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The Harbinger Primary School newspaper is written by the children, for the school community; our newspaper is published every half term.

Well-Being

Turquoise Class Competes in Poetry Slam

By Numairah

In February, Turquoise class became poets, competing in what is called the poetry slam.

In the poetry slam, Yr5's represent the school and they need to memorise their own poem. The poetry slam is in this place called Rich Mix which is located in Bethnal Green.

The competitors from Harbinger were: Iqra, Usman Y, Zayd, Anas, Madison and Aqil they are the group then there are Numairah, Ayaan, Kulsuma and Luiza.

More **Poetry Slam** coverage on p. 6

Ayaan won the award for best line in a poem: "yet we discovered our mum still loves us!", in acknowledgement of the challenges parents face.



Togetherness

Teams for the Win After First Vote is a Draw

By Suhana

School councillors conducted a school-wide vote to determine whether the student body would like to go in the hall for sharing assembly or continue to do it on Microsoft Teams, a practice that started during Covid when we could not assemble.

Fiona prefers in the hall so she can see everyone. She also believes that whoever gets nominated can get a big clap from the whole school.

It might be a little embarrassing but it's also really nice. On teams, you don't get to experience the entire school clapping.

You will not believe what the first outcome was! When the votes came in, there was a tie: 81 voted for teams and 81 voted for face to face. On the second vote Microsoft Teams won. That's democracy, Fiona!

Editorial

Question of the Issue:

How do you show respect to others in our community??



Zayd H.: You know the difference when you have done something because you might get a punishment. If you do something good you might get rewarded.

Junainah: To show respect I look at a person when they are speaking and I let them have their turn. I give others a chance if they have more priority or problems than me.

Kulsuma: I'll show respect by listening to the teachers and be kind

Mahiba: If someone does something you want to do and they get a bad consequence, you'll know it's wrong.

Numairah: To show respect to others is that whenever anyone is talking you have to listen and look at them and be kind to others.

Mia: Treat others how you want to be treated. I am also kind and do stuff to help.

Aleena: by listening and doing the right thing and not talking over people

Inaaya: What I do is I treat people that they want to be treated.

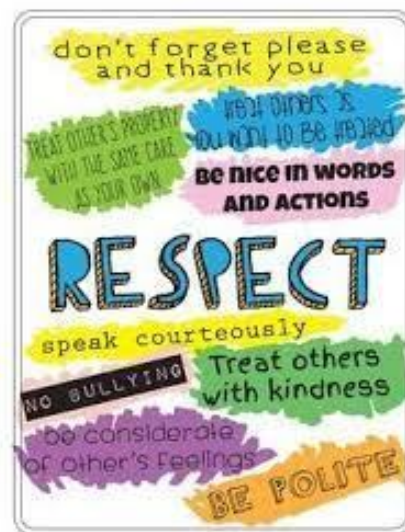
Asiya: I show respect by being the bigger person or you could say being a good role-model, I like making sure everyone is doing the right thing. I do this by helping anyone in need and I be kind to one another.

Kulsuma: I show respect by listening to the teachers and being kind

Joud: To show respect, when I am given instructions I should follow it and engage with the person speaking. Also, if I have any questions, I can't interrupt them while they are speaking.

Fiona: I show respect by treating people how I want them to treat me

Dawud: Teachers teach you how to be right in the future, so do your parents, and your God if you believe.



Sabrina: I show respect by looking at the person who is talking and treating them kindly.

Nicole: To show respect to others you must listen to the person who is speaking and don't interrupt them because if you do it's going to be disrespectful

Amelia's Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day

Kuwait Celebrates 63 Years

By Joud

On the 25 of February, Kuwait celebrated its National Day. You might wonder: "What is Kuwait national day?"

Kuwait national day commemorates its liberation from British rule in 1961. Fun fact, independence from Britain is one of the most internationally celebrated holidays in the world! (The first country to win its independence from Britain was the United States in 1776 and the most recent was Brunei in 1984).

Celebrated every year on February 25th, Kuwait's National Day marks a significant chapter in the nation's history and is when Kuwaitis celebrate their independence, culture, and national pride.

by Amelia

I could not believe how much it rained yesterday. Within seconds of stepping outside, my coat was dripping like crazy!

Most people ran inside the building but not everyone, some people stopped and greeted the teachers, by saying 'Good Morning' which I think made the teachers' days way better!

