



Year 5 visit to Cove Brook

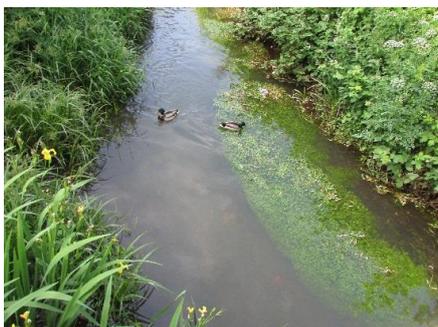
On Thursday 7th June, all of Year 5 walked to the Brook to look carefully at the water flow and the animals; and to think about how the environment changes during the day and night. They came back into school and captured all their ideas, which were then used to write creatively from the point of view of the river. Here are a few extracts from their writing:

"When I'm in bed, the shimmering stars put on a show. They make me feel welcomed, like I belong. But it's such an unwelcoming feeling when people throw away their litter that has now become a part of me. What have I done wrong?" By Aaliyah.

"As the time goes by, people then see me as a dump - in rubbish goes. I can taste the damage. The poisons sink into me, and I can no longer be a home. I get lonely and ill, but weeping willows curve over me, trying to protect me." By Lacey.

"As I flow down the mountain, I cut through the earth to create my path. The grass and the weeds brush my skin: they lean over the river bank. Fish swim in my murky depths." By Rupert.

"Trees are dipping into me, tickling my belly, grabbing some water like hands. I have been tortured for years, litter has become a big thing. Toddlers throw bread for the flocks of ducks that float on my glass surface." By Lee.



DIARY DATES

Fri 15 th June	3:25 – 5:30pm Summer Fair
Mon 18 th June	PTA Bags 2 School Collection
Mon 18 th June	Daily Mile starts 8:35-8:50pm
Mon 18 th June 7pm	Meeting for parents 'The Future of Residential Trips'
Tues 19 th June	'Bustagrooves' Assembly for the children
Thur 21 st June 4-5:30pm	Year 5 & 6 Athletics Festival at Cove School (selected children)
Fri 22 nd June	9:00-10:30 Year 2 children visiting (those joining us in September 2018)
25 th – 29 th June	Year 6 Residential Trip to France
25 th June	Sports Leader Training for selected Year 5 children
Tues 26 th June	Year 5 optional taster day at Yateley School
Week beginning 2 nd July	Last week of school-led clubs for the term
Mon 2 nd July	Year 3 trip to Farnborough Airport (selected children from winning Friday workshop)
Tues 3 rd July	6:00pm New Parents' Evening (for September 2018 intake)
Wed 4 th July	Induction visit for Year 6 joining The Wavell & Yateley Schools Sept 2018
Thur 5 th July	Induction visit for Year 6 joining The Wavell & Yateley Schools Sept 2018 - Day 2
Thur 5 th July	Common Transfer Day for all children – spending the day in their new school / new classes
Fri 6 th July	Sports Day – further details to follow (all day including picnic lunch)
Wed 11 th July	Eagle class – Brass instrument concert for parents
Thur 12 th July	Year 6 dress rehearsal to the rest of the school
Fri 13 th July	Reserve Sports Day
Fri 13 th July	End of year reports issued to parents
Tues 17 th July	'Thank You Cream Tea' for this year's volunteers
Tues 17 th July	7pm Year 6 Production for parents

Ofsted

As you are aware, we had an Ofsted inspection last week on Thursday 7th June. As usual, we were very proud of all of our children and the staff continued to work extremely hard. We really appreciated the many messages of 'Good Luck' and nibbles for the staffroom that were sent into school that day - many thanks!

At the moment we are unable to comment on the outcome as we have not yet received our final report. As soon as I am able to share further information, I will.

Thank you for your patience.

Staffing Update

There will be some staffing changes in September.

Miss Bateman will be leaving us after nearly 5 years as a member of our Senior Leadership Team; she leaves us to take up the post of Deputy Headteacher at another school. Her knowledge and expertise in many areas have been extremely valuable in all areas of school life and I am sure she will continue to be excellent in her new role. Mrs Meadows will be taking on the SENCO role from September. She is also a very experienced teacher and trained SENCO and the handover process with Miss Bateman has already started.

