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Welcome to the Spring 2016 edition of Primary Link. The quality of articles produced by junior school reporters and young writing enthusiasts has been exceptional. It is fantastic to see children offering their insights into their exciting school adventures.

We are delighted to launch a new summer art competition with the support of Making Space. Budding artists should produce an A4 (portrait) piece of artwork around the theme of 'Summer'.

Schools should select their top three entries and then send these to Making Space at outreach@makingspace.org by 1st May 2016.

The overall top three will receive an arty prize and have their work featured in the summer edition of the Primary Link Magazine. For more details, see page 11.

We hope children, parents, teachers and everyone connected with the schools involved will take pride in seeing the articles in print. We would like to thank all Primary Schools, agencies and organisations in the local Leigh Park community for their support in producing this termly magazine.

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Barncroft Primary School



Cooking Club!

Our school has recently started a new club called 'Let's Get Cooking', joining a national network of cooking clubs. The aim of the club is to teach young people and their families new cooking skills. We do lots of cooking and prepare plenty of tasty dishes that they can take home and hopefully make again. The children learn to peel, chop and grate vegetables safely. We use the eatwell plate to talk about carbohydrates and proteins and then make our own eatwell pizza. At the end of each session we sit together and taste what we have prepared and usually there is enough left to



Healthy food



Even the washing up!

take home as well. Tahlia liked making the fruit kebabs because the fruit was juicy and we tried new fruits. Kacey and Isobella liked the pizza as we could choose our own topping. Everyone likes the spaghetti bolognese session as the sauce is delicious and better than 'School Dinners'!



Homemade pizzas

Pantomime Trip

On 15th December 2015, ten coaches arrived at Barncroft School. We were very excited as the WHOLE school was going to the Kings theatre to watch Cinderella. Harvey, Tommy and Connor played a game on the coach to see who could spot the most yellow cars. Harvey spotted ten. Jamie reported we arrived at 10.00am. I saw a sparkly disco ball and red laser beams. It nearly blinded me! I liked it when Buttons slipped on the underpants. Arron said: "We sat upstairs in the theatre, there was a band in front of the stage. My favourite character was Buttons because he sang the twelve days of Christmas too long!"

Tyler could hear music when he arrived and there were lots of bright lights. The funny bit was when Buttons slipped and threw the toilet rolls at us. In the interval, we were able to eat our lunch before the second half started. We all joined in with the singing and laughed as the ugly sisters tried to squeeze into the glass slipper. Then it was time to get back on our coaches and return to school. A great time was had by all. By the **Learning to Learn group**

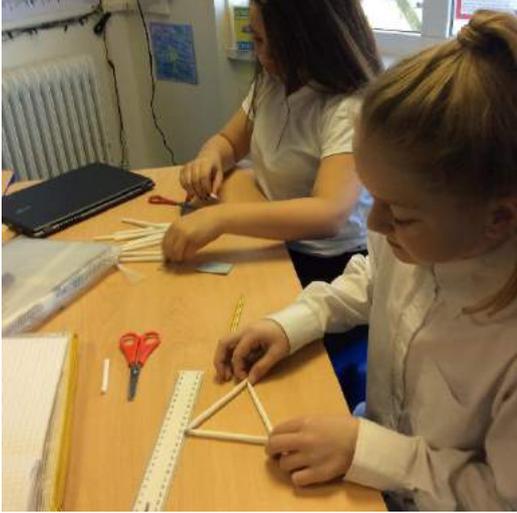
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Front Lawn Primary Academy



3D Maths Shapes

Maths in Action

In Maths, we have been constructing our own 3D shapes, in particular a square based pyramid and a triangular based pyramid. After naming the shapes, we described them, using properties such as vertices, edges and faces. Also, we identified both parallel and perpendicular sides within the shapes. Once we understood how each shape is constructed, we were able to draw these shapes into our Numeracy books so they looked like they were 3D. This was quite tricky. Some children had to have many attempts but achieved it in the end. **By Harry Stone - Year 6**

Space Rockets

During our Space topic, we designed and made our own rockets for Bob the Spaceman and his dog Barry, to help them with their journey to the moon.

Once they were built and decorated, we took them to the local park to fly! We used our Maths skills to measure how far they flew and we decided which rockets would be best for Bob and Barry. **Year 2**



Yummy Chinese Food



Rocket Fun!

Chinese Culture

All the children in Early Years spent the week tasting different Chinese cuisine and learning a traditional dragon dance. We topped the week off with a special Chinese lunch from a local Chinese takeaway.

