



## OUR Newsletter *Summer edition*

A final and intense term has rushed by in a whirlwind of hard work, learning and having fun. As is usual in the summer term, every child has participated in a sports event. Pre Nursery, Nursery and Reception sports events took place in the lovely 'Julia Powell Sports Hall' whilst Year 1 and 2 enjoyed an action-packed morning with a carousel of sports in the playground. Year 3 experienced some more athletic-style events in preparation for their sports next year in the Prep School. The highlight of the Year 3 morning was most probably the tug of war – in particular watching their parents battle it out!

We have continued to focus on our Core Values of Kindness, Respect and Curiosity. Many children helped to finish off the lovely mural in the Early Years playground. In our Assemblies we have thought about how lucky we are to have pets and how we should help our parents to take care of them. We have been reminded that we need to take care to protect ourselves from the sun. We have learned about the importance of being a good sport and of fair play, not only at our sports days but also during our games in the playground. We have tried to understand the complicated concept of 'empathy' and how important it is to be able to see things from someone else's perspective. We also thought about the importance of eating everything on our plates when there are children in the world going hungry.

The children in Early Years thoroughly enjoyed their annual visit from the police and in particular the fantastic 'search and rescue' police dogs. Throughout the year we have enjoyed great performances from Years 1, 2 and 3 as they have worked as a team to recite a poem in unison. This term was also the turn of Year 1 to put on a super theatrical production of 'Animal Rumble Grumble', a great way to finish off their project on Kenya as well as the exciting trip to the Safari Park.

All of the Pre Prep children have had a great time at the farms we visit. Year 3 spent one night away from home at the Layos Camp in Toledo and, as often is the case, the teachers were congratulated by the monitors for the children's excellent behaviour and manners. The children of Reception loved learning about 'Pirates' and this topic culminated in a trip to the nearby Pirate Park. Nursery took part in a workshop entitled 'El Mundo Curioso' at the MUNCYT Science Museum in Alcobendas. They were also really lucky as their teachers took them to the Zoo as a special treat – they particularly liked seeing the seahorses, meerkats and penguins!

The children and staff have worked, and played, really hard this term and they all deserve to rest and relax over the summer holidays, recharging batteries for another great year of the Runnymede Pre Prep School.

**Ms Barr (Head of Pre Prep)**  
**Miss Mashford and Miss Walker (Deputy Heads of Pre Prep)**

### OUR VALUES

RESPECT      CURIOSITY  
KINDNESS

### In this newsletter you will find:

A range of highlights from the summer term in the Pre Prep School, including trips, performances, and work to be proud of.

# Work To Be Proud Of...

## Pre Nursery



Fred in Hedgehog class did an excellent job using his fine motor skills to meticulously thread cheerios onto a jelly fish during our summer topic.



For STEM week, Jaime, Danny, Charly, Oliver, Alberto, Juan, Mateo and Fred in Hedgehog Class made fantastic boats and then tested them to see if they could float...and they did!



Nico and Ignacio in Wallaby class made tie-dye butterflies!



María, Gonzalo, and Amina in Wallaby class are showing the animals that they traced!



