

It was great to see so many of you out in the sunshine on Saturday enjoying **Happy's Circus**. Thank you for supporting the school and for your patience as we kept having to postpone the event. I would like to say an enormous thank you to the PSA who really went



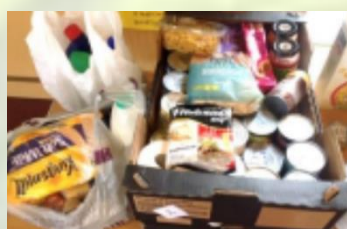
the extra mile (including putting out boards and plywood at 8:30am to help the lorries in!!) to make sure that the day ran smoothly. The children I spoke to all told me that they had a fabulous time which makes it all worthwhile.



Jo White Headteacher

Harvest Celebration

Thank you to everyone who donated items as part of the Harvest Celebration on Monday 4th October.



They were all safely transported to the **North Guildford Food Bank**. A huge thank you to Mariah Mills, Laura Rowan, Nav Sahota, Semi Jung and Jo O'Connor. We received the following message from the volunteers at the North Guildford Food Bank:

'We were blown away by the wonderful harvest donation that you delivered to us at St Clare's Church today. Please do pass on our thanks to all of the parents & children who donated so generously... it made an enormous difference to our stocks & will provide food for a good number of clients. We continue to be busier than we were pre-covid, so your support is much appreciated'.

Olympic Times Table Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the last Olympic Times Tables Challenge – the first of this academic year! Congratulations to the following children:

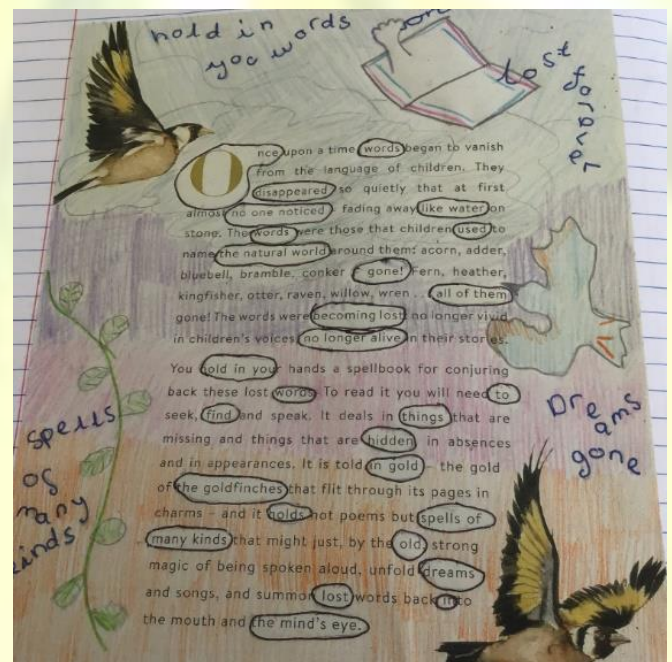
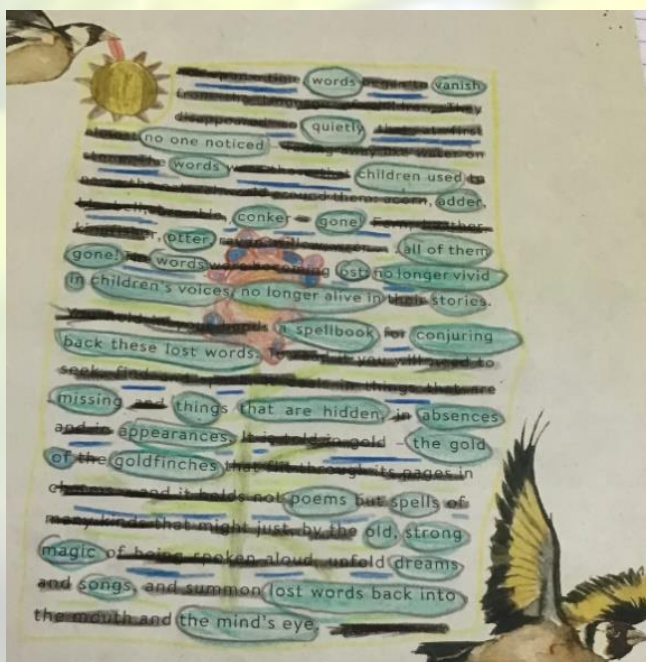
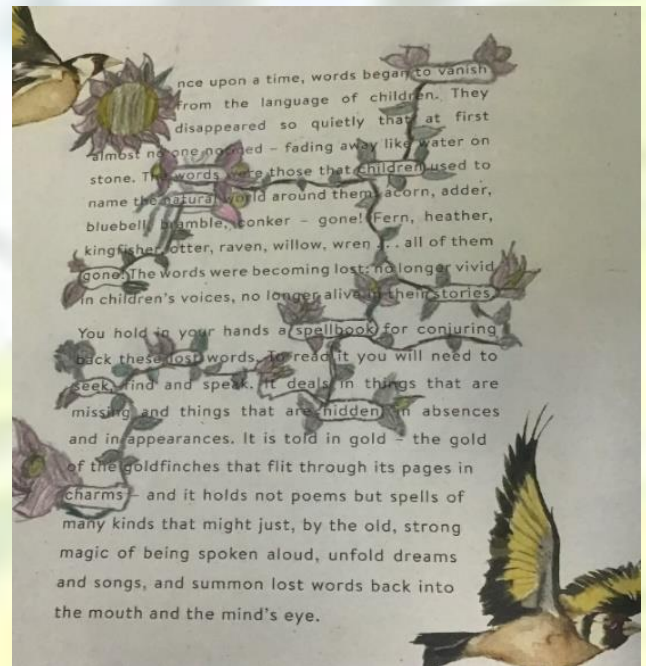
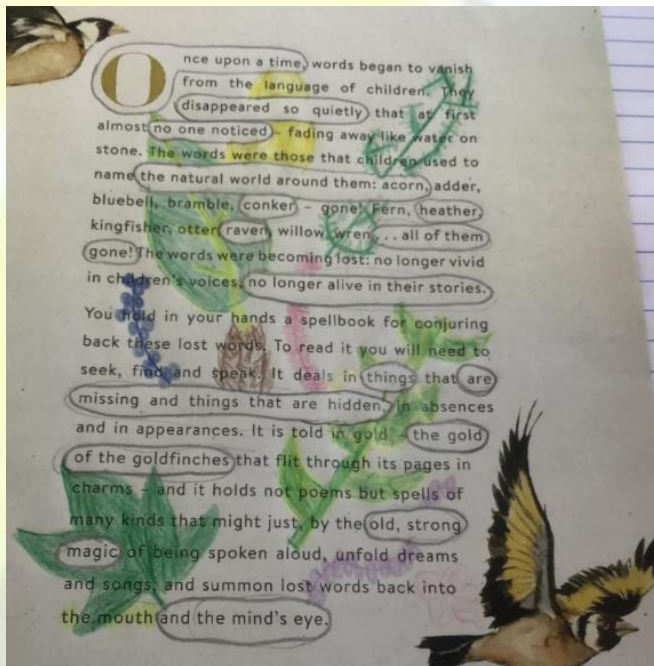
Olympian	Bronze	Silver
Emily Taylor (Y3) Daniel Alexander (Y4) Theo Archard (Y4) Zachi Chaouad (Y4) Callum Clark (Y4) Maria Craze (Y4) Matt Goddard (Y4) Alexandra Luff (Y4) Josiah Nicholls (Y4) Zachary Sercombe (Y4) Ethan King (Y5) Drew Martin-Smith (Y5) Katie Yu (Y5)	Maya Barathy (Y3) Evie Mackenzie (Y5) Morgan Smith (Y5)	River Kozak (Y5) Harriet Mawson (Y6) Alice Saunders (Y6) Chloe Turner (Y6)

The next Olympic Times Table Challenge will take place on **Thursday 21st October**.

Class Pages

This term, **Year 6** have worked really hard in English. First, we read the book, 'The Lost Thing', which inspired us to write own recount about finding a lost thing.

Recently, we enjoyed looking at a book called 'The Lost Words'. It is a poetry book all about nature and all of the poems are acrostic poems. We have all been inspired to write some poems and descriptive passages about our amazing world.





In the fern filled forest, low branches hang, twisting and turning. Fallen boughs, ~~crushing~~ ^{with} green grass to, like a man would crush a bug under his foot. Lush, ^{lime} green leaves, making a canopy above the trees while big, blooming bushes and hedges make a home for hares and things of that ilk. Moss magically covers everything giving the forest a green ~~green~~ ^{green} green coating every surface. Thick trunks ^{are} straining under the weight of hundreds upon hundreds of broad branches, which are filled with glowering leaves. Beautiful berries ^{are} dripping from bushes. Browning acorns hanging on to the oak trees and via their ~~cap~~ caps. Ivy is climbing down those massive towers with vines behind. Flowers are popping out, ever coloured, ~~as a surprise~~ round every bush or hedge. The many birds are singing their jolly tune in their chirpy voices, making the fern filled forest, alive.

