

Howard Headlines



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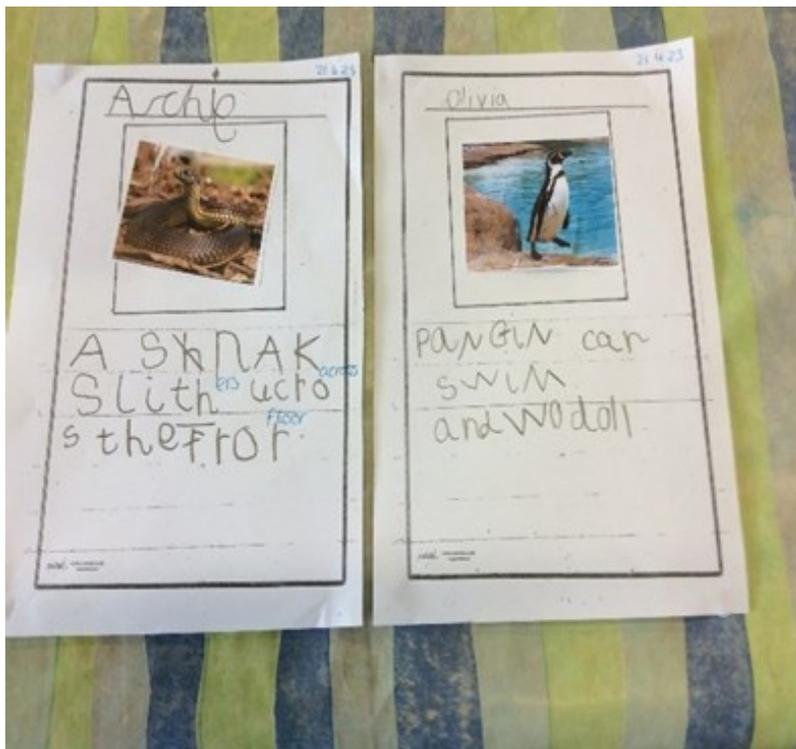
SATS Week

It's that time of year again and our lovely Year 6s will be taking their SATS examinations next week. They have been working extremely hard and we are very proud of them! We wish them every success next week and huge thanks to all the staff that have helped them get here!



Reception

Reception's Topic this term is Amazing Animals. Chelsea and Grosvenor Class have been writing facts about animals and developing their artistic skills to create paintings and observational drawings of their



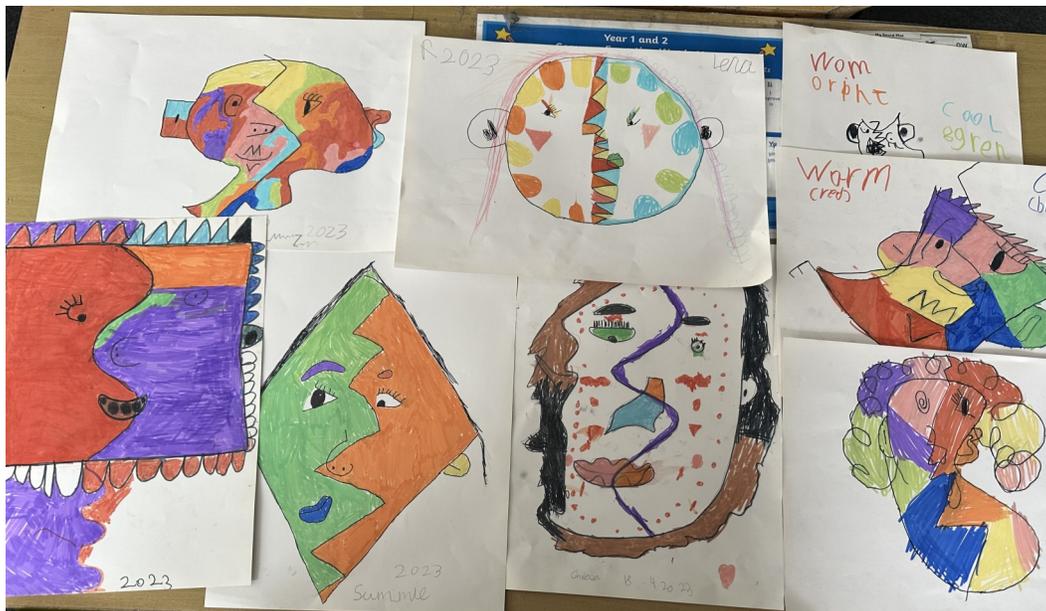
Year 1

This week in Science we explored the *flora* of Howard Primary School. We got into the Science Zone and used magnifying glasses to observe the diversity of plants.



