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Rolls Crescent Primary School



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News in Brief

World Book Day celebrations will be held on Thursday 5th March, our theme is Alice in Wonderland so get thinking of some creative costumes, prizes will be given to the most imaginative outfits.

Have you seen the new screen in the school entrance? The screen will be showing children's work as well as keeping you updated with the latest news in school. Make sure you check it out to keep up to date!

We have another great issue of our newsletter to share. As you can see lots of interesting events, activities and learning has taken place.

We have lots of plans for parents and carers to get involved in this half term including a parent/carers forum, a presentation launch of our website and twitter account as well as our termly parent/carers afternoon with your children's teachers.

I hope people have noticed our parking banners around school. We are still receiving a lot of complaints about dangerous parking and driving, please help the perimeter around school be safe in regards to traffic and parking.

Finally, thank you in advance for supporting our World Book Day and Comic Relief events. The children enjoy these themed



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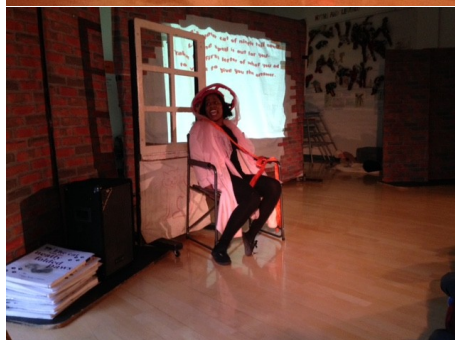
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The Grammar Show - Captain Grammaticus!



Grammar is a bit of a mystery to some people - but things became a little clearer when Captain Grammaticus visited school recently. Using his superhero powers and with a bit of detective work from our brainy pupils, all those pesky apostrophes, adverbs and alliteration got well and truly sorted!

What other types of production or performance would you like to see at Rolls Crescent?

Code Club is going really well, again this term. The children are all heading towards achieving their Level 1 and 2 certificates before Easter. If you want to have a try at coding at home, you can log onto the website at [Scratch.mit.edu](https://scratch.mit.edu), or give Kodu a try - they are both free!

Did you know that we now have a Twitter feed to keep you updated with all the latest news at school? Our username is @Rolls_Crescent - or use a QR code reader to read the QR Code below to get right through to our Twitter Feed!

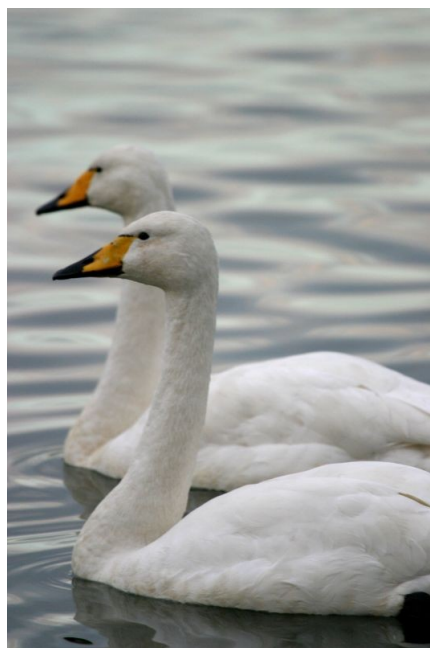


Year 2 took a walk on the wild side at Martin Mere Wildfowl Centre.

Year 2 were lucky enough to go to Martin Mere in Ormskirk this half term. We saw this friendly otter family at feeding time, can you spot all four otters in the picture on the right?



As well as being home to these cheeky otters and lots of different bird species, Martin Mere is an important place for hundreds of Whooper Swans who escape the icy landscape of Iceland and head for the warmer climate in the North West of England! They are fed well by the volunteers at Martin Mere and they are also fitted with satellite trackers so that the rangers at the centre can keep an eye on how far (and how fast) the swans travel.



It was a fascinating day, and we even had time to play in the park before making our way back to school!

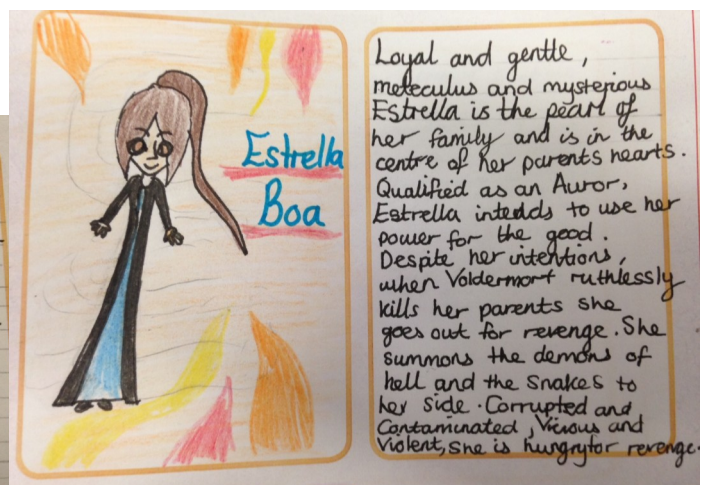
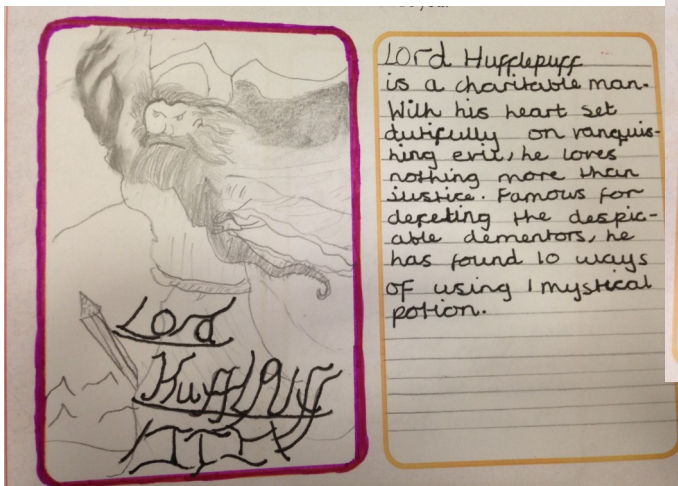


