



HUNTINGTOWER A PRIORY ACADEMY

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Welcome to Term 4's newsletter.

Included within this newsletter:

- *Organisational information including timings and attendance*
 - *Celebratory items*
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Events



It has been another very busy term. Term 4 is one of our favourites as we celebrate reading with World Book Day. It has been more of World Book Month with lots of opportunities to read and take part in challenges and events. On World Book Day, children were able to spend time with children in different classes sharing their favourite books. The staff spent time decorating their doors and the children enjoyed touring the academy building to visit the various doors. There was also a week long class reading challenge which **Tigers and Wombat classes** won. They won the right to be the first visitors to our newly stocked library as well as 10 merits each and the choice of new class book. They were definitely the winners as reading is the secret to success! Thank you to everyone who supported their child with their characters or hearing them read. Our library is now open for children to visit and change their books. Nearly all of the books are new so ask you to support your child in looking after them at home. Unfortunately, one book has already been damaged by a water bottle which was stored in the reading folder.

We have also celebrated World Poetry Day with a choral speaking assembly. We are very glad it wasn't a competition as it would have been too hard to pick a winning year group.

Three year groups have had discos this term - Years 2, 3 and 6. Each disco was well attended and the children reported that they enjoyed the events very much.

The children have been working very hard and earning merits. At the end of each long term, we announce the Merit Totals for each Tower Team. At the end of Term 2, Crane were in first place with 15586 merits. At the end of this term the scores were:

- Crane - 21088 with an ongoing total of 36674
- Dragon - 21400 with an ongoing total of 36201
- Eiffel - 22189 with an ongoing total of 37001
- Galata - 20370 with an ongoing total 35464

Congratulations to **Eiffel** for being this term's leaders as well as being the cumulative leaders. Next term's should prove to be very exciting!

Also congratulations goes to **Zebras** and **Koalas** classes who are this term's attendance winners. I know they will be excited to plan their attendance reward which will take place next term. **The whole academy attendance is 95.1%.**

We are proud to share with you our Endeavour nominations. They were celebrated in our final assembly of the term and very deserving of the award. It is always very difficult to decide who should take the trophy for the term but ultimately, they were awarded to our Zebra and Lemurs nominations.

Finally, thank you to everyone who bought a raffle ticket for the Easter baskets. Whilst we are waiting for a final amount, we know that we have raised over **£506.00** which will go towards our Library replenishment project. The new books have been really popular so far but we are striving to ensure that there is a comprehensive range of books to choose from. Pupils from Gazelles, Meerkats and Wombats class won the baskets.





Please see a selection of photos that have been shared on the Class Stories on Class Dojo



















