We will also be saying 'goodbye' to Miss Owens who will be joining a new school in September. The children in Concorde class and our Sports Leaders, in particular, have appreciated her hard work and dedication. Miss Crouch will be joining us in September and we look forward to welcoming her to our team.

Finally, Mr Middleton will be retiring at the end of this year. He joined us in September 2012 as our IT Technician but is now looking forward to enjoying more spare time away from computers! We all wish him a long and happy retirement.

Words of the Fortnight!

To encourage our children to use a wider range of vocabulary, we set a challenge for the children which we hope you will join in with at home too. Every two weeks, a new word is introduced in each class and the children get rewards for using them in their writing or in conversation. Our new words are:

Lower School

'Refugee'

Noun - a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster

Year 5

'Meander'

Noun - a winding curve or bend of a river or a road

Year 6

'Colony'

Noun - a community of animals or plants of one kind living close together or forming a physically connected structure

How often can you use these words at home?

Golden Ticket Winners – 25th May

Unfortunately, during the excitement of the Lower School Garden Party, the camera with this photo couldn't be located in time to share on the last newsletter. So, belated congratulations to Cara, Alisha, Jacob, Bianca, Mia and Nihel who were chosen to enjoy a special lunch at the end of last half term. Their invitations included the following excellent comments: being kind, helpful & considerate towards others; consistently helping out whenever it is needed; playing well with others and making new friends.



Golden Ticket Winners – 15th June

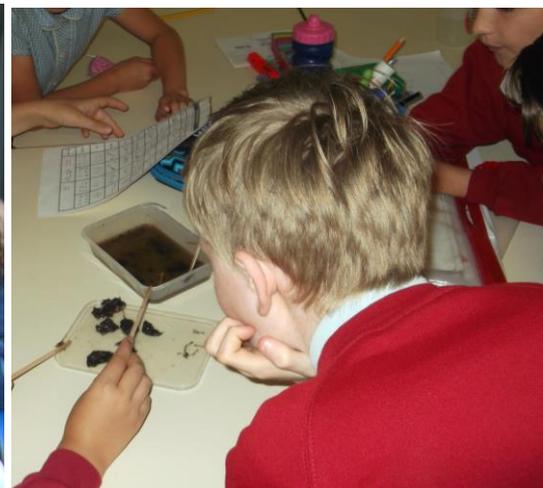
Congratulations to Sophia, Ethan, Amelia, Maisy-Mai, Jack and Laura who were chosen to enjoy a special lunch today. Their invitations revealed that they are: always smiling and being happy when on lunch time duty; being helpful and kind to other children; being outstanding members of the prefect team; and being very polite and saying please and thank you.



Young Enterprise Week

This week has been amazing thanks, in part, to the many parents and friends of the school, who came into school to talk to the children about their jobs. Every class enjoyed at least 5 visitors during the week and were really interested to hear about a wide range of jobs. I would like to extend a huge 'thank you' to all of our visitors.

The children have also worked extremely hard to plan and prepare their stalls for today's Summer Fair. We are all excited and looking forward to joining in with the many fun activities on offer. We will find out next week which class has managed to make the greatest profit!



Parking in Birchett Road

We have again received a complaint from one of our neighbours living in Birchett Road. Could I once again remind parents to drive and park safely around our school. We have an agreement in place with Blunden Hall for parents to park their cars here when dropping off children for school.

Adventure Playground

Please could we ask that younger siblings do not play on the adventure playground at the end of the school day. There are an increasing number of young children playing there without adult supervision and we are concerned that an accident could happen. Thank you for your co-operation.

Daily Mile

We will be re-starting our Daily Mile Challenge next Monday 18th June. When the gates are opened at 8:35am, the children are invited to go down to the school field to join in with the fun of running, jogging or walking a mile. I have sent home a letter today with further information regarding this initiative. Parents are free to join in too!