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Sharps Copse Primary School



Titanic Adventures



Dressing up Titanic Style

An exciting opportunity to expand Year 3/4's wealth of knowledge on their current topic of 'Titanic' came about on the 27th January, when they visited the Sea City Museum in Southampton. With activities such as guided tours, workshops, dressing up and the handling of authentic artefacts, they experienced everything from its maiden voyage to its sinking. Shannon Conway reported: "I learnt how the tragedy influenced the safety of modern ships." Upon their return, all wrote incredibly entertaining fact filled stories.

Football Success

Performing superbly, the Sharps Copse football team competed in the Havant Schools Year 6 League and were awarded bronze medals for 3rd place. Their consistent effort and hard work meant that the team didn't lose a single game and are now competing in their next league.



Proud medal winners

Shaky Ground

In January, Year 4 held its annual residential at Stubbington Study Centre. Taking part in exciting outdoor activities and scenarios such as Shelter building, beach combing and everyone's favourite EARTHQUAKE! Some people did actually go in at the deep end! Others were just wet behind the ears, but all came away having had a great experience.



We made it without getting wet

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St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School



Children tackle 'care-less' parking

At the end of a week of preparation, the Year 5 and Year 6 children of St Thomas More's Catholic Primary School in Bedhampton unveiled their leaflets, tickets, banners and boards promoting safer parking on local streets. They were all used to tell their very own parents to change their thoughtless parking habits. Approaching parents and members of the public, the children gave them a serious talking to about how careless parking was dangerous. This approach was a great success as it has dramatically cut down on dangerous parking.

This wasn't the only benefit, however. Residents around the area sighed with relief as the abysmal parking disappeared in the blink of an eye. Thanks to one school, terrible parking has been prevented. **Naoki - Junior Reporter**



Celebrating Success



Fulfilling Community Work

When Mrs Miller, a member of school staff, came out, we all suddenly realised how tall the hedgehog really was. It was much taller than our adventure playground. On the shorter side, Nadine had found a rather long branch that was taller than me! Mrs Gibson's group ended up with six sacks full of rubbish. Litter pickers went round to the gardening shed and emptied big pots of water. The area was really messy with broken plastic and discarded toys. It was a job well done as the field and play area are now cleared and the willow hedgehog is a little more manageable. It is all ready for the summer months ahead!! - **Jasmine**

Junior Police Community Work

The Junior Police Community Support Officer group is where a small number of children, who have been specially chosen, go out into our local community and work doing litter picks, clear up park land and generally make our area a cleaner and safer place. Yesterday, I got a taste of what the boys and girls in J.P.C.S.O group do. Group 1 was on hedgehog trimming first (this is a willow bush rather than an actual hedgehog!), and group 2 were clearing a badly littered field. We met up with Policeman Chris, who helped us to do these jobs quickly, but safely.

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The Federation of Trosnant Schools



Fruitful Planting from Year 2

On the 21st January, Trosnant Infant school took part in a day planting a fruiting hedge along the boundary fence between the school and Havant College. Year 2 spent an hour digging holes planting trees and hedge plants. The final job was to fill the holes in! In the morning, we were able to plant over 200 plants. Hopefully as Year 2 move their way up the school, they should see the hedge grow alongside them. It should mean that lots of insects and wildlife will be attracted to the school grounds.

"I liked naming our trees. We called our trees Fred and George." **Year 2 Rosie Cleeve**

"I had a wonderful time because I loved planting the trees with Blake and Elijah. My shoes got muddy." **Year 2 Rubie Watts**

"The trees that we planted were gooseberries and plums. We will be able to pick the fruit and make it into jam." **Year 2 Frankie Fitzjohn**



Team Trosnant

The Living Rainforest

On the 8th January, Year 6 went on an epic trip to the Living Rainforest in Newbury.

The journey there was very slow and took a long time. We arrived at 11:15am, shortly after that we ate lunch. Next we were led into a miniature rainforest, which was humid, by our tour guide Nicola. The tour was called 'Amazing Adaptations'. We saw animals like turtles, monkeys and poison dart Frogs. The monkeys were the most popular as it was holding its hand up against the glass adorably. Following our tour, we all had some free time to search for things like huge leaves longer than our arms! Interestingly, there was a tree hanging from the branches above our heads. Year 6 Rowan Brown said: "It was the best trip I have been on this school year. Seeing real life rainforest animals was unbelievable".

The most important thing we learnt during our visit was how animals adapt to living in the rainforest. The best fact of the day was that sloths are so slow that algae grows on their backs and helps camouflage them!