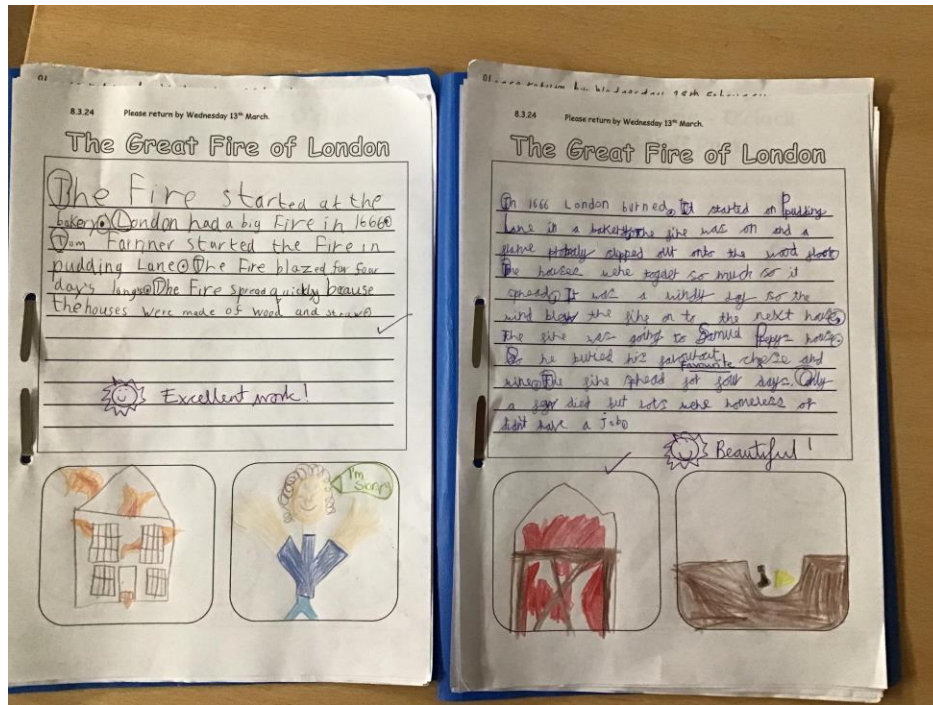


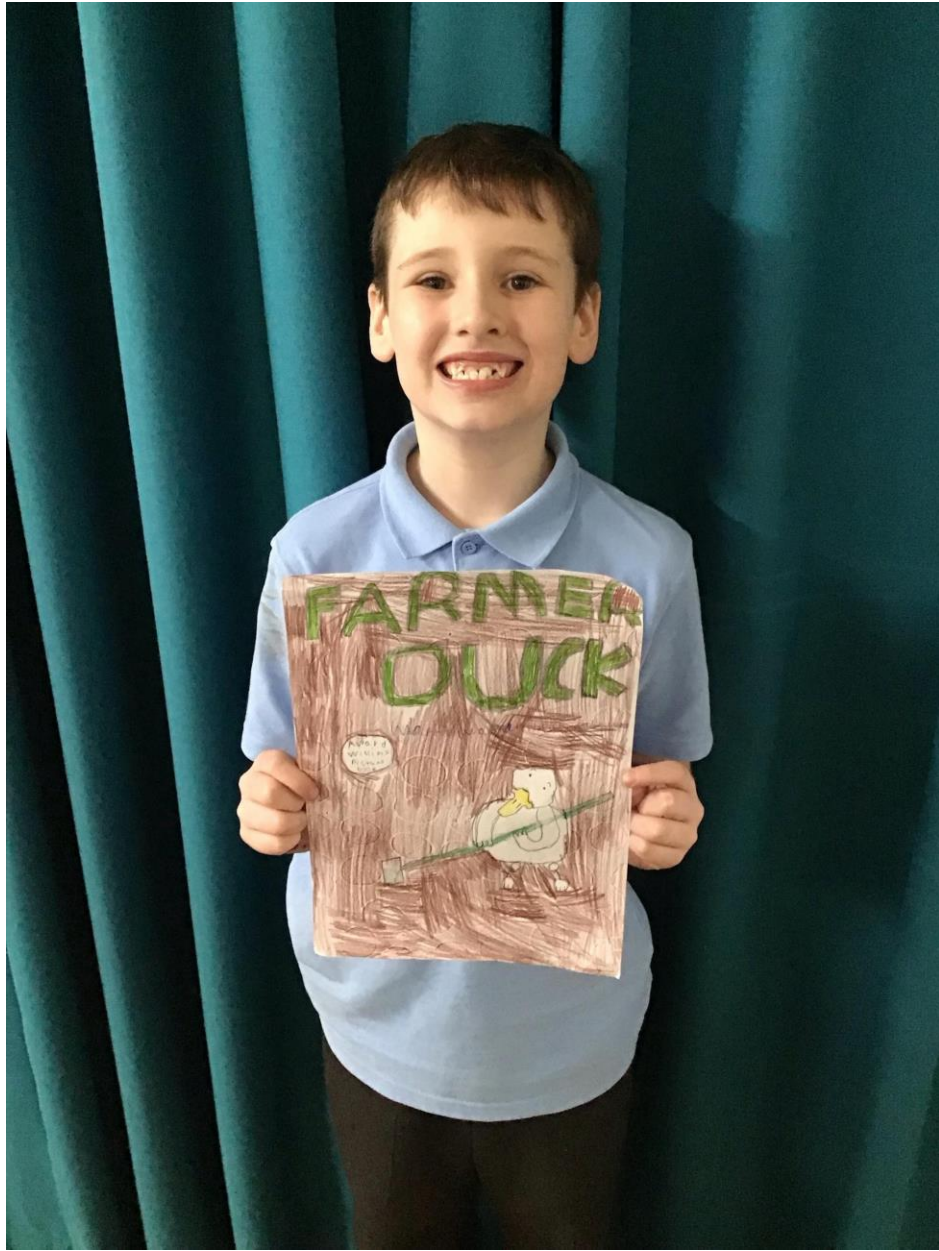


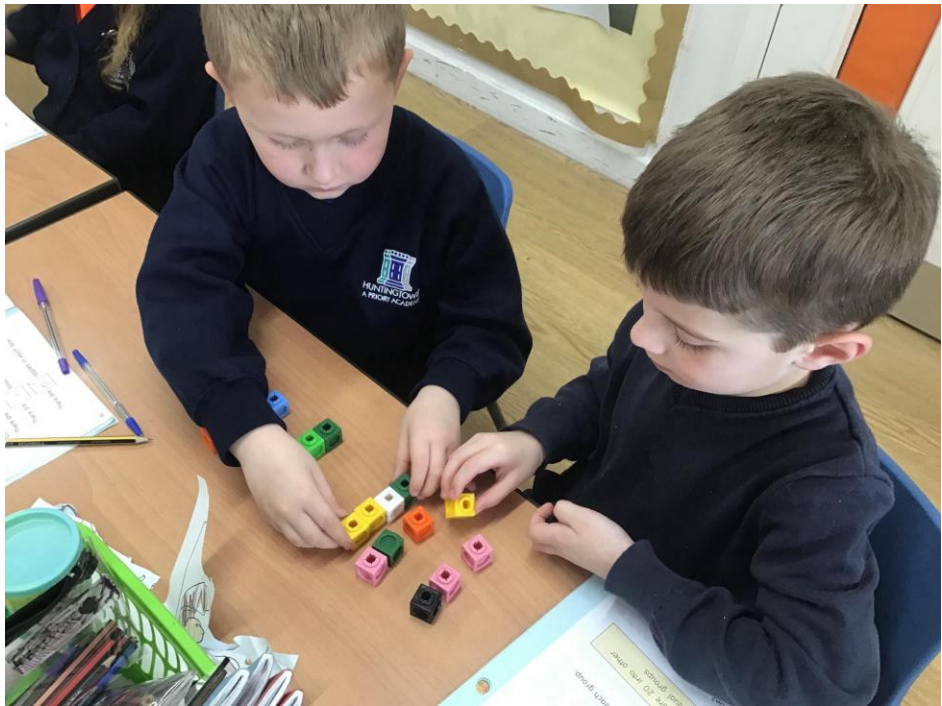










