World?

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Year 1 have been enjoying learning about 'What is Beyond Our World' this half term. We have found out lots of interesting facts about Space and also had a trip to Jodrell Bank. There we found out more information about the Planets and the Solar system and even made our own rockets! Praise dressed up as an astronaut and couldn't believe how heavy the helmet was! It was an 'amazing and out of this world' day!



## News from Year 5

Year 5 have written their own information for this issue of the newsletter to tell you all about the range of things they have been up to this half term!

This term class 5a have been learning about the Greeks, as part of art they have been making Greek pottery. When they were given the clay most people used coils to make the side and do a big base for the bottom of the pot, other people rolled a ball and then pushed in the middle to create a pot. If people had more clay left they would use it for handles or maybe some more detail.

By Luca

I love to draw and create something like drawing a Greek Mythical Monsters and creating Greek Pots. For drawing Greek Mythical Monster, I drew Hydra. It has eight heads, it's blue and ENORMOUS! For the pots I made a cup, a small bowl and a spoon. I painted my own Goddess called Icery with ice powers. She is a Goddess and a Heroine.

My favourite subject is Mathematics. I love adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing. For the starting of division, some people found it hard. But they did NOT give up. They found it easy now. I learnt using division by images and bus stops.

By Kacia

*This term Class 5a have been learning about Ancient Greeks in English. In Maths we have been doing fractions, multiplication and division. In Ict we have been doing scratch and top trumps, my Greek goddess is Aphrodite the goddess of love and beauty. And in science we have been learning about constellations and mine is Capricorn. By Kenisha*

**Is there something you would like to include or see in the newsletter? email:**

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**with your news.**

**Have a happy and safe Christmas break.**