And of course it was wet play, every time I want wet play there isn't wet play but when I don't want wet play there is wet play, how does that make sense?

Some people who wanted to play in the pitch played in the rain and I wished I could play in the rain too.



Sheikh Abdullah Al-Salim Al-Sabah, who became the ruler of Kuwait in 1950, signed the treaty securing Kuwait's independence. Al-Sabah was an exceptional leader who put an end to the country's status as a British protectorate in 1961.

I lived in Kuwait before moving to London. Kuwait is an Arab country located in the middle east. On Kuwait national day we throw water balloons at each other – one time I went to my balcony in Kuwait and accidentally threw a water balloon on someone's head.

The government of Kuwait banned the practice once they realised that people put

rocks inside them, damaging cars. So now, you have to pay 4000kd for throwing water balloons, which is the same as £12,000!

On the bright side, we also celebrate with parties. Homes are decorated with colourful lights and flags, and people light candles at dinner time.

The historical places like Kuwait National Museum, Al Bahhar Entertainment Historical Village, Mirror House, and Kuwait Towers are decorated with light. Flags are hoisted in buildings and displayed in public spaces. Furthermore, we eat Kuwait coloured cakes in school.

Kuwait national day in arabic is: عيد الوطني.

Well-Being

You *HAVE* to Read This

By Junainah

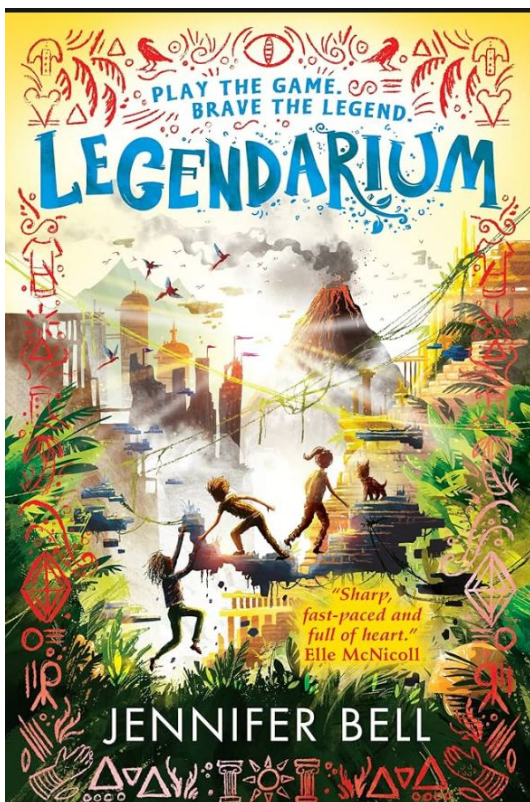
I like this book because it is very action-packed and engaging. I enjoyed it so much that I have reread this book several times.

It ends on a happy but sad note. I won't spoil it though. I would recommend this to people who like adventure stories and time travel. PLEASE READ!

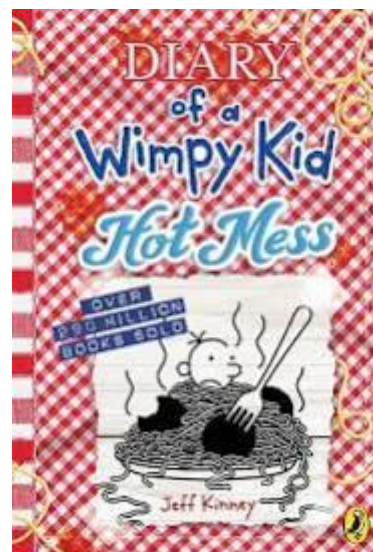


Arthur, Ren and Cecily are stuck in Legendarium in the year 2493, where the secretive villain Deadlock has discovered dangerous time-travel technology.

To save the universe, the friends must enter the deadly Ironside Tournament, where legends are real and one wrong move could cost them their lives.

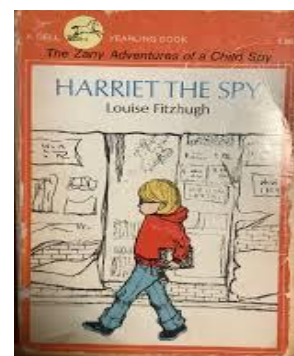


Pre-order the new **Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Hot Mess**, now for a 22/10/24 release. This is going to be a great book! I think this because the name is interesting.
- Anas



Recommendations from Briana:

Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Beezus and Ramona by Beverly Cleary
Harriet the Spy by Louise Fitzhugh



Pippi Longstocking by Astrid Lindgren
Sales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume

Sports



Together Tournament Time

By Jenna



Harbinger Girls Compete

By Junainah and Joud

As reporters who are passionate about writing, we went to the girls' football tournament to record everything.