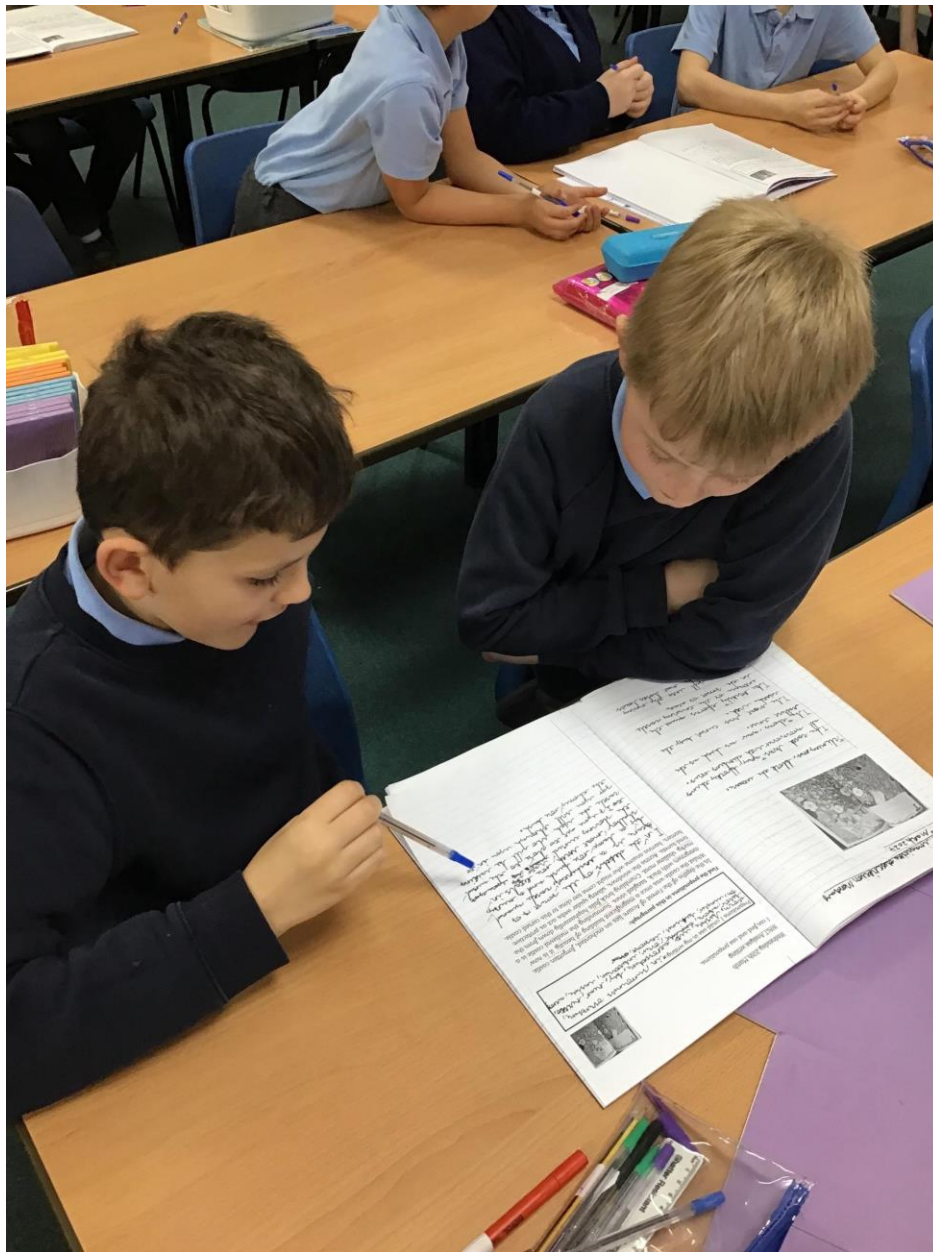


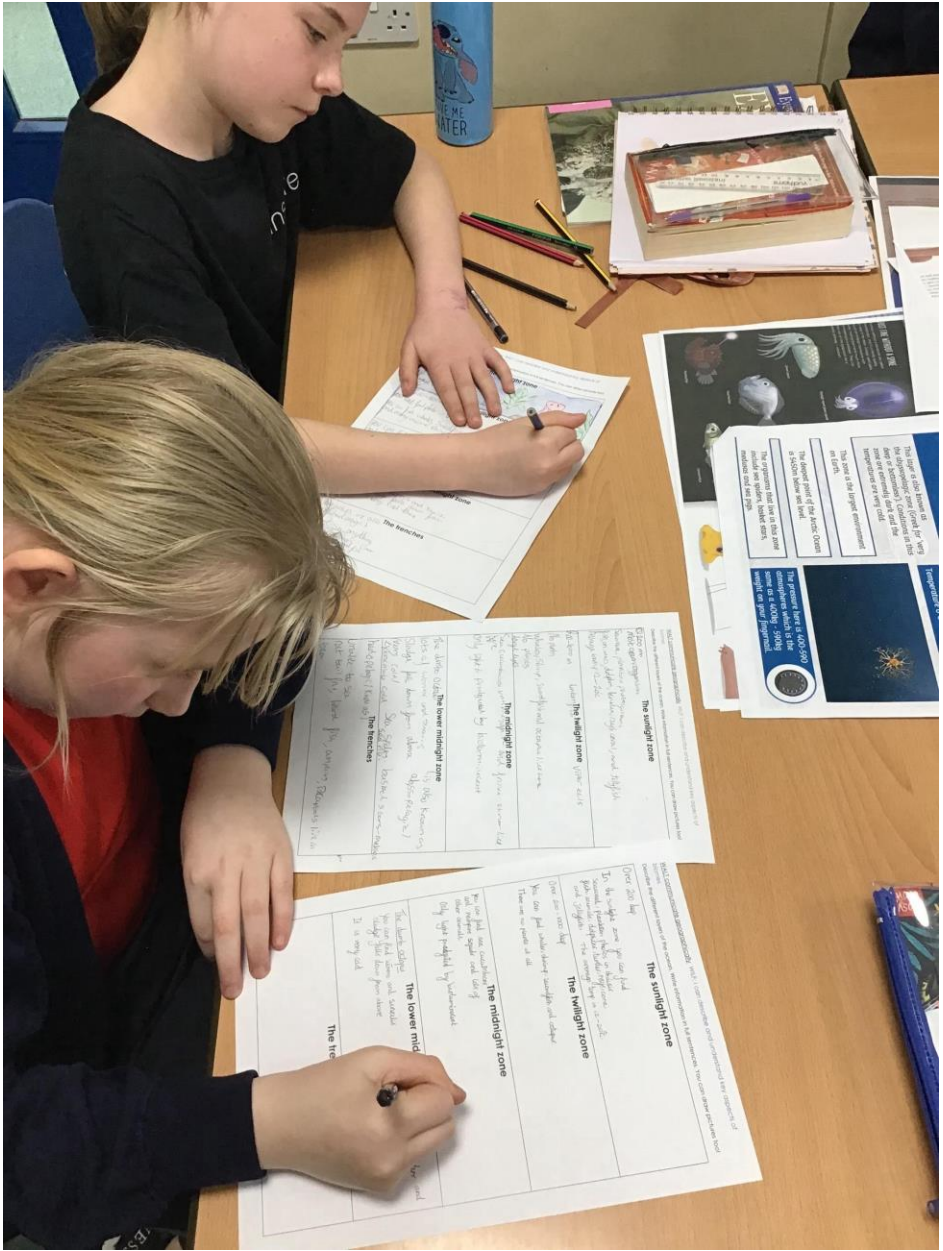
