Natural Curiosity

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Warren Park Primary School



Twickenham Trip

This year, 15 Year 5 and 6 pupils were lucky enough to participate in a once in a lifetime opportunity to go and watch the England rugby team train at Twickenham stadium. It was a great experience for all of us who went. Our rugby team were watching carefully and are feeling inspired for our upcoming matches and tournaments. We also enjoyed visiting the England rugby museum, in particular seeing all of the old rugby kits. **Aidan and Gideon - Year 6**



Twickenham Treat



Stegosaurus Dinosaur

Zookazam and Dinosaurs

During our dinosaur topic in Reception the children loved using the iPads to use Zookazam. The children were able to choose different dinosaurs and then view them in 3d. It gave them a chance to explore the functions and even change the background and weather. This app was also enjoyed in Year 3 to learn more about animal classifications as well information such as the size, weight, habitat, diet, life span and population status of each individual species. "My favourite animal was the shark because it looked like it tried to bite Madalin's hand with its razor sharp teeth."

Ria - Year 3

Outdoor Fun

One of the highlights of our week is visiting the outdoor classroom. This term we have been experiencing the New Stone Age first hand, learning the skills and crafts of our ancestors in our school woods. All children, from reception to Year 6, enjoyed practising Neolithic skills such as fence building, spinning alpaca hair and building fires. We can't wait to find out what we'll be doing next term! **Jayden - Year 4**



Outdoor Learning



Bugsy Malone Show

Our show this year will be Bugsy Malone. All the cast currently rehearse twice a week, Tuesdays 3-5pm and Thursdays 3-4pm. Some of the cast members are Bugsy, Tallulah and Fat Sam. Each Tuesday, we actually get to practise our parts and have a run through of the play. On Thursdays, we just practise all the songs we have to learn.

Kelsey Hart



Student Council

Here at Havant Academy we have our very own Student Council, I am part of this. Some of the things the council does is take other people's ideas and make a difference. We now have a year 11 common room because of ideas the Student Council. We have a choose day which happens every Tuesday, where you can choose what on the menu in the canteen. All of our Student Council meetings have been beneficial.

Deacon Willis



France Trip

France trip

The trip to France was very special. We were chosen to represent Havant Academy in a trip to honour the war dead. Our eyes were opened to how many people lost their lives. It was moving and I felt honoured to have been chosen for the trip.

Toni-Marie Wyeth



War Time First Aid Kit

much more than just a school



Park Community School

Soil Association Food For Life - Bronze Award

Park Community School has been awarded the Food for Life Bronze Award for its healthy and climate-friendly food culture.

The school is working with Food for Life to transform the school's food culture and that of its local community, by connecting the children with climate-friendly and healthy food. As part of the Bronze Award scheme, Park Community School serves seasonal school meals, most of which are freshly prepared by experienced school head chef, Steve Cross.

The school gives students the opportunity to visit a farm, and cook and participate in food growing activities during their time at school. Pupils and parents are also involved in making improvements to the school's menu and dining experience.

The school has stopped using a local authority led catering outlet, and moved the catering in-house. This has helped improve food quality, and ensure fresh food is available to all.

This means:

- Only farm assured meats and free range eggs are used.
- No fish is served from the Marine Conservation society list.
- No genetically modified ingredients are used.
- Menus are suitable for all dietary needs.
- We grow our own fruit and vegetables, and use meat produced from the school farm.

Head Chef, Steve Cross said: "All I want to see is our students eating healthy, nutritious food with a better understanding of where their food comes from."



Your Big Lunch details... Residents, we need you!!

On Sunday June 5th Park Community School will be opening our doors for this national event. We would like residents to give us ideas about how we should do this, how we get everyone invited, and what activities and food should be provided. Please contact Flo in The Dickinson Centre on 023 9248 9811 or email community@pcs.hants.sch.uk or pop in and have a chat!

Annually on the first Sunday in June
www.thebiglunch.com



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In partnership with The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre



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Thursday of each month

To book a space please call Adam on 02392 222127



Boys, do you want to play football?

FREE SESSIONS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE THAT LIVE OR ARE EDUCATED IN LEIGH PARK

All abilities welcome - just turn up at one of the open-access sessions below:

- ▶ **Monday's at Havant College (Havant Hockey Club Pitch)**
4pm - 5pm Ages: 13-14
5pm - 6pm Ages: 15-18
- ▶ **Thursday's at Park Community School**
4pm - 5.00pm Ages: 9-12
4pm - 5.30pm Ages: 13-16

IT IS STRONGLY ADVISED THAT SHIN PADS ARE WORN AT ALL TIMES. NO BLADES OR STUD BOOTS.

Contact us on: 02392 222 127 or Email us: info@bigworldimpact.org
BIG WORLD IMPACT Leigh Park Community Centre, Room 2, Dunsbury Way, Havant PO9 5BG.

MAKE YOUR MARK ARTS EXPO

Tuesday 22 March 2016 | 2pm - 5pm
at The Dickinson Centre

143 Middle Park Way, Leigh Park, Havant, Hants, PO9 4DQ

A free cross-arts event aimed at those employed in a children's, youth or educational setting in Havant who want to find out more about how the arts and creativity can make a positive difference to young people's lives.

