

# Howard Headlines



Summer 2

## Happy Half Term!

Well done to all the staff and children for working so hard this half term. Since our last edition, both Year 6 and Year 2 have completed their SATS assessments. Year 4 are working towards their Multiplication check and Year 1 will be doing their Phonics check in the coming weeks too. The whole team at Howard wishes you a fantastic half term—let's hope the sun comes out! Please remember that Monday 5th June is an INSET day for our staff so the children will be returning to school on Tuesday 6th June.

## Twitter

Our school Twitter account is now up and running! Follow us @HowardCroydon to get regular updates from all year groups on their learning. Comments are disabled but we look forward to expanding our communication with you through this line of social media.



## Dates for your Diary

July 3rd—Class Photographs

July 10th—Key Stage 2 Sports Day at Whitgift School

July 11th—EYFS Sports Day (AM)

- KS1 Sports Day (PM)

July 17th—School Reports shared with families

## Reception



Reception have been playing number games to deepen their understanding of numbers and to develop their mathematical understanding and reasoning. The children enjoyed taking turns to roll a die labelled 1 or 2 to see which player would be the first to clear the counters from a tens frame. This also provided opportunities for children to describe their emotions when they 'lost' or 'won' a game and learn how to support their partner if they felt disappointed when they didn't win a game.

## Year 1

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Lloyd Park, exploring local fauna and creating art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. We also applied our Geographical knowledge of physical and human features to plot a map of the park.



## Year 2

In Science we explored lifecycles. We learnt that life cycles are simply the different life stages in an organism's life. Both plants and animals have life cycles. A life cycle is the journey of a living thing from beginning to end. In science we worked in groups and we used clay to show the different lifecycles of butterflies and frogs. We then presented this information to the rest of the class. Can you think of any other life cycles?



## Year 3

Here are a few photos from our learning about fossils.

We learnt how fossils are made in the earth and got very excited about the ichthyosaur fossil that was discovered last year in the UK.

We made ammonite replicas using salt dough.



## Year 4



Year 4 had a great day at the Horniman Museum to support their work in Geography on rainforests. They took part in an interesting workshop about the animals and tribes in the rainforest, which included the opportunity to handle artefacts and preserved animals. They also enjoyed exploring the galleries.



## Year 5

Year 5 have weekly keyboard and guitar lessons with Croydon Music and Arts. Recently, they have been combining their musical skills to compose their own rhyming lyrics to fit to a rap rhythm. This week they will be improvising over the top using the chords they have learnt so far.



## Year 6

It has been very busy in Year 6 recently. After finally completing SATs week, the children were given the opportunity to have their 'Coronation Celebration' disco on Friday 19th May, which proved to be a great success.

In class, we have started our exciting new Science topic, Evolution and Inheritance. In English, we are working hard with our writing to help the children reach their end of year targets before moving on.

As we reach the end of the year, some secondary schools have already been in contact to find out more about our Year 6 cohort. Keep an eye out for messages from your child's secondary school regarding any key dates over the next couple of months. If you haven't done so already, please return the form to the office which states the secondary school that your child is going to.



Monday was our third annual Hispanic Day in school. In connection with our Modern Foreign Languages learning in school, each year we celebrate all things Hispanic together as a school! This year, there were drama workshops for KS2 and Pabulum, our caterers, put on a sensational Spanish themed menu, complete with Paella and Patatas Bravas, so we really felt like we were in the Costa del Croydon! Some year groups were exploring Hispanic artists, there were churros making and even Maths lessons took place in Spanish! Well done to all the children that entered the competition—there were some phenomenal entries and it was fantastic to be able to share these together at the exhibition after school. Winners were announced in today's Merit Assembly and prizes will be heading to these children after the break.



## A Request from Forest School

All our EYFS and KS1 students take part in Forest School sessions. Thank you so much to those of you who donated hot chocolate and marshmallows last term. We are now requesting donations of vegan marshmallows as standard ones contain pork or beef gelatine. If your child needs these marshmallows, we would be grateful for any donations. They can be found in



## 21 Spanish Speaking Countries • Capitals



## Assemblies

Well done to Ayaan (Y5) and Anaya (Y4) for their fantastic Assembly on Eid which they delivered three times across the school, adapting for different age groups. They shared the significance of Eid in the Islamic faith and how it is celebrated in their family.

We were also treated to a unique assembly on World Bee Day, run by Mr Grundey. Dressed in full bee-keeping gear, Mr Grundey introduced us to his bees, including the Queen Bee and explained to us why bees are so important in our ecosystem. Everyone was buzzing from the experience!