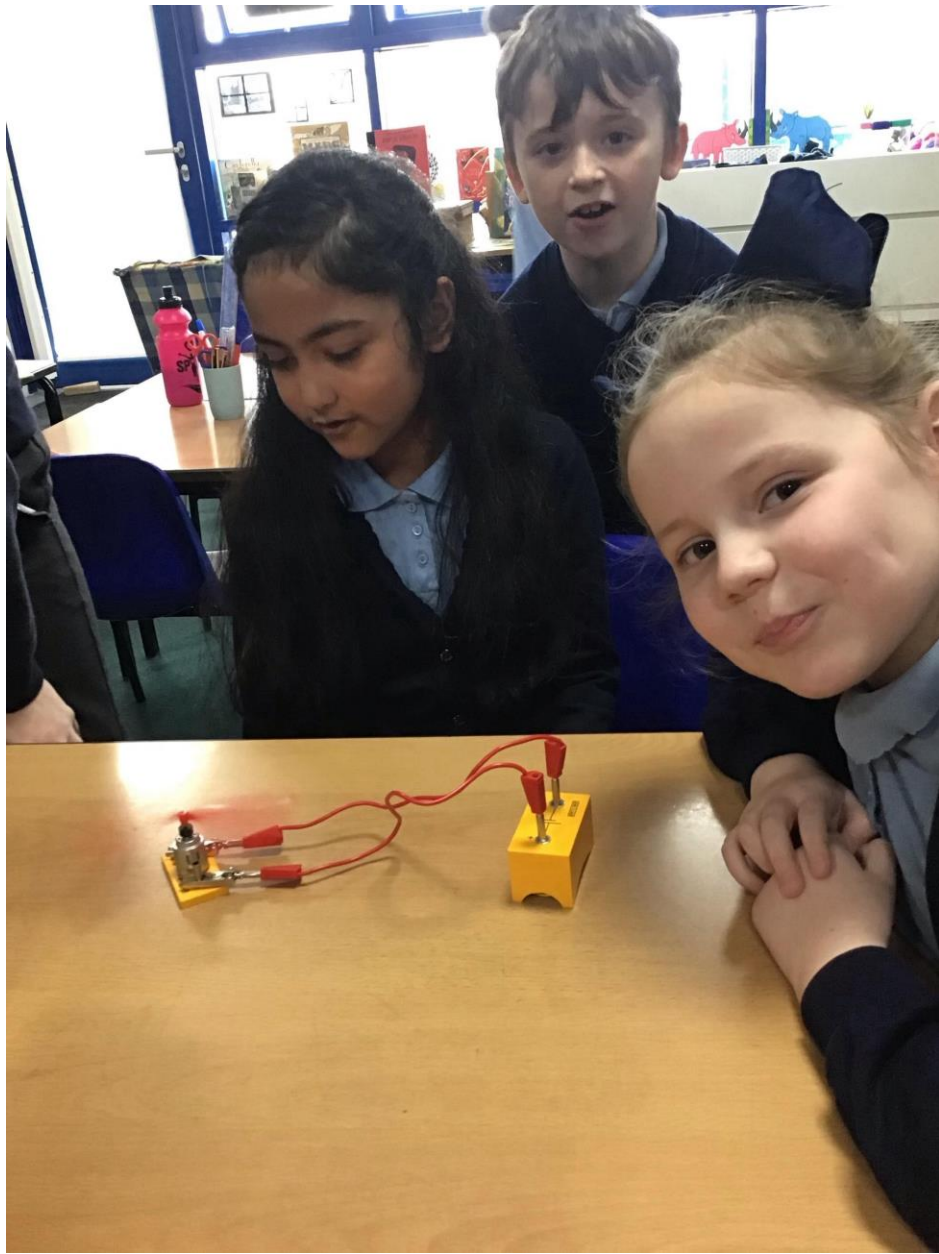












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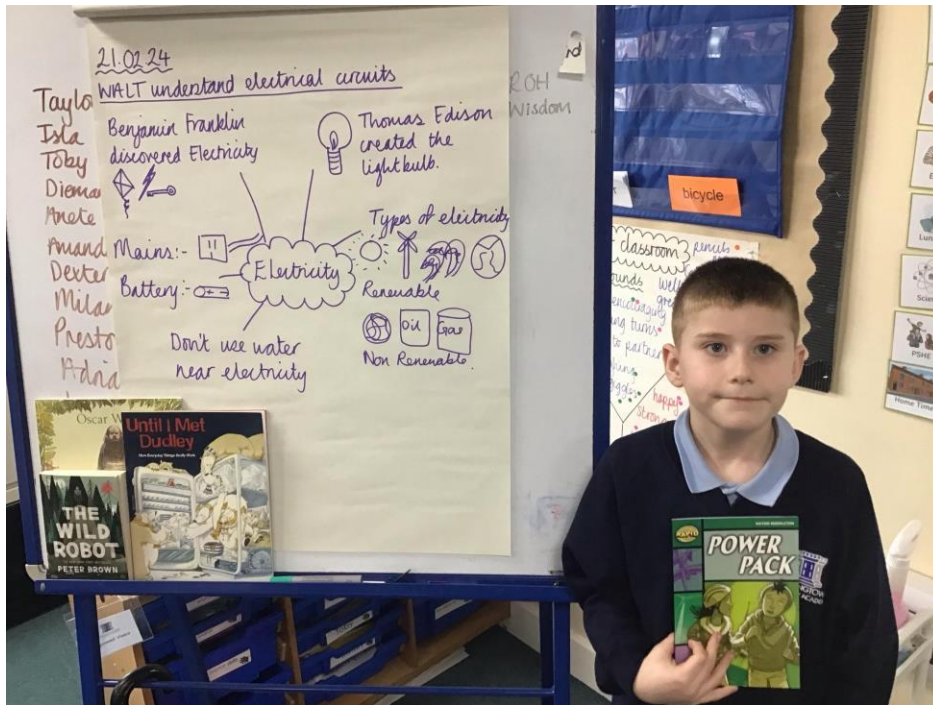