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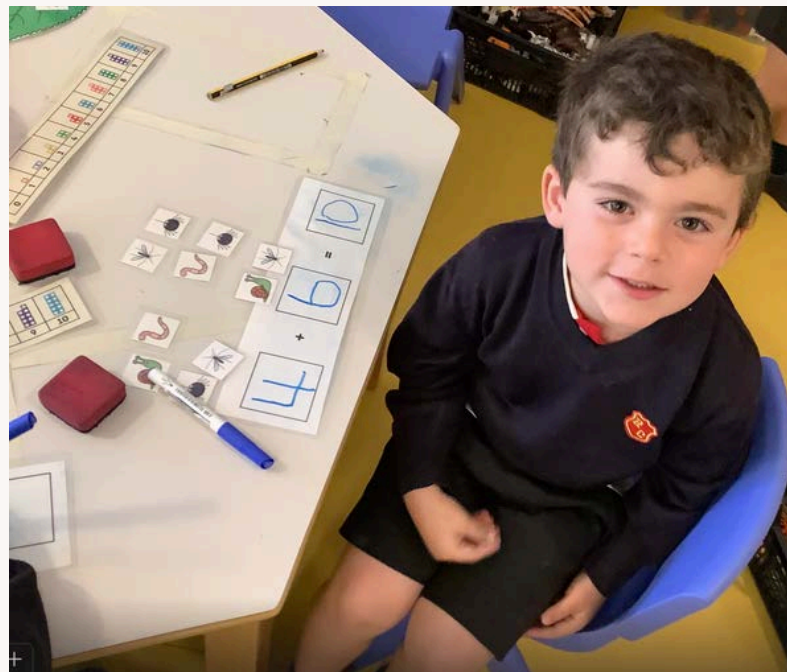
## Nursery



Nicolás in Meerkat Class created wonderful minibeast maths, repeated pattern work!



Tilda in Seahorse Class has been working hard on her counting skills and writing her numbers to ten. Great work, Tilda!

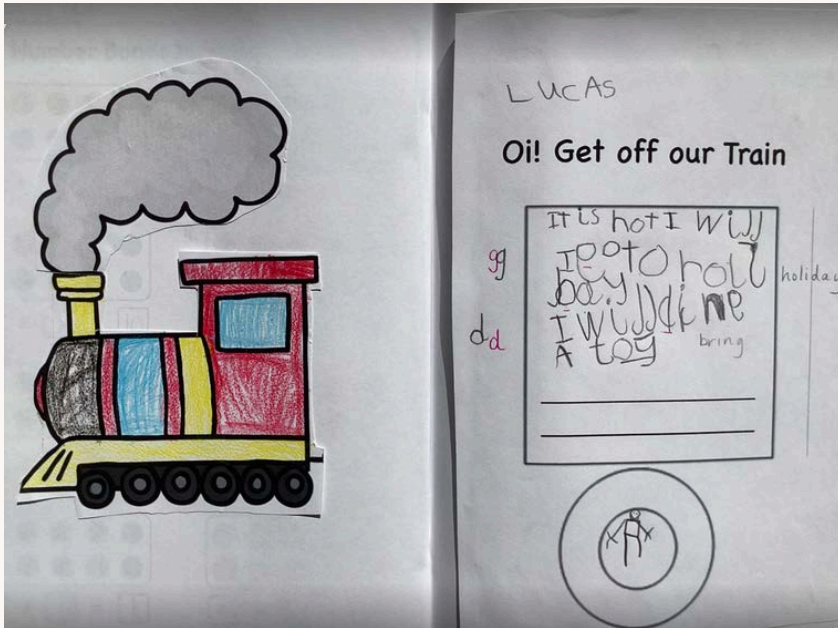


Dani in Penguin Class practised some simple addition to 10 using minibeast pictures! The class were practising counting pictures and ordering the numbers.