We rushed down the school steps from the middle floor, and, Lacie, not knowing what we were here for, told us to mark the players, which is not what we were sent there to do.

When we arrived in the office, the people there cheered us on: 'Come on girls! You can do it!' We took the D7 bus to Mile End, where we saw burns on the back of a seat, burned in indistinguishable writing, which was quite odd.

Lloyd gave the players valuable advice all journey long such as: 'Don't run too much, you'll burn yourself out' and 'You can't say the boys aren't passing to you now. There is no one else to pass to. There's no excuses' and 'Don't all crowd the ball.'

Before the match Lacie said, 'I'm feeling amazing because we're going to work hard, and it doesn't matter if we win or lose; it's just a game and all that matters is if we work hard.'

Mia, on the other hand, said, 'I'm feeling very excited and thirsty because I don't really go to sports stuff, and this is my second time, so I'm really looking forward to it.'

'I'm overjoyed because I got chosen!' said Asiya, who was just happy to be there.

At 9:58, we arrived at Mile End Park where the rules were explained. No slide tackling, No one else is allowed in the semi circle apart from the goalkeeper, the striker shoots from outside the semi circle, and each game is 8 minutes long.

We played in groups. Harbinger was in Group E that also included Bluegate Fields, Cubitt Town and English Martyrs.

The girls trained for a while before taking part in the matches.

Football tournaments for both boys and girls took place this half term. The girls competed on 28th February for girls and the boys played on 6th of March. The girls were: me (Jenna) Suhana, Samiya, Aamaya, Umaira, Zainab and Ibtisaam.

Prior to playing we were confident, ready to have fun, score, pass, dribble, and hoped our goalkeeper would save most of the shots! We promised not to be greedy and include everyone. If one person is hogging the ball then what's the point of a team. Most importantly, we wanted be respectful and have fun!

First Person Account

by Mia,

The girls football tournament (GFT) was fun and intense. Nervous and excited, we all waited to go.

The bus came quick. We thought it would take longer. Once we arrived, we sat in the pitch for about five minutes, then got taken to the pitch to play.

THE FIRST GAME HAS BEGAN! No, we lost the first two games (sad). THE THIRD GAME! WE WON (yay/cheer)!

At the next game we were nervous again. The more the match went on the more nervous we got. YES, WE WON! But sadly, we did not earn enough points. We needed one more.

On our way back we RAN FOR THE BUS (D7)!!!!!! We did so good at running well more of a sprint. And we made it. We were not going to miss it!

The Boys' Tournament

By Dawud and Anas

There were seven football pitches, 35 schools, and each school had a group stage, then round one, round two, quarter finals, semi-finals, finals.

We finished 7th which is surprisingly good

The people that went in yr5 where...ANAS, ZAYD, USMAN Y, AYAAN, YASIN and the reporter was...USMAAN!!!

And the people that went from yr6 where...YASIN, ISHAAQ, ISHAAQ

Year 5 Poetry Slam

By Zayd and Anas

Poetry slam is a competition where all the schools are drafting poems to win the competition.

The Tower Hamlets Slam programme is run by the Tower Hamlets Schools Library Service and The Poetry Society.

12 Harbinger students wrote poems and performed to both ks1 and ks2. At Rich Mix in Shoreditch, we will perform to a large audience and to some judges, including the poet who came into our class, who will decide who is the winner.

Winners earn a range of prizes including trophies, books, sweets and posters for the best attitude, best lines, best performances and most inventive poem.

There are lots that you can for example best supporting school actual winner/winners and more.

Togetherness

Year 5 Works With Poet

By Usman

Year 5 will be entering a poetry competition called the poetry slam along with local schools from Tower Hamlets.

To prepare, we will work hard drafting poems to perform before an large audience.

Next Friday, a group of 12 of us will be working with an **Actual Poet! Yes, you heard it an actual poet, Shagufta Iqbal (look her up!).**

They will be writing (hopefully me) an amazing poem to perform in the competition to a giant audience.