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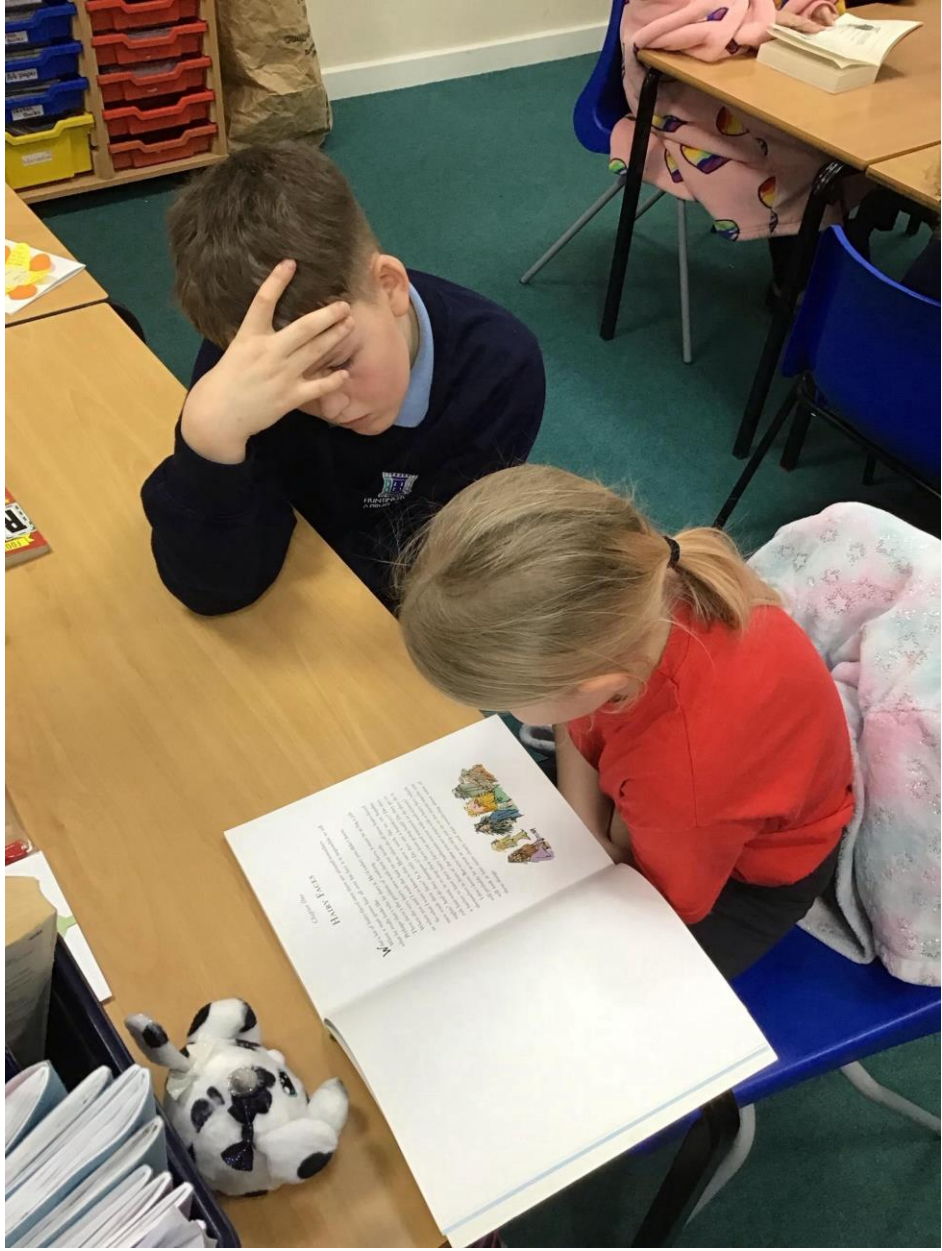