Those attending can try a range of art forms, chat to makers, network, watch demonstrations, listen to talks and generally find out more about what is on offer for young people from a range of local creative cultural organisations.

We hope that you'll leave the event with lots of new ideas, useful contacts, ways to make projects happen in partnership and ideas for funding.



Further information and tickets can be obtained using this link - www.mym-arts-expo.eventbrite.co.uk

Get in touch for more information using the contact details below.



SUMMER ARTS COMPETITION

Making Space is running a Summer Arts Competition with Primary Link Magazine.

School art competitions will run throughout the Spring term for budding artists to create an A4 (portrait) piece of artwork inspired by the theme of 'Summer'.

Each school will then select their top three entries and these will be sent to Making Space where they will go on display at our annual Open Studios in May.

From these entries we will then select the overall top three who will receive an arty prize. The overall winner and finalists will also see their artwork featured in the summer edition of Primary Link Magazine.

T's & C's apply: All top 3 entries must be sent to Making Space by 1st May. For more information contact outreach@makingspace.org.

2016 Open Studios

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 May
11am - 4pm

A celebration of creative talent at Making Space including painting, photography, print, ceramics, gilding & glass.

Enjoy viewing a range of exhibitions & displays. Browse around seven on-site studios, meet our tenants and buy directly from the makers.

Free entry, free parking and refreshments available.

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School Nursing

Flu Busters, Thank You.

The School Nursing team would like to say a big thank you to the schools, parents and children who helped achieve an amazing uptake for the Nasal Flu immunisation programme. The uptake was very positive for Year 1 and Year 2 children being offered the immunisation. With the uptake being around 70%.

Such a positive response will better protect all those within the local community, and could not have been achieved without the cooperation and partnership working of Schools, Parents and the School Nurse Team. We are keen to repeat and build upon this year's success next autumn.

In the spring term the team will be continuing with the National Childhood Immunisation Programme, with the second dose of the HPV vaccination for year 8 girls.

As the winter continues its important to take care of ourselves, families and others. There are a number of NHS services to support health and wellbeing, but knowing which one to access and when can be confusing. Here is a guide to how, when and where to access health care.

For more information about children and young people's health please visit www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/schoolnursing



Getting help

If you're not sure which NHS service you need, call 111. An adviser will ask you questions to assess your symptoms and then give you the advice you need, or direct you straightaway to the best service for you in your area.

Pharmacists can offer advice on a wide range of long-term conditions and common illnesses such as coughs, colds and stomach upsets. You don't need an appointment and many have private consultation areas. Your pharmacist will say if you need further medical attention.

GPs assess, treat and manage a whole range of health problems. They also provide health education, give vaccinations and carry out simple surgical procedures. Your GP will arrange a referral to a hospital specialist should you need it.

Visit a **walk-in centre, minor injuries unit or urgent care centre** if you have a minor illness or injury (infections, vomiting and stomach aches) and it can't wait until your GP surgery is open. You don't need an appointment and they are open outside office hours.

A&E departments provide vital care for life-threatening emergencies, such as loss of consciousness, suspected heart attacks, breathing difficulties, or severe bleeding that cannot be stopped. If you're not sure it's an emergency, call 111 for advice.

Adapted from www.nhs.uk Staywell this winter campaign 2015

Dental Emergencies contact 111.

For dental emergencies please contact your regular dentist; if you do not have one then contact the Dental Helpline where we can triage the problem and may be able to arrange an urgent appointment with a dentist where appropriate. For more information visit www.hampshiredentalhelpline.nhs.uk



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The Spring Arts & Heritage Centre is the professional museum for the Borough of Havant. We want to celebrate and recognise the history of our borough, the people who have lived here and their stories.

As part of our work we offer special tours and workshops for children and young people in local history.

Among the workshops we offer, are:

- ***Home Explorers - Changes Within Living Memory (KS1)***

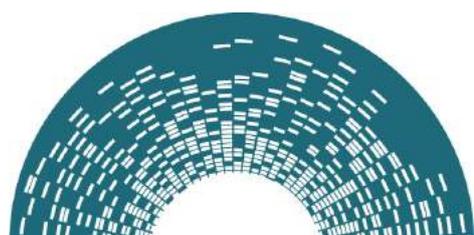
Helping children to investigate domestic life and homes of 60+ years ago, using real objects, room sets and photographs.

- ***Our Town in the Past - Havant (KS2)***

Helping children to examine the characteristic features of artefacts that were used and/or made by people in Havant in the past.

- ***Who Does She Think She Is? Significant Local People (KS1)***

Helping children to discover local historical figures people in the past and examine their contribution to the region.



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