This half-term, **Year 4** have been using the book 'How to Train your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell to help inspire them in their learning. In English, the children designed their own dragons and their dens. This helped them to write fantastic character and setting descriptions.

Dragons Name: Flame!

Appearance

Spikey spikes
rough scales
gloomy, black eye
Staring at you
Shiny red rough
& ~~so~~ scales

Personality

Fierce
Fierceness
Vicious
Violent
Frightening
very scary



Movement

gliding smoothly
through the air.
Swiftly
heavy footed.
dragging slowly



Last week, **Year 4** imagined that they were Toothless, the baby dragon. They have written diary entries all about the day they spent in Hiccup's wicker basket. In Art, we have been exploring patterns, shading and blending and the children will use these skills to create their very own dragon eye painting which we hope will be on display when you next come into the classroom.

The dragons lair

→ In the hot molten lava volcano there's a dragon's cave. In the ^{shaded} entrance, there ^{are} jagged crystals hanging from the ^{volcanic} ceiling. There is a smell of sulfur and it is as silent as ^{ghostly} a tree. There's small ^{glowing} eggs piled up on top of ^{shiny} gold and glimmering in the moonlight. The cave has deep dark shadows inside it. There's sharp and pointy crystals on the floor glisening. It was deep and gloomy, ^{not} rather ^{friendly} friendly. Huge shiny golden, silver and Bronze treasure lying on the slippery rocky floor next to the dragons shiny eggs. The sound of screeching dragons of all ^{types} in the distances. There's rotten ^{rotten} fish piled on the floor for dinner. ^{and} ^{as well as} Poison Berry's and starfruit. ^{Back} eyes ^{glowed} in the moonlight. ^{On} the steep volcanic volcano

in the hot volcano was very steep and hard to climb

Dear Diary,

Yesterday was the SCARIEST day EVER!

It all began when I was resting in a corner of my warm, dark cave when ^{supprisingly} I got scooped into Hiccup's ^{old} pet hands! He put me in his small, wicker basket, so he could take me ^{home} but I do feel very special being the chief's son's dragon. It was very bumpy in the wicker basket it was like being on ^{one} of those really, bumpy rollercoasters. I was finally starting to close when...

Hiccup Stopped. I was wondering what was going on until I ^{smelt} a whiff of ^{Doyle} and heard the ^{deftening} laugh of Snodlight! I knew we were in big trouble so Hiccup tried and tried to ^{break} ^{round} them but suddenly we were stopped by Snodlight! They then they BURST open the lid and a bright, sparkling beam of sunlight ^{got} my eyes blinding them!

Bag 2 School



We are having a **Bag 2 School** collection on **Friday 26th November 2021 at 3.30pm**. For those of you who aren't aware, this is a collection of unwanted, **good quality adults' and children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags/bags and belts and accessories**. They cannot take uniforms, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric. The items donated by parents/carers are taken away and weighed and the school receives a donation depending on the weight of the items received. This is an easy way to help raise funds for the PSA and it often mounts up to over £200 per collection! If you are having a 'clear out' over half term, please hold onto any unwanted items ready for the collection. Please don't return your filled bags until 26th November as unfortunately we do not have any storage space at school. In order to cut down on plastic bags, Bag 2 School are no longer supplying their own plastic bags so please use any strong bin liner you have at home. Many thanks!

From the Office

A reminder that there is an **extra days holiday on Friday 22nd October 2021**, therefore the school will be closed on that day. This extra days holiday has been given to us in lieu of the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday in June that falls in the Summer Half Term holiday.

Planet Soccer, who run our after school football club, also run Saturday morning football sessions for children in both Reception and in Year 1 in association with Burpham Juniors. If you are interested, please find attached a flyer that contains all of the necessary information and booking links.

Burpham Pre-School are recruiting a Preschool Keyworker – if you are interested in finding out more please see the attached flyer.

Guildford Nursery and Family Centre at Hazel Avenue have an open day on Friday 22nd October 2021 from 10am to 1pm. They will also be opening their new community garden at 11am. For more details please see the attached flyer.

Woking Swimming Club are holding trials for children born between July 2012 and June 2016 who are interested in competitive swimming. The trials are on Friday 22nd October 2021. For full details please see the attached flyer.