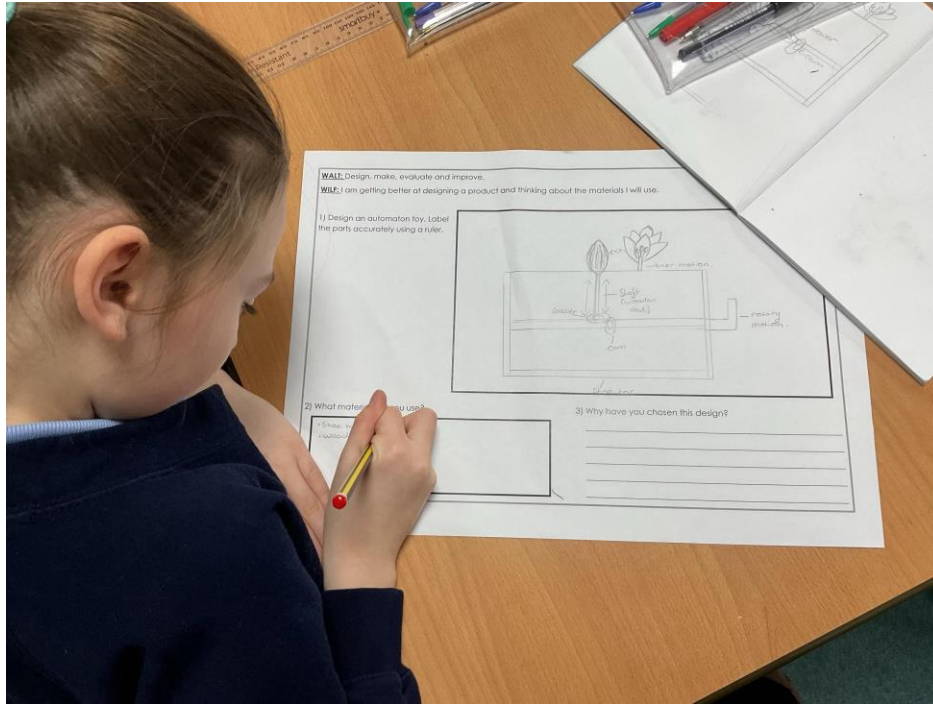




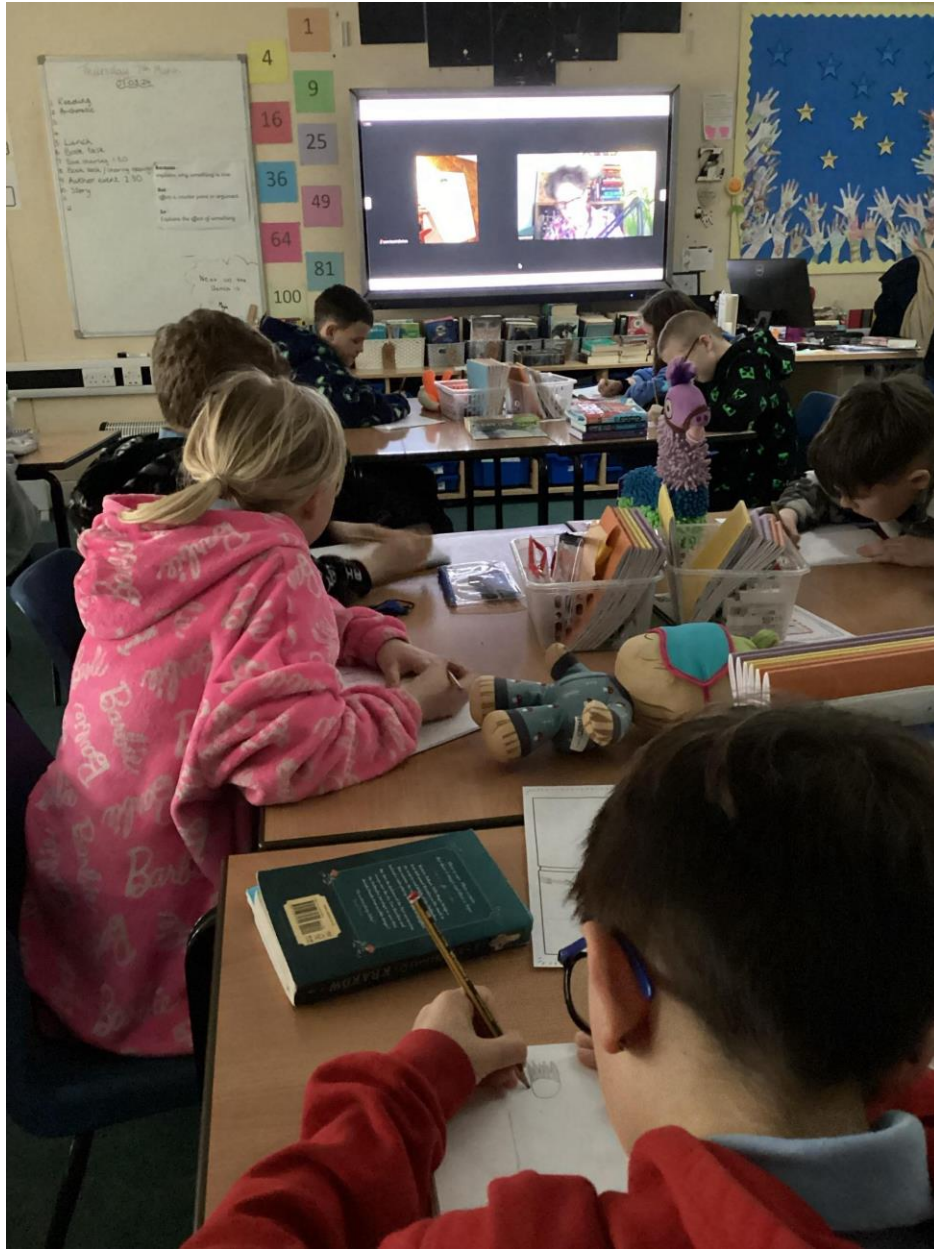














Sporting Achievements



This has been another very busy term for sporting events. There have been a range of competitions as well as opportunities for children to improve their skills.