Year 2

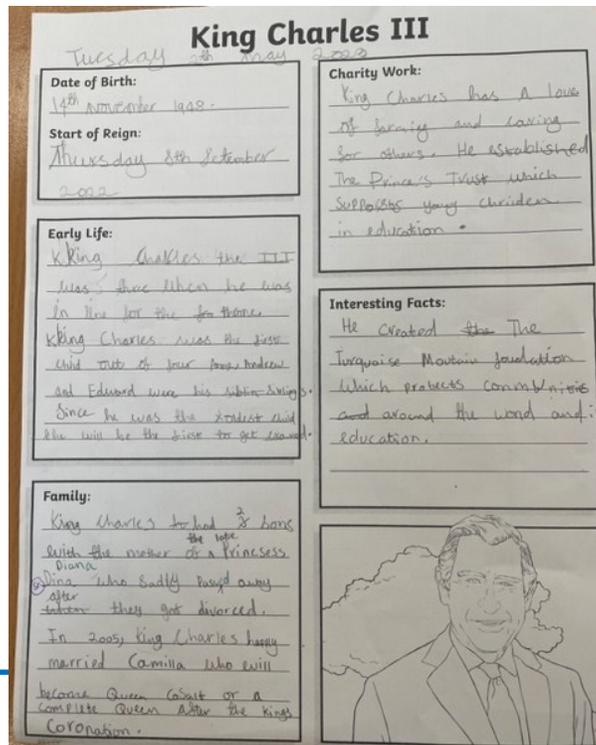
We've been investigating hot and cold colours. We used the works of Matisse and Picasso to investigate how to choose colours to create an effect. Below is some gallery worthy art work in the style of Pablo Picasso. What do these colours make you think of?





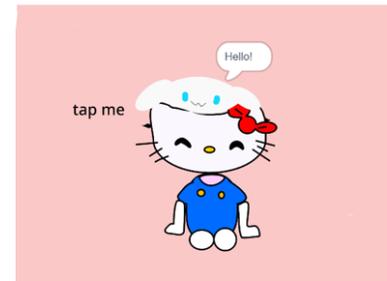
Year 3

Year 3 have been writing biographies of King Charles III for the Coronation. They echo read sentences, sorted them into appropriate headings and then completed an independent write using the information they had gained.



Year 4

In computing, Year 4 have been using Scratch to design and animate a moving toy using their programming skills. They began by creating their designs on paper and then moved on to drawing out their designs using Scratch and adding coding to make their toys move.



Southwark class took part in an amazing singing workshop with Sophie Garbisu, Vocal Coach at Croydon Minster, exploring songs with different pitches in connection with their next Music unit. They first learnt the chorus from a song from Scotland, then they learnt song all about different fruits. They had lots of fun singing the songs and doing the actions that matched.

Year 5

Each half term, every year group has a times table focus. This term, Year 5 are working on embedding knowledge of square numbers. Recently, they had the opportunity to explore how exciting numbers are, looking at the patterns between multiples, what happens if you add the digits in square numbers together and conducting challenges with squared numbers. Safia and Lorraine solved this one quite quickly—using only the digits 1-9 once, they had to create a diamond 9 for which each row was a squared number! Well done!



London Bridge class also had a Zoom visitor this week—Miss Winser's mum spoke to the children about her experience of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, when she was a child in Year 5. The children had some great questions about how life has changed since then and what has stayed the same. They were fascinated to learn how few people were able to watch the Coronation on TVs and how Mrs Winser had snacked on Little Gems as she listened on the radio! She also showed them the Coronation souvenirs that all school children were given at the time.

Year 6



As a break away from preparing for our SATs, we have been mastering a particular style of art, which belongs to a gentleman called Amedeo Modigliana. During our sessions with Mrs Glenn, we have been creating self portraits using chalk. You can see some of our work below.