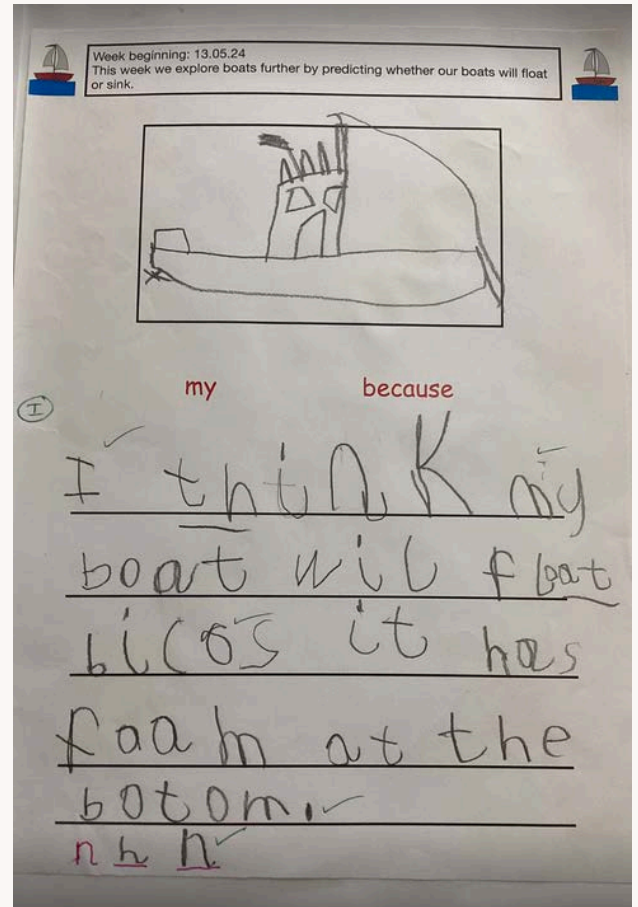


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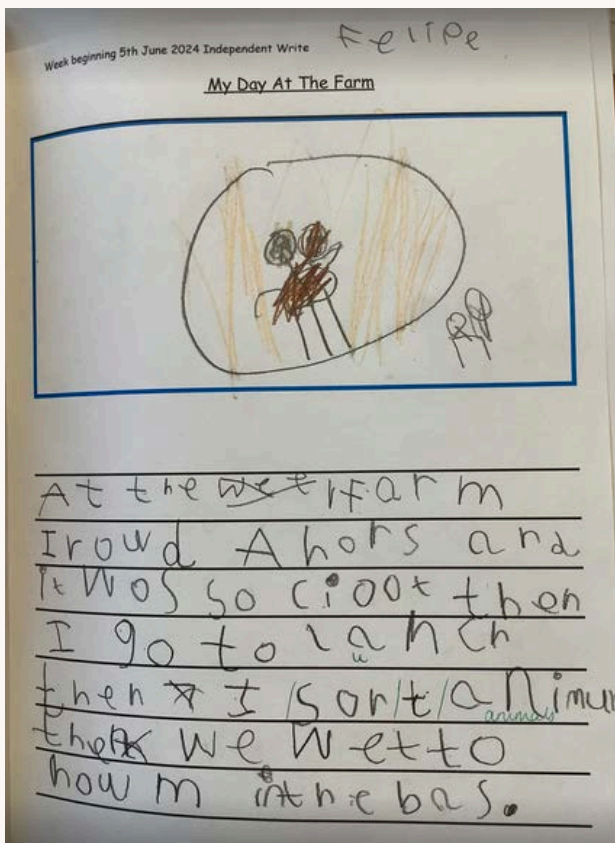
## Reception



After reading the book 'Oi! Get off our Train' by John Burningham, Reception talked about train journeys. Lucas wrote that when it is hot he likes to go on holiday and he would take a toy!



Tristán in Woolly Mammoth Class worked hard at writing a prediction for whether the boat he made would float or sink. It turned out that he was absolutely right – it floated!