The poet came into our class early in the morning to start our workshop. I enjoyed it!



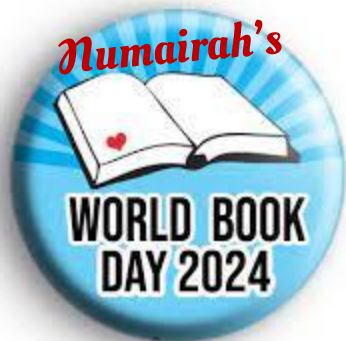


Together

World Book Day on 7 March

By Numairah

World book day is were you can dress up as anyone from a book. World book day is in all primary schools, and is an annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books and the joy of reading. There is also the chance to purchase books and stationery from the Travelling Book Fayre.



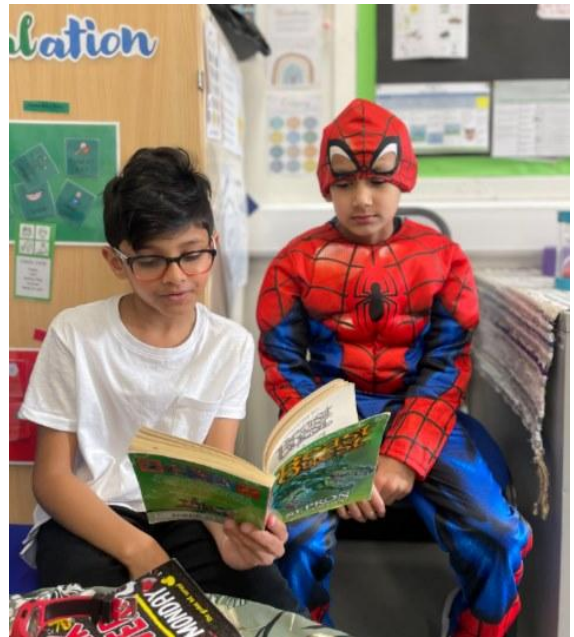
By Numairah

Scene 1:

Numairah: What a lovely day today.
Tom: Hey you said you were going to be Cho Chang.
Numairah: [laughs] Well why do you think I would be her? Actually, I am going to be her in year 6.
Sayedda: Well Tom look at me because I am Hermione.
Tom: [shocked] But, But, But , Oh my goodness.
 [Tom suddenly faints in front of Numairah and Sayeeda]

Scene 2:

Fiona: [seeing teacher Tom on the floor] Oh my God! What happened here!
Numairah: [vomits in front of teacher Tom



when he is still lying on the floor] Uh ohhhhhhhh.

Junainah: What in the world happened here! Numairah did you do something to teacher Tom tell me the truth!

Numairah: Ok so here is what happened. Me and Sayeeda tricked teacher Tom into being different characters then suddenly boom! He fainted.

Scene 3:

Joud: [shocked] What happened here!
Junainah: Numairah said that he fainted when he saw that she was a different character for world book day.
Amelia: [shocked] What happened here! Why is he lying on the floor.
Joud: Well Junainah told me he fainted when he saw that Numairah was a different character.
Susan: [shocked] Oh my God is someone going to give teacher Tom a CPR ?
Eddi: [shocked, gets on the floor to give CPR] Oh no! I AM GOING TO GIVE TO TEACHER TOM A CPR NOW!
 [Edd saves teacher Tom's life)]

Scene 4:

Tom: [waking up to smelling vomit that is on him] EWWWWWWW NUMAIRAH THIS IS DISGUSTING!
Numairah: I am so sorry Tom.

Learning

Ramadan Mubarak!

by Sabrina and Mahibah

Ramadan is a month of fasting and the ninth month in the Islamic calendar. Fasting is the 4th pillar of Islam and it is the act of not eating nor drinking.

Muslims start to fast at Fajr (dawn) and continue through Maghrib (after sunset). Muslims fast to become closer to Allah (our God) and to replicate what it feels like to be a person who isn't able to be as fortunate as us.

Some Year 6's are fasting this year for whatever day they circled on the letter they were given. Most Year 6's are fasting on Thursdays since Nimesha has said that Azmina will be in charge of a club that day.



Togetherness

Opal Welcomes New Students

by Susan

Two terms ago, we welcomed some new students in Opal class. You may be wondering why there's a bar chart illustrating this article. Well, just tune in!