HARRY POTTER MANIA HITS ROLLS CRESCENT

Thursday February 5th was the first ever Harry Potter Book Night. All the classes took part in different activities to celebrate the event. Children in class 6B made character sketches inspired by some of the key characters in the Harry Potter series. First of all, we warmed up by playing the 'post-it name game': we had to ask questions about the characteristics of the character stuck to our forehead to help us guess their identity.



Take a look at some of our characters:



We think J.K. Rowling should visit our Year 6 classes if she needs any inspiration for characters when she writes her next bestseller!

Anglo Saxon Adventures in Year 4!

The Big Question in Year 4 in Spring 1 was 'Would an Anglo-Saxon have married a Scot?' We did lots of practical activities to make our learning fun and memorable, including making our own Anglo Saxon jewellery, brooches and even cooking lots of different Anglo Saxon food. - delicious treats include Vegetable and Wheat Stew, Oaty biscuits and bread. If you'd like to try cooking your own Anglo Saxon food then come along to Year 4 and ask for one of the recipe books that we wrote. If you'd like to try cooking your own Anglo Saxon food then come along to Year 4 and ask for one of the recipe books that we wrote.



One of the highlights of the topic was our trip to Tatton Park where we made our own flour by threshing and winnowing wheat and discovered lots of facts about Anglo Saxon life.

We all agreed that life today is much easier and although it was lots of fun being an Anglo Saxon for the day, we're glad to be Rolls Crescent pupils and not Anglo Saxon children!

And finally...

Skateboarding Success!

In February some of the classes in Key Stage 2 had a taster session in Skateboarding, we were naturals! The children who took part rose to the challenge of staying on the skateboards, everyone had a fantastic experience and no-one wanted their session to end!



We were kitted out with safety helmets, knee pads, elbow pads and wrist guards, and the safety equipment was definitely put through it's paces! A few bumps and bruised egos were sustained (mostly by the teachers, we won't name any names, but you know who you are!)



The sessions were such a success that after-school sessions have been arranged, and this term Years 5 and 6 will be taking part.

Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 26th February children from Y5 & 6 took part in the first ever **Rolls Crescent Public Speaking competition**. It was a great success and competitors amazed children, staff and judges alike with their presentations.

We heard classic poems, famous speeches and even a Shakespearean monologue. Three girls shared their own original poems.

Congratulations to **Angel En-neoka** (5B), our overall winner who will receive an annual Bright Spark Membership (courtesy of Z-Arts, Hulme).

She wrote and performed an amusing poem called "My Annoying Little Sister". Joint runners-up were **Sumaya Ahmed** (5B) with a powerful rendition of Maya Angelou's "Still I rise", and (6A) **Fati-mah-Zahra Hassan's** exciting performance of Lewis Carroll's "Jabberwocky".

Others who took part were **Soma Elwerfalli** (6B) with a speech from "Romeo and Juliet" and **Xanico Pearson-**

Stevens (5A) with a Malcolm X speech. **Sharifa Haji-Ali** (6B) chose a dual language poem, **Pharrell Gordon** (6A) Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech and **Sapphire Quinn** (6A) chose another Maya Angelou poem "Life Doesn't Frighten Me".

Manhal Ahmed performed "Be a Good Neighbour" and **Olu Iheanachor** "Discrimination". In both cases these 5B girls had written the poems themselves. Well done to all of you!

I am sure that this will be the first of many public speaking opportunities at Rolls Crescent. Look out for a year 3 and 4 competition coming soon!

Ms Warham (KS2 teacher)



Comic Relief

Comic Relief is coming up in school soon and we are currently buying noses. This year they come in packets, and you can buy one from the office for just £1. Raising money for charities in school is fun and shows that we all care. Lent started last week during the holidays and that kind of links to supporting others because you have to give things up that you really like. Comic Relief is fun and it's my favourite school day of the year!

By Lashay Healey

If you want to write something to include in next months newsletter then please email Ms Lanyon before the next issue deadline: 27th March 2015

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