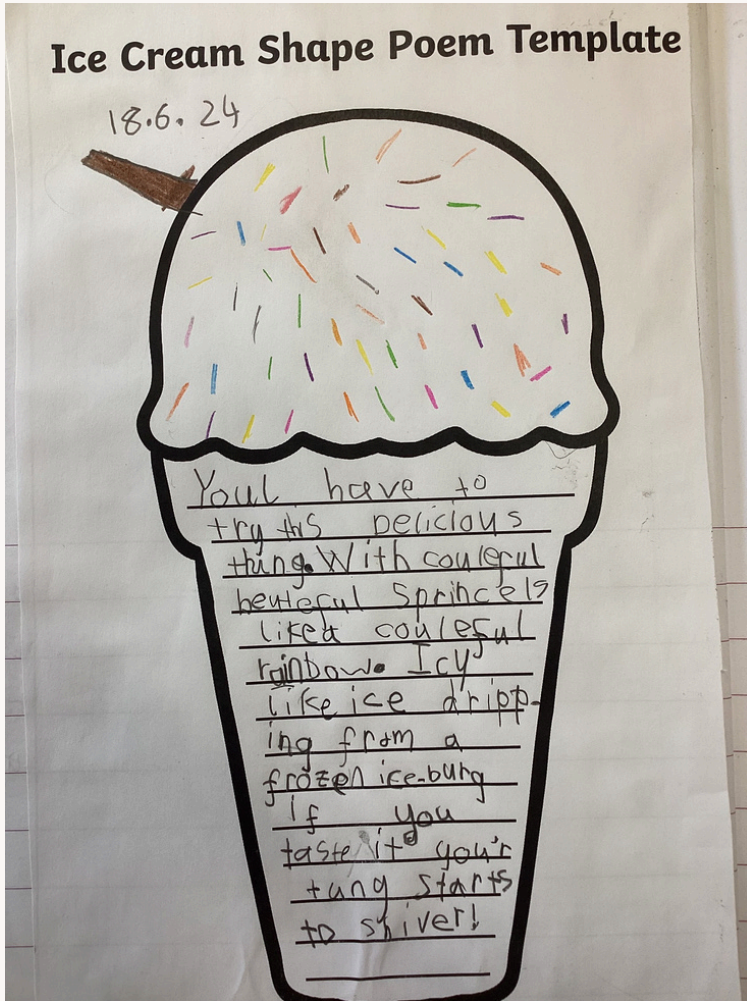


After a lovely visit to the farm, Felipe in Tiger Class wrote all about the trip. He enjoyed riding the horse and seeing the other animals.

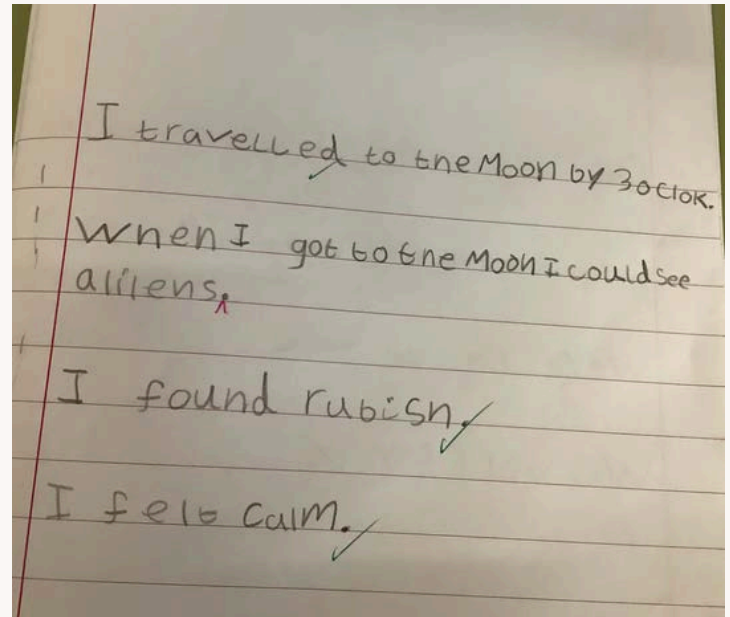


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## Year 1



Shape poem by Pepa in Leopard Class.



Casilda has worked very hard this year and has made great progress at spelling tricky red words too. She has used adjectives to describe and used beautiful handwriting.



Maxima, Ignacio, Nico A and Maria from class 1J have been busy working on their sewing skills in art. They made their own safari animals linking in with our Kenya topic and our show 'Animal Rumble Grumble'. They did a great job!