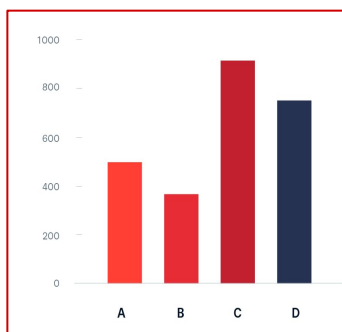
These are the results about new students in MY CLASS!

17.86% chance of new students this term (Amber Class)

26.82% chance of new student's next term (Amber Class)

At the start of the year, Opal Class had 19 people in their class and were happy to add to the number of students in their class.

Everyone loves a bar chart, right?



Mother's Day

by Numairah and Joud

Mother's Day is a celebration for all our mother who cared for children. Mother's Day is on Sunday 10th of March 2024 (in Kuwait it is on March 20th). There is Mother's Day to celebrate those who have cared for us since we were born.

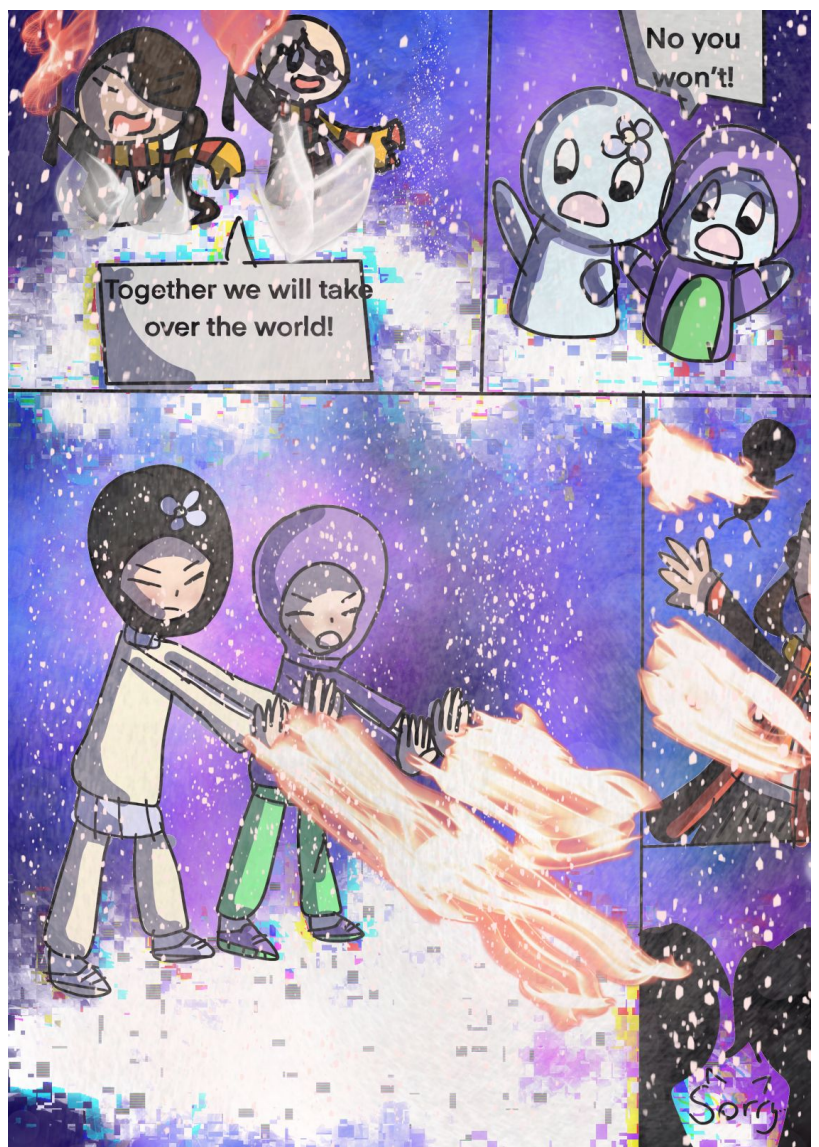
Some people celebrate people other than their mums on this day, especially if they have been cared for by someone else. Have you ever wondered how Mother's Day was created? Let us go back in time! Mother's Day in the UK has its origins in the 16th century custom of "mothering Sunday". This fell on the fourth Sunday Lent.

The experience in Mother's Day made me feel like I was cared for because when you are born our mothers cared for us then I did the same thing.

Mother's Day poem!

