

Latest News and Events

From The Green Room

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So the first half term is over, hopefully all new staff and pupils have settled in now and are enjoying themselves, it has been, as usual, very busy, with day trips, new lessons, and even our first Ofsted inspection, for which we are awaiting the report.

Science in the shed

We have a brand new Science lab up and running really well and the pupils are loving their lessons which is great. This is all thanks to very generous donations from SAP and Happy Bricks, which enabled us to turn the idea into reality.

SAP Day Trip

Also, as part of the ongoing partnership with SAP, we were lucky enough to all go as a school to the SAP experience in Feltham. This was an opportunity to see the work and vision of one of the biggest software companies in the world. The experience gave us an interactive insight into SAP Sport, where all the pupils got the chance to race a Formula One simulator car, with full Formula



one suits around a formula one circuit at 250 mph.

We also experienced what SAP are doing around the globe to help with growing communities and natural disasters as we experienced the effects of a typhoon. The final experience gave us an insight to the technologies the world's security systems use. We felt like we were inside Sherlock Holmes 'mind palace' as we solved the mystery of an Art thief in London.

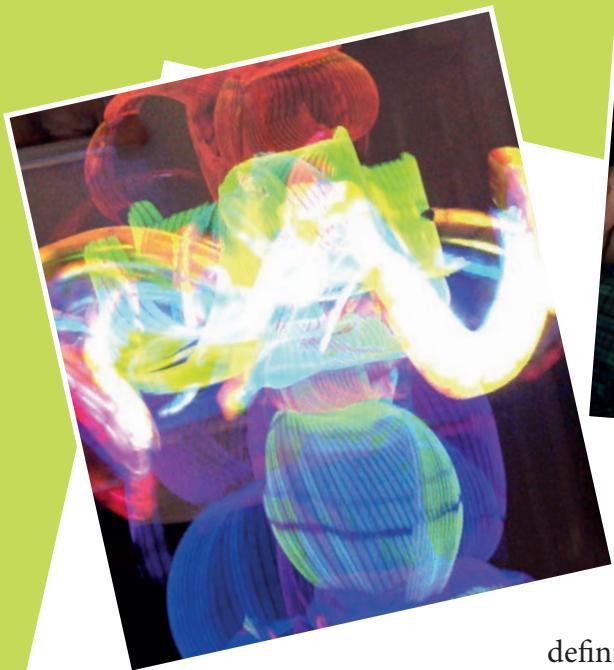
We were also given a tour of the offices which was interesting as it challenged perceptions of what an office environment in 2015 is actually like. The day ended with a delicious buffet lunch in the staff restaurant. We were sent home with a free pen, notebook, lanyard and full bellies, excited

about the prospect of further work with this innovative company.

Piccolo Pantry

As part of our new Healthy Eating Environment, we are very excited to be working with Anna Poliizio's Piccolo Pantry, a local company who provide healthy home cooked meals for children. Anna delivers a mixture of vegetarian and meat dishes daily to





The Green Room which are proving very popular with both pupils, and staff who get any spare portions!

Arts Award

This year's Arts Award has launched with a 'Shine' project, taking the word shine and exploring what it means, how it makes you feel, what does it make you think. Using various disciplines, visual arts, creative writing, drama and media the pupils produced some work being inspired by and exploring what 'Shine' meant to them, recording it with photographs, audio recordings, videos or in writing. At the end of the day they invited the rest of the teaching and office staff to come and share in their creative findings with a showcase of "Shine in The Green Room" which can be seen on our blog.



The pupils worked on the following projects:

Drama - They devised a character using each definition of shine and filmed a short piece on each character.

Creative writing - Taking inspiration from National Poetry day, they took each of the definitions of shine and composed words, for example, a poem or rap which were then laid on top of the visual art and can be seen in the final film.

Visual arts - Pupils experimented with the art of light drawing and mark making with torches and glow sticks, and even created their own glow bottles to use. They learnt how to use slow shutter camera speeds to record their lights and made them into art.

Media - The pupils filmed the whole project, going to each group and recording the discoveries being made and the creative process. They set up the iMovie app ready to import all the images, and found some inspiring music that could be used that represents our 'shine' theme.

At the end of the day all pupils had to write up what they had learned from the day and what they could do next with that learning, this was then displayed in

the drama studio, and the pupils watched the film they had made during Circle Time.

Fishing Trip

As part of the Alternative Edge, we took some of the pupils fishing down by the river at The Home Park as this is one of the activities they can complete on The Edge to go towards their final certificate

London Day Trip

Finally we have finished this half term with a fantastic day trip to London, the pupils all caught the train to Waterloo, as they needed to experience live art as part of the Arts Award. They split into three groups, group 1, led by Jenny took the Thames Clipper to the Tate modern where they were lucky enough to be treated to a members only exhibition and tea in the members cafe. Group 2, led by Ash took the Clipper to The Globe to explore around there, then walked back to the station watching street entertainers along the way. Group 3, led by Deej walked to the British Film institute IMAX Cinema to have a 3D experience watching a documentary about the D-Day landings. They then walked to a store called Forbidden Planet to do an interactive lesson on merchandising within the film industry.



Photos From The Term



Term Dates
Half Term - Monday 26th - Friday 30th October
Inset Day - Monday 2nd November
Last Day of Term - Friday 11th December