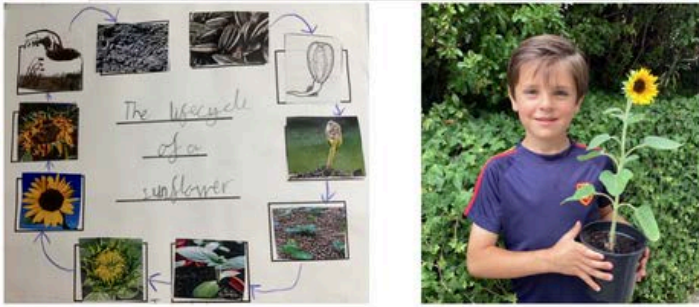


# Work To Be Proud Of..

## Year 2

LO : How to structure a good explanation sentence

capital letter **Aa** time **connective** scientific **information** conjunction **more information** full-stop **.** Juan R 2K



After that the first leaves start to grow so that it can get the energy from the sun. Days later the plant is getting taller and growing more leaves. Then a strange thing named a bud grows because it's getting closer to the flower <sup>stage</sup>. A week later the beautiful flower is now the thing that we were looking for and there's another one. Then suddenly the plant starts to wrinkle and it is getting to the end of its life cycle. After the summer is finished, the sunflower bends and the seeds start to fall down. Several days later all the seeds are on the ground so that there are more beautiful sunflowers.



Inspired by Claude Monet's water lily paintings, Carla used wax-resistant crayons to draw the lily pads and flowers, and then did a wash of watercolour paint using a graduated effect to create her artwork.

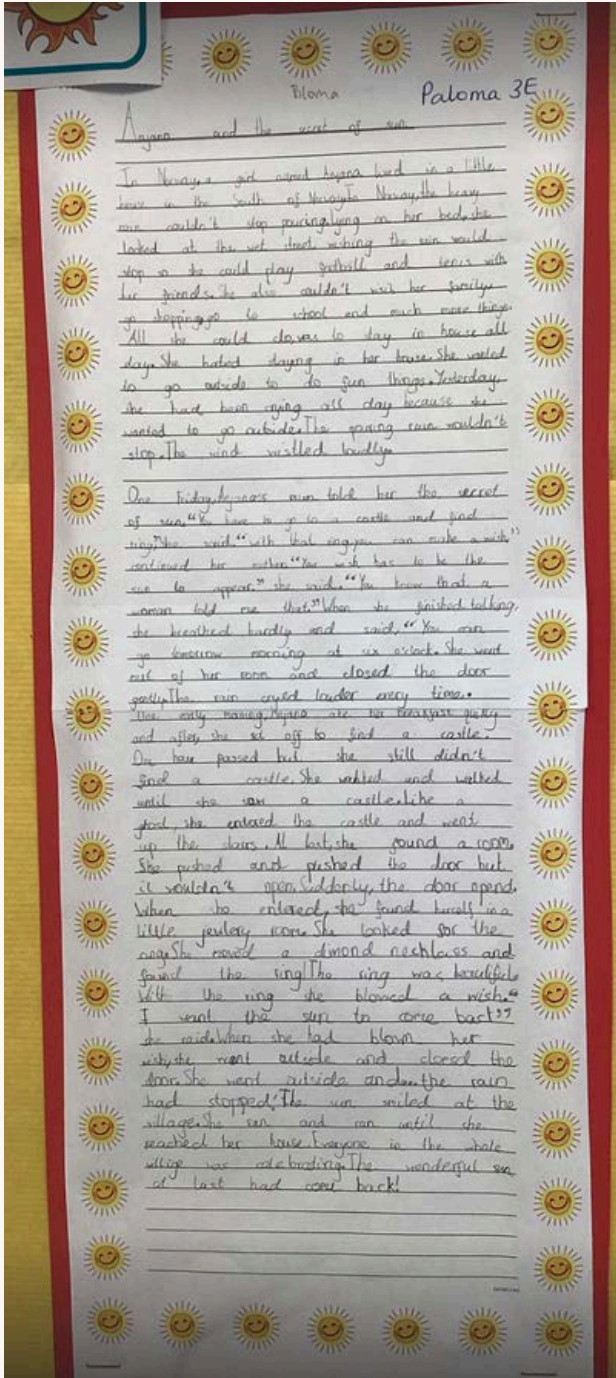
Juan R in Kangaroo Class wrote a thorough and clear explanation text about the life cycle of a sunflower.