When I was born,
I was as small as a corn.
I waited till dawn,
And you made me warm.
Then I was two,
I wore a shoe,
I blew a bubble,
And I went to the zoo.
Then I was four,
I ate a bore,
I went to the store and
closed the door.

When I six,
I would drool in school,
But you made it best,
you beat the rest.
Then I was eight,
I held a crate,
I went to school,
And I was late.
When I was ten,
I was as fast as a hen,
I held a pen,
And I held a gem.
My message to you: I love you.



Comics by Junainah

Learning

Harbinger Takes over Samsung HQ

By Inaaya

On Monday 11 March, Nimesha was supposed to go on a trip with the year 5s to the Samsung HQ. Unfortunately, there were unavoidable things for her to do at school that day.

So now, Tom, Dipali Anna, Rayaana, Yahya, Inaaya and Amina from Jade and one child from Ruby will be going to the Samsung HQ instead. Tom did not choose the children someone else chose for him.



I am very lucky to be chosen so to be respectful and kind I just let it be. There will be a few Robots. And there will be no need for pack lunch because there will be a big lunch buffet.

Samsung, cont'd on p. 11



Who Wants Oreo Cake!

by Nicole

WARNING: always check the ingredients first in case it might contain things that you are not allowed to eat!!!

INGREDIENTS

soy milk

Oreo

a crusher

1. get your Oreo and take the cream of but save it for later!!!
2. crush the Oreos into powder.
3. Then get some soy milk and mix it with the crushed Oreos. T
4. hen you would get a liquidity liquid.
5. Then pour it into a cake Mold and then
6. Bake it in the oven for about 15\20 mins.
7. Then take the cream and melt it in the microwave for 30 seconds.
8. Then take the cake out and then add the cream at the top!!!!!!!

Togetherness

Numairah Strikes Again

by Joud

If you are a regular reader of the *Harbinger Chronicles*, you probably read Junainah's article about Numairah and Tom in the last issue.

If you know Numairah and Tom well then you might also know about the chaotic combat they have with Harry Potter spells, and they cast spells *everywhere*.



Enjoy Guacamole

By Joud

- . half of an onion
- . half of a tomato
- . two or three avocados
- . salt and pepper
- . paprika

1. Mash two or three avocados inside a bowl.
2. Next, cut half an onion and a half of a tomato into very small pieces.
3. Then, sprinkle some salt, pepper and paprika to the amount you like, so keep tasting the flavor to see if you like it. There you have it!

Tom, who is a good teacher, always says "Hey Joud," (like the song) whenever he sees me. Numairah, who is my friend, likes to scare people and loves the Harry Potter books.

When I was by the gates one day, Numairah was next to me and we were in the middle of a conversation until Numairah scared Fiona by saying the spell out loud. Fiona did not look that scared, but me; I was dying! My heart was pounding! I always panic as if i'm in a real haunted house because they always scare me, like this:

"*Stupefy!*"

"*Expecto Petronum!*"

They always loud like a lion's roar! It makes my soul come out of my body. It happens ALL THE TIME and it could be in any room so watch out... Numairah never tries to scare, but for some reason I get scared.

Can someone tell me why? Anyway, recently, Numairah said in Newspaper club, "Tom is my victim."

This makes me ponder about all the possibilities, which makes my chest bubble with worry and concern for my good friends and teachers... Because of this I made a comic to came me down, but it made it WORSE!

See **Numairah**, cont'd p 12

Together

The Ramadan Club

by Sabrina and Mahibah

Shafiya has started a new club that is for Muslim students who are fasting in school during the month of Ramadan.

It is in Y6 Opal class, and children and adults can pray together either using their own prayer mats or sharing with others.

Children always have such a great time playing games together and praying jummah every Friday.

Samsung, cont'd from p. 9

The plan was to take the DLR underground and leave at 9:30am sharp to return back at 3:00. Located at Coal Drops Yard, Kings cross, London N1C 4DQ, the plan was to learn more about computing and educational technology.

The trip turned out to be so much fun. We got to use robots and use the flip board to give it instructions. It was so difficult, and it required us doing lots of thinking and working out.

Our class was kind of the odd one out because the other classes were Yr5&6 but we were Yr3&4. We watched other presentations and got to see how everything is meant to be used.

One that I found very astonishing was when the teacher leaves the classroom, they have a robot that assesses when the room is too loud. And when children are behaving the robot gives them dojos.