Across the term, we have participated in:

- KS2 Swimming Gala - group B- pupils in Y3, 4, 5 and 6. We had many children place and came first overall as well as placing first in the relay cup. We were delighted for all who took part. This is the second year we have been the overall winners.
- Netball - Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a tournament at Priory Ruskin. They enjoyed the experience of playing against other school teams.
- Pupils from Y1 upwards also took part in a Gymnastics competition (on Mother's day too). We were one of the biggest school teams and we are incredibly proud of everyone who took part and many children and teams placed.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in a Kwik Sticks hockey competition. They were determined to do well and represented the academy and they placed 3rd in the tournament.

- One of our football team played against Gonerby Hill Foot school. Both sides played well and the match was a draw. We also took part in a Let Girls Play festival as well as the postponed Girls' Football tournament. The girls performed brilliantly and came third. Mrs Duxbury-Mead was very pleased with all who took part.

We have worked closely with the Bikeability team and have offered levels 1 and 2 training for Year 5 pupils. This is such an important qualification and life skill.

Our Year 5 Bronze Sports Ambassadors presented the Inspire+ Legacy tour assembly to both our school and Isaac Newton as part of handing on the baton. We are delighted that one of pupils in Tigers helped to design part of the torch.

Thank you to all of the family members who have transported children to and from events as well as supporting the teams and pupils taking part. Thank you also goes to the staff who work hard to ensure that the children have these opportunities.

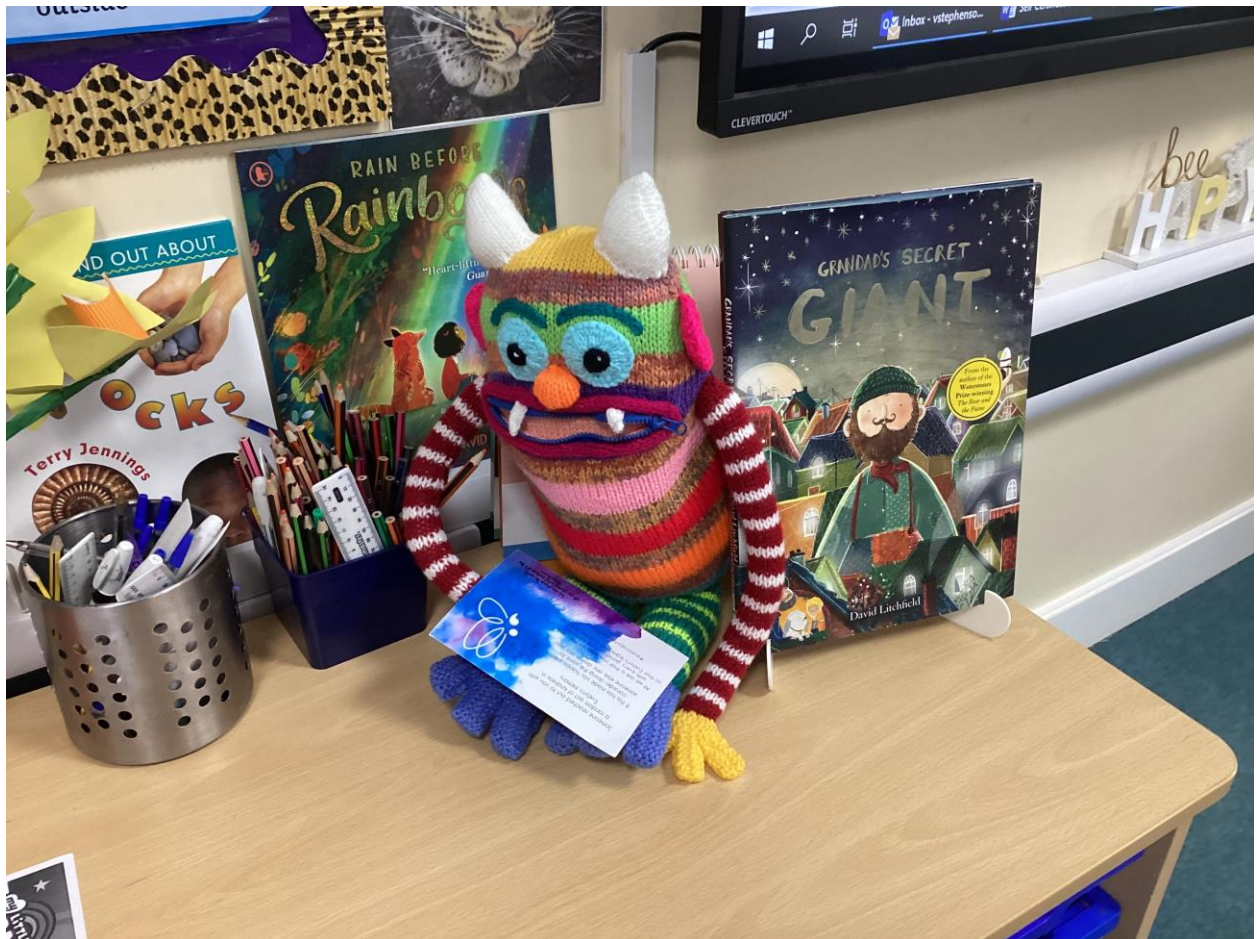








Huntingtower Citizens



This term, the Academy Council led the academy to raise money for Comic Relief on **Friday, 15th March 2024**. They asked if the children could come in their own clothes. As it followed on closely on from World

Book Day, the children were asked to dress as they wished, in their own clothes, sportswear or character costumes. The day celebrated our pupils' uniqueness whilst raising money for charity. As a result of the donations made on the day, we can announce that we raised **£366.71**! Thank you to everyone who helped make the event so special. This collection was done in Evelyn's Week, the week in the term when we celebrate the value of Generosity.