Fatima and Mateo in Dog Class both created amazing fantasy flowers as an art link to our Science topic on plant growth, using different lines, patterns and mediums.

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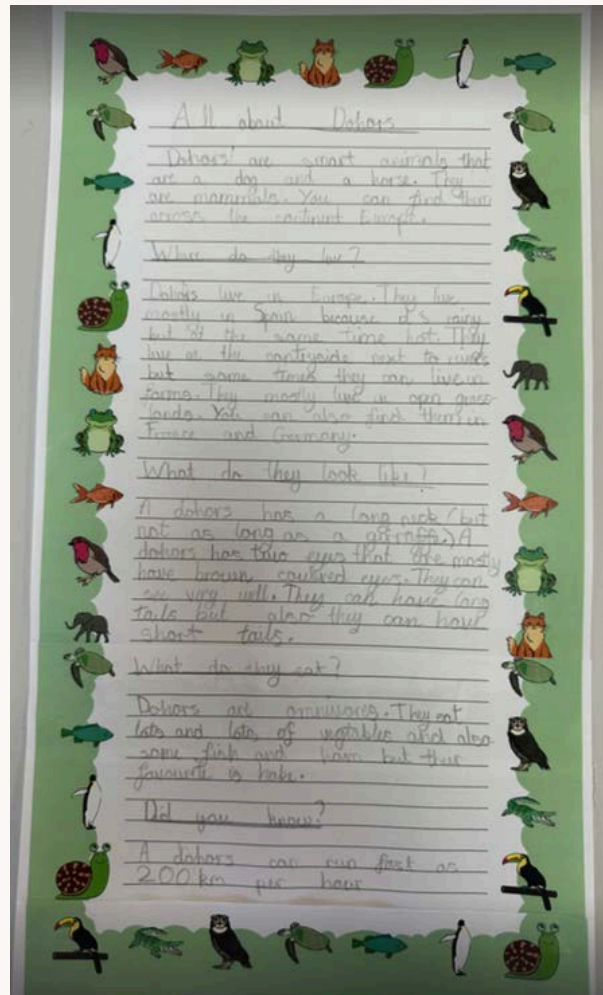
## Year 3



Paloma in 3E wrote her own story based on 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. She should be proud of her use of sentence starters, inverted commas for speech and conjunctions to extend her sentences.



African inspired patterns by Carlota in Fox Class, focussing on geometric, repeating patterns.



Irene in Dolphin Class wrote a non-chronological report about an imaginary animal called a 'Dohors'. She used subheadings to structure her work and conjunctions to link her ideas.



# EYFS Farm Trip



We had so much fun looking at the animals, riding on a horse and making a cake!



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# Y1 and Y2 farm trip



Years 1 and 2 had a wonderful, sunny and warm summer's day out at the farm on Wednesday 12th June. All classes enjoyed riding the horses, going on the canoes and visiting the animals. Year 2 enjoyed learning how to bake bread, whilst Year 1 enjoyed a workshop about aromatics and plants.



# EYFS Police Visit



We love welcoming people who help us in our community and the Pre-Nursery, Nursery and Reception classes thoroughly enjoyed meeting the policemen and their police dogs!



# Year 1 Show



In Term 3 it was finally Year 1's turn to take to the stage and perform their show '*Animal Rumble Grumble*'. Set in the African plains – which linked in wonderfully with our topic of 'Kenya' – the children delivered a 5-star performance that left the crowd wanting more!

