



# Edmund Waller

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



### IMPORTANT DATES

**Tuesday 21st April**  
Yr2 educational visit to Horton Kirby: minibeasts focus  
**Friday 24th April pm**  
PTA disco  
**Monday 4th May**  
Bank Holiday Monday  
**Thursday 7th May 3:30 pm**  
Parent's drop in  
**Thursday 21st May**  
Children break up for half term  
**Friday 22nd May**  
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET  
**Monday 1st June**  
1st day of Summer 2

### Friday 17th April 2015

#### Class Assemblies

Class assemblies are an opportunity for children to share their learning with parents and carers. Children have been taking a more active role in deciding which areas of their learning they would like to share with everyone in class assemblies. At the end of every term, there is a memorable experience, which is a culmination of all of their learning, where you are invited to celebrate your child's achievements with them. Here is the class assembly schedule for the Summer term:

Wednesday	Class assembly
22nd April	5C
29th April	4A
6th May	4W
13th May	4B
20th May	3S
10th June	3L
17th June	1W
24th June	1G
1st July	2P

#### Climbing frame

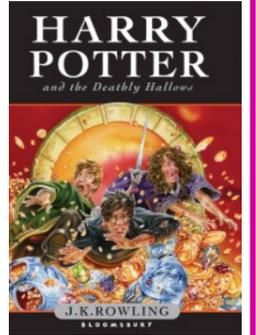
You will have noticed that the climbing frame in the playground has been taped off for health and safety reasons. Whilst the climbing frame has been deemed unsafe, it has been incredibly popular with the children over the years. Therefore, the school councillors have been discussing their ideas for some replacement apparatus.

#### Football Finals

Tomorrow morning, the Year 6 football team will compete in the Mary Bennett Cup competition on Blackheath common. They are playing in group 1 and their opponents will be Baring, St William of York, All Saints and John Steiner Schools. Each game will take just 8 minutes and the winners of the 4 groups will take part in the semi-final. Kick off is at 10am (close to the church on the heath) and it would be brilliant to see as many supporters as possible.

#### Book Talk

Hana Rosa in Year 2 started reading **J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter** series of books at the beginning of year 2, because her older brother, Sami, recommended them to her. At the moment, she is reading the final book: **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows**. She thinks the plot is exciting, because although the main characters have left school the headmaster, Dumbledore, has sent them on a special mission. Hana Rosa predicts that they will be successful in their mission, because she knows that the good guys always win, even though they might have some problems along the way. Hana Rosa feels hugely proud to have read so much in her own time this year. She is interested in reading the **Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson** series of books next, as she has seen the films and thinks they are very interesting.



Abby has also been reading the **Harry Potter** series of books and is currently waiting to read book number six: **The Half-Blood Prince** on a Kindle. In the meantime, she has chosen to read **The Night Fairy** by **Laura Amy Schlitz**, which she received when she was in Reception. Abby's sister Grace, who is in the Nursery, asked her what the book is about. Abby told her that it is about a fairy who is accidentally bitten by a bat, who thinks she is a fly! In the photograph, Abby is showing you her favourite illustration in the book. She likes the fact that you can see Skuggle the squirrel, who is the fairy's best friend. The fairy is sleeping in a hammock under a display of clothes she made herself. In the corner of the picture, you can see the nuts and berries she has gathered to help her survive during the winter.



#### School DISCO Friday 24 April 2015

**DISCO** time is here again! If you are coming along with your child/children please consider helping out for half an hour on one of the stalls (cake, drinks, fruit, popcorn, face painting, finger lights). **If you would like to volunteer some time, we will be in the playground next week with our sign-up sheets.**

We completely understand that not everyone will be able to volunteer but if you would like to donate a cake/buns (home-made or shop bought) that we could sell on the night, we would be SO grateful. These can be left in the school office on the day or brought to the disco. As you know, all proceeds raised get ploughed back into the school providing much needed equipment and resources to better our children's learning experience and environment. Most recently money raised by the PTA (i.e. you) has been spent on:

- artificial grass for an area in the nursery
- fixing the tree walk
- buying a whole school samba kit
- donating £10K to provide the new resource library in Blume building



**Roll Up! Roll Up! Reception**

On Monday, the Reception children had a breath-taking and memorable visit from Obby from The Blooming Circus, who helped kick off their **Gosh and Wow** topic. First, he performed some fantastic circus tricks while the children watched in amazement. These included juggling with five balls, using a Chinese diabolo and riding a **seven foot** unicycle

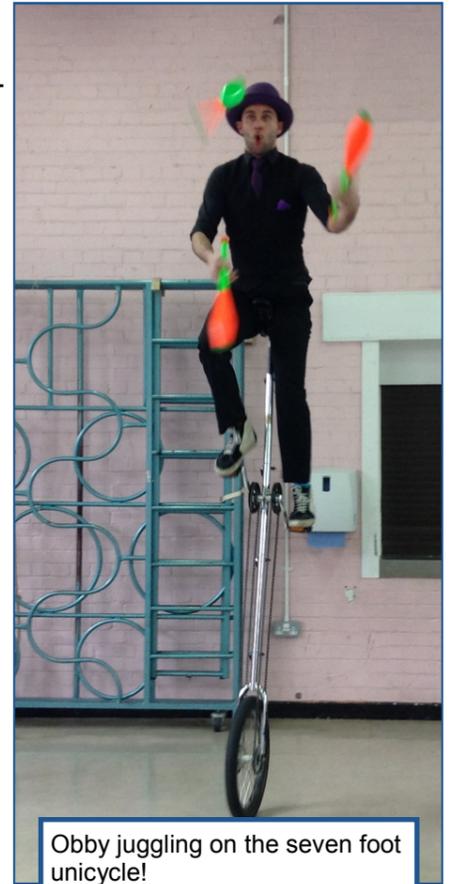
whilst juggling clubs!

Then it was the children's turn to have a go. They split into two groups and Obby taught them how to spin plates, use flower sticks and juggle with scarves. Later on in the day, the classes talked about how the circus visit made them feel.

Gosh and Wow!



Obby climbed up a huge ladder to get onto his unicycle.



Obby juggling on the seven foot unicycle!



**Orchestra Concert**

In the week before Easter, the school orchestra performed beautifully to an appreciative audience of parents, carers and siblings. Their repertoire included the folk tunes *Les Bouffons* (French) and *Ju-lushka* (Russian); *Let there Be Snow* by John Human; Rossini's *William Tell Overture* and Dvorak's *Slavonic Dance No 8*.

The school orchestra is hugely successful and includes children from Years 2 to 6. They rehearse every Wednesday morning before school, throughout the school year. We look forward to hearing more of the joyful sounds they create before the end of term.

We would like to give a special mention to the Year 6 orchestra members. They should be incredibly proud of the role they have played this year in mentoring the younger orchestra members.

**Madame Butterfly**

On the final day of the Spring term, the Year 6 children visited the Royal Opera House to watch Puccini's *Madame Butterfly*. In school, the children are writing an opera with Mr Barrett and the educational visit was an incredible opportunity for all of the children to see an opera performed at a world class venue. The children are currently using their imaginations to write the plot of their opera. They will be performing it to the whole school later in the year.

**Adam in Yr 6 wrote:**

We went to the Royal Opera to watch Madame Butterfly and it was amazing. Our journey there was fun. We did maths questions like how many seats are there in the carriage we were in and how many seats for the whole train? We had to complete a tally chart showing the many types of shops there were like: coffee shops, beauty shops, newsagents and more. The best part of our journey was when we had our lunch but the worst part of our journey was when we had to walk up around 200 stairs! When we got in the building I was excited to watch Madame Butterfly. We sat at the very back, the Royal Opera House was bigger than I expected. When the play started they sang in Italian so they put subtitles in English on top of the play so we could understand what they said. The best part was when the servant was getting slapped. It was an amazing event. Before the journey I thought it was going to be boring but it turned out to be enjoyable.