Our staff also held a quiz night to raise money for St Barnabas Hospice. 10 teams took part and we were very grateful to the Chair of our local governing body, Paul Emmett for being Quiz Master. We are delighted to announce that we raised **£407.40**



Clubs

Yet again, we have had a busy term with a wide range of clubs offered. These have included:

- Reading Ambassadors
- Role Play
- STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)
- Choir for KS1, KS2 and Singing for EYs
- Makaton
- Drawing for different year groups
- Construction
- Quiz Club
- Lego

- Junior Online Safety Officers
- Craft
- Times Tables Rockstars
- 11+ awareness
- Sport clubs including Football (for several year groups), Netball, Quicksticks, Tag Rugby and Gymnastics

Thank you to the staff who have offered these clubs after school and during lunchtime. Please check Parent Mail and ClassDojo at the start of next term for the Summer Term's offer of clubs that take place after school or require additional resources.

The summer term looks to be busy one. **Gazelles Class** will be swimming at the Mere's after the Easter holidays in **term 5** and then **Rhinos Class in the final term**. We have begun to plan a range of summer events including sports days and the dates are included below.

Important Dates

The Summer term is always a busy one. There will be more information shared through ParentHub and ClassDojo. Please be aware of the following dates:

Y6 pupils will be taking their **KS2 SATs** test in the week beginning **Monday 13h May 2024**. The children are required to attend **every day** and if they do not attend on the day, they will not be able to take their test at another time.

Y1 pupils will be access the **Phonic Screen Check** in the weeks beginning **10th June 2024 and 17th June 2024**.

Y4 pupils will access the **Multiplication Tables Check** in the weeks beginning **3rd June 2024 and 10th June 2024**.

Sports Days - to take place on the Sports Field.

Early Years - 10th July 2024 at 2.15pm

Years 1 and 2 - 11th July 2024 at 2.15pm

Years 3 and 4 - 8th July 2024 at 2.15pm

Years 5 and 6 - 9th July 2024 at 2.15pm

Early Years New Parents' Evening - Wednesday 5th June 2024 at 6pm

Early Years Disco Party - 9th May 2024 at 3.30 -4.30pm

Year 1 Disco Party - 9th May 2024 at 4.45 - 5.45pm

Summer Fayre - to take place on the South Site on **Friday, 28th June 2024 - 3.30pm to 4.50pm**

End of Year Reports - to be sent home at the end of the day on **Friday, 12th July 2024**

Transition week will be week beginning **Monday 1st July 2024 with the academy Moving Up day on Tuesday, 2nd July 2024**

Y6 Presentation - the evening of **Tuesday, 16th July 2024** and the afternoon of **Wednesday, 17th July 2024.**

Y6 Leavers' Disco - **Thursday, 18th July 2024**

Daily Routines

- Please remember that:the Classroom doors open **at 8.50am** in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and in Key Stage 2, staff will collect their classes from the playground.
- **The registers open at 8.50am. Please arrive at the academy from 8.40am to ensure your child is ready to enter the academy at 8.50am.Door and gates and the registers close at 9.00am.**
- Any children who arrive after 9.00am through main entrance and are recorded as unauthorised, will require the adult who drops them off to complete a slip. The administration office is extremely busy at this time and this allows the staff to ensure that the correct information is communicated with the class teachers as well as updating the lunch register.
- For more information, please read our academy attendance policy [here](#).
- Guidance specific to our academy can be found [here](#) on our website.
- We understand that the start and end of the academic day can be extremely busy not just on the academy property but also in the immediate community. Please be considerate of others and ensure that you use the allocated areas to park.

If your child is unwell, please let us know as soon as possible. A message can be left on our absence answer machine, a message can be sent via text or email (to our enquiries email address) or you can wait to speak to one of the administrators. We appreciate that the phone lines and the office can be very busy first thing in the mornings but it is important to let us know. If we are able to ascertain why your child is absent, we will have to register them as having an unauthorised absence.

In addition, can we remind you that:

- Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle in the classroom for them to access during the day. This should only be water and not squash.
- Children should come in their PE kits (including their coloured PE top) on the days that they have PE. **They should still wear their school jumpers or cardigans and not hooded tops.** Tracksuit

bottoms and leggings should be black, dark grey (not light grey) or navy without motifs or visible labels.

- Earrings should be removed for PE days.



1 - Please remember that children are required to wear a plain coloured T-Shirt for PE in their Tower Team colour.

Information by Third Parties

We often receive information about events, clubs and our local community from third party groups. Due to GDPR, we are unable to share the full information with you but we may share the basic information that you can then request more specific details.

We have recently received information about:

Inspire+ Healthy Happy Active Camps - during the Easter Holidays

One Touch Football

If you would like to know more, please contact the office.

Message from our Admin Team



Please remember that we now use the general enquires email address which is:

huntingtowerenquiries@prioryacademies.co.uk

Using our updated telephone system, you can select to leave a message for absence and the admin team ask that you use this facility as it reduces the number of calls made to the office during the day. If you require a call back, please state this in the message. We appreciate it can be quite frustrating when you cannot connect to one of the admin team and so the message service is there to help. An email can also be sent through enquiries. Please do not send messages to the Class Teachers about your child's absence on ClassDojo.