## STEM Week

Pre-Prep students had an exciting morning immersed in a range of science activities, skillfully organized and led by Year 7 students. The young learners participated in a Cartesian diver challenge, marvelled at physics-defying ping pong balls, tested the resilience of indestructible balloons, and enjoyed many other captivating experiments. This interactive event provided an excellent opportunity for the Pre-Prep students to explore scientific concepts through hands-on experiences, sparking their curiosity and enthusiasm for learning.



# Ballet Show



One of the highlights of the summer term is always the annual ballet show.

The children who attend ballet lessons throughout the year work hard to rehearse and then perform dances which showcase the skills they have been learning.

This is always a colourful and elegant exhibition and this year was exceptionally so, culminating with a beautiful performance by the older girls from the senior school and finishing with a beautiful solo from Margarita. She then found out that she had achieved the highest level awarded by the Royal Ballet school and we could see that it was well deserved!



# Sports Day



Well done to every child that took part. We gave out lots of well-deserved medals!



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# Nursery trip to the Zoo

Nursery had a wonderful trip to the Zoo where they got to see real-life Meerkats, Penguins, and Seahorses!



# Year 3 trip to Segóbriga



After studying the Romans in depth, Year 3 visited Segóbriga to explore the wonderfully-preserved ruins. They learnt about the Roman way of life in the town and visited the thermal baths, forum, theatre, and even the amphitheatre!



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# Year 1 trip to the Safari Park

Last month, Year 1 headed on an exciting trip to the safari. We saw lots of different animals and we were even surprised with a bird show! It was a spectacular day and a wonderful way to conclude our topic on Kenya.





# Year 3 trip to Layos



Year 3 spent one night and two days at Layos camp in June and had a phenomenal time! The children enjoyed canoeing, horse riding, a high ropes course, archery, and even had an open air disco!



# Botanical Gardens Trip



Year 2's visit to the Botanical Gardens was an enriching and fascinating experience which tied in beautifully with their studies about plants in Science. The members of staff at the gardens gave the children a fabulous tour, during which they learnt a lot of scientific facts about different types of plants, as well as their influence in stories, history, artwork and medicine.

# Year 2 San Isidro Day



Year 2 had a magnificent time celebrating San Isidro. They dressed up in traditional costume as chulapos and chulapas, practised dancing the chotis, and had a picnic of fizzy water and rosquillas on the lawn.



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# The Summer Fair — thank you for coming!

A big thank you to the Runnymede families that attended! We are so pleased with the amount of money we raised for our school charity, Aladina Fundación!



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# Year 3 Graduation

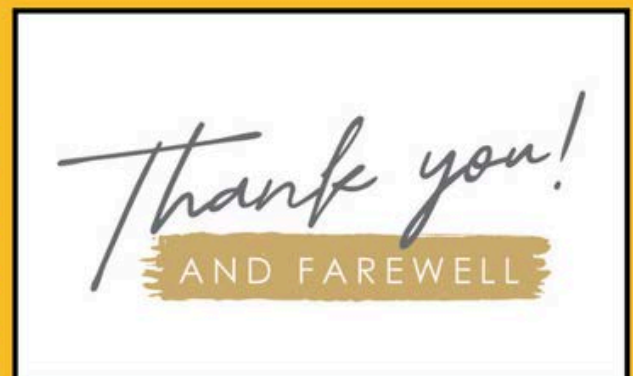
We wish the current Year 3 children all the best in their move into the Prep School next year. You have an exciting new building to move into in September! We loved watching your Graduation performance this week. Enjoy life in the Prep School and don't forget to 'reach for the stars' when you are in Year 4!



## Thank you to outgoing staff

This year we bid farewell to some of our wonderful staff members and wish them all the best in their new adventures. We thank **Miss Walker, Miss Padley and Miss Miller** for all their hard work with the children and for making their classes such happy places to be.

We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Albery, Mr Gillard and Miss Bailey to the Pre Prep team in September.



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# See you in September!

We wish all Runnymede families a relaxing summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Thursday 5th September!