For lunch we had fizzy drinks (!) salad and sausage rolls. And then, for dessert we had cake, millionaires and brownies.

Then we learnt the important use of robots and how they can help in life. One reason is if there is an earthquake, the robot can say save lives by informing rescuers that there is a person under there. Additionally, when there is a fire and it is too dangerous for humans, a robot goes and puts out the fire so people do not get hurt.

Well-Being

Tuck in Your Chair

By Nicole

If you don't tuck in your chair,

1. Someone could trip and knock their knee onto the ground (like I did today)
2. People could get seriously injured
3. You will get in trouble if you don't tuck in your chair

We didn't save any lives during our trip! Our first task was to make the robot go around a few pieces of paper. Then we needed to make the robot go in a box and take out a wallet, bracelet and ball. I would love to go again.





By Joud



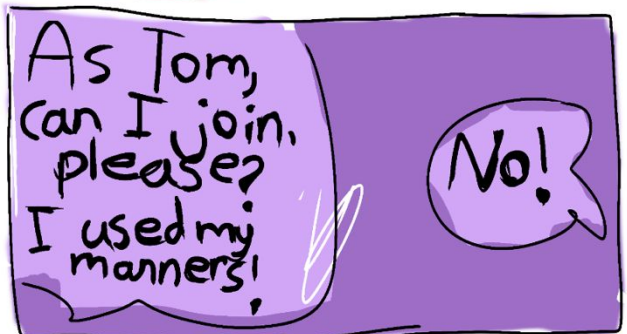
Different types of reactions!



Sad

Happy

Nervous



Long story short:
 = ~~poof~~ poof, Numairah destroyed earth

The Funnies

BY ALEENA

Find out everything you need to know about Year 5 at Gorsefield, and those who stayed at school.



"OH NO WE HAVE A LOT OF PACKING TO DO"



"TIME TO GET READY FOR SCHOOL I AM SOOOO EXCITED"



"CAN'T WAIT TO FIND OUT OUR ROOMS "
"SO, EVERYBODY ROOMS AR IQRA, AMAYA, LUIZA, IBITISAAM, JENNA SECONDLY SUHANA, UMAIRA, KULSUM AND AMEERA THIRDLY..."
"YAAAAAAYYYYY "KULSUMA INTERRUPTED
"EXCUSE ME "NAZ SAID "SORRY" KULSUMA SAID "THIRDLY, AYAAN TOM TOMMY YASIN ANEES ZAYD AND..."
"OH, MY GOOOD I'M IN SUHANA'S ROOM YAAAAS"
KULSUMA INTERRUPTED AGAIN...



"SORRY AGAIN NAZ" KULSUMA SAID

"I DO NOT APPRECIATE YOU SHOUTING OUT IN CLASS KULSUMA THIS IS YOUR 2ND REMINDER NOW"



"ANYWAYS IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO LEAVE FOR GORSEFIELD GOODBYE FIONA, JEANETTE AND TURQUOISE CLASS, "SAID NAZ
"GOODBYE" SHOUTED TURQUOISE CLASS DRAMATICALLY "
"BUT NAZ HOW COME I DON'T GET TO GO TO GORSEFIELD" ALEENA CRIED



"I AM NOT SURE BUT YOU CAN ASK YOUR PARENTS" ...

The Funnies

BY ALEENA

MEANWHILE ON THE COACH...



"YAAAAAY I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE I AM IN SUHANA'S ROOM" SCREAMED KULSUMA

"OKAY WE KNOW KULSUMA," SAID SUHANA

2 HOURS LATER



" FINALLY, WE ARE HERE IT'S GOING TO BE SOOO FUN" SHOUTED AMEERA"

EXPECIALLY BECAUSE IT WILL BE MY BIRTHDAY"

"DON'T NEED TO BOAST ABOUT YOUR BIRTHDAY WE ALL HAVE ONE YOU KNOW" UMAIRA SAID



" I KNOW BUT I AM NOT BOASTING" AMEERA REPLIED "RIGHT FIRST ACTIVITY IS BIKE RIDING" A GORSEFIELD STAFF INTERRUPTED



" WOOHOO THIS IS SO FUN" EVERYONE SCREAMED...

"OKAY NOW THE NEXT ACTIVITY IS BRACELET MAKING" SAID THE STAFF

" BUT WAIT HOW DO WE MAKE A BRACELET"

To Be Continued...