Additionally, in Science, we have been learning all about the weird and wonderful world of Micro-organisms. Over the past few lessons, we have:

classified and learnt about different types of micro-organisms and we have also studied all about Joseph Lister. This week, we will be planning and carrying out group investigations to see what affects the rate of growth of specific micro-organisms. We shall be recording our observations over the next couple of weeks.



Wan Ru (Year 6 QE2)

Assemblies

We have had some fantastic assemblies this half term teaching us about a variety of diverse topics. As a school, we celebrated Autism Awareness week, and we welcomed guests from The Museum of Croydon last week to tell us about the exciting upcoming Music Heritage Trail in Croydon. Classes marked Stephen Lawrence Day, 30 years on and watched a speech by Baroness Lawrence, Stephen's mum, on what we could do to make our communities kinder and safer places for everyone. This week, we learnt about the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III and we are looking forward to a pupil-led assembly about Eid next week.

Dates for your Diary

8th May—Bank Holiday for the Coronation
Week Commencing 9th May—KS2 SATS
22nd May—Hispanic Day
June 8th—KS2 Sports Day
July 3rd—Class Photographs
July 11th—EYFS Sports Day (AM)
- KS1 Sports Day (PM)

Hispanic Day

We are very much looking forward to our third Annual Hispanic Day, which we will be celebrating on Monday 22nd May. Students in all year groups may wear Spanish flag colours/themed clothes or Hispanic themed clothes to school on this day.

A Hispanic Day themed lunch menu will also be available - further details will be sent to you closer to the time and Year 3-6 will enjoy a Spanish story-telling workshop in the hall.

Model/Sculpture Competition

Pupils are also invited to take part in a whole-school Model/Sculpture competition on 22nd May 2023. Entries should either be linked / themed on a Hispanic country either by design/decoration. They can be made using materials such as papier-mâché/clay/lego/wooden sticks etc but can also be edible items such as decorated cakes/fondant/marzipan models. There will be a prize winner for every year group.

Please bring entries to the classroom at morning drop-off on Monday 22nd May and ensure all models are clearly labelled with your child's name and class so they can be returned to their rightful owners. More details will be posted on Google Classroom soon.



Coronation Discos

To celebrate the Coronation, as requested by the children, we hosted discos for each year group. Children came to school dressed in their party clothes and boogied the afternoon away! Yesterday, discos were enjoyed by children in years 3, 4 and 5 and today years R, 1 and 2 were able to enjoy a musical and rather energetic afternoon! Year 6 are looking forward to having their disco after the SATS examinations.

A huge thank you to the premises team for making the hall look so inviting with flags, tinsel and disco lights!



Update on Playground

Our playground was a hive of activity over the Easter holidays as contractors finally started work to fix the flooding challenges we have been having in our top playground. Hundreds of holes were drilled across the surface to allow for drainage in inclement weather before the entire surface was re-tarmacked. The pupils are delighted to be able to use their ball playground now following all weathers!





Competition Time for KS2!

Key Stage 2, have you seen the post on Google Classroom? We have been invited to take part in a competition run by the Museum of Croydon, in celebration of the Music Heritage of Croydon. Details can be found on Google Classroom on the Stream for all KS2 classrooms.

Croydon Minster Choir.

Every week, our KS1 students, Y6 and Performance choir work on their singing skills with Sophie Garbisu, Vocal Coach at Croydon Minster. The Minster have some openings in their choir for both boys and girls in Years 2, 3 and 4. Look out for the letter being emailed this week for further information.

**Have a fantastic
Bank Holiday
weekend from all at
Howard Primary!**



**Dear parents,
Parent Gym is coming to Howard Primary**

We know from talking with parents that many of you wonder what you can do to give your children the best start in life (and make your life as a parent a bit easier too). This is why we're delighted to offer Parent Gym, a well-established, six-week programme that shares and explores practical tips and strategies to make family life easier and help your children thrive. Come along to meet other parents, hear their stories and pick up new ideas. Everyone is welcome!

Through our relationship with Parent Gym the programme, normally worth £3000 per parent, is free of charge. All parents are welcome to apply but places are limited so sign up now to secure your place. Each weekly session lasts two hours. See below for details on how to find out more info.



To find out when and where the sessions are happening and confirm your place, please email senco@howard.croydon.sch.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely, Ms DeSaulles and Ms Pollington