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Spring 2015....

Welcome to the latest edition of the TANGO newsletter, celebrating the fantastic work of our most able children in Braintree.

Hopefully you will have noticed that TANGO has a new website, www.tangopartnership.com. All bookings for courses are now made online via the website, which has hopefully made the process a lot smoother for all involved! The system is new, so if you have any suggestions for improvement, please do email michelle.robb@notleyhigh.com.

Bocking Primary School 20/09/14—Forest School

We had another good day at Oak Wood for our TANGO Forest School. After a massive thunderstorm and deluge of rain at 8am, it all cleared away in time for our start at 10am. The weather was kind to us all through the session but the wood was too wet to get a fire going. Nevertheless the children all enjoyed themselves. The children made dens, went on mini-beast hunts, made woodland art, climbed trees, made a swing and helped to clear some brambles! We are already planning next September's session!

Led by H. Padgett, S. Axon-Eaves and S. Andrews



Lyons Hall Primary School 27/09/14—Ball Skills

A very successful morning was had by all as children took part in various activities to improve their ball skills. These included: warmup skills, hockey skills followed by a match, team games and team building activities, bat and ball, circuits and football skills.

New experiences were enjoyed by all with many trying new sports. The boys really loved the netball challenge (how many goals could they score in 20 seconds?) and did not want to start another activity!

We all stopped half way through to enjoy juice and biscuits and came together at the end of the morning to discuss our time together and collect certificates. The children asked “can we have balls skills again another day” and “can we do warmup again” and parents said “what a great idea that was” and “great thanks very much”.

Led by A. Kittles



White Notley Primary School 08/11/14—KS1 and KS2 Maths

Year 2 had a great morning solving different kinds of mathematical problems and playing with shapes and numbers. The children worked well with each other to house ducks, share nuts out between monkeys, arrange numbers and create shapes!

"I liked going around and trying all the different activities" Poppy, Rayne Primary School

" I liked playing Bingo because first I lost but then I won!" Edward, White Notley

"I liked doing things I had never done before" Freddie, John Ray Infants

Led by R. Baugh



Children in Year 3 enjoyed a morning of practical maths solving.

Harry- Gt Bradfords

"I thought it was brilliant because I had fun and learnt new maths skills."

Henry- Notley Green

"I really liked it. It was a lot of fun, I also learnt to say big numbers to tens of thousands."

Michael- White Notley

"It was a lot of fun. I enjoyed calculating how much pocket money I would receive if I was given 1p a week and it then doubled each week. I would be a millionaire by July!"

Led by B. Black and E. Westwood



White Court 08/11/14—Art and PE

Budding artists experienced a fun, creative session where they got the opportunity to experiment with different mediums. Inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo, the group created self-portraits that consisted of different fruits, resulting in many inventive representations!

The teachers would like to thank the children for displaying such enthusiasm. The whole group threw themselves into their work (they were concentrating so much, you could hear a pin drop!).

In total, 17 children attended from 10 local primary schools. The children were well-behaved, polite and enthusiastic to develop their skills. All children involved 'enjoyed' or 'really enjoyed' the morning.

Led by E. Brewster and C. Edmonds



This was White Court's first ever P.E. Saturday session and it was a real success. In total, 16 children attended from 10 local primary schools.

After warming up, the children gained confidence quickly and developed a range of skills and techniques such as: movement, problem solving, sending and receiving, invading, and team work. The variety of activities helped increase the children's physical ability, which they will be able to transfer to a range of sports.

Children demonstrated lots of enthusiasm and were eager to return for another session. On their evaluation forms, the majority children rated the morning 5/5!

Led by C. Hopgood and L. Castleman



White Court 24/1/15—French and Science

This was a very successful morning where the children were given the opportunity to use and expand their knowledge of everyday French.

After getting to know each other, the children quickly gained confidence and formed new friendships. Everyone had fun participating in songs and were able to apply what they had learnt during café and market role play scenarios. Attendees experienced ordering food and drink in French and buying produce in a market situation. All children were excited throughout the session and really enjoyed their morning, evaluating the lesson as 'enjoyed' or 'really enjoyed'. One child even remarked the session was 'practically perfect'!

Led by J. Ninnian and J. Clarke



This was a fun, exciting morning where the budding scientists were able to investigate acids and alkalis! After making their own indicator (using red cabbages), the children explored a wide range of household liquids. They were then able to order them on a pH Scale after identifying varying levels of acidity. Next, they were challenged to apply what they had learnt to neutralise substances. The morning concluded with the children making magical 'Chameleon Juice' that changed colour when lemon juice was added. The teachers would like to thank the children for demonstrating lots of enthusiasm. All children involved 'enjoyed' or 'really enjoyed' the session and were also keen to take part in future activities.

Led by C.Pearson and R.Wallis



Tabor Academy—22/11/2014

Students from all three secondary schools in Braintree, enjoyed a mix of activities.

Students had the opportunity to use the climbing wall. They then had a go at making a paracord bracelet used in survival situations.

Others explored descriptive, expressive and creative writing and then applied the skills to their own creations.

In technology students had a go at building an electronic dice and memory game, while others were busy creating chutneys and jam using fruits and vegetables that would otherwise be discarded.

In languages, students studied Disney themes and films and analysed Disney characters in French. They then had the opportunity to re-enact a selection of Disney scenes in another language.

In history, students studied the Berlin Wall and the division of Germany after WW2 and others got the chance to become a history detective for the morning, discovering how simple objects can tell us about our past.



White Notley Primary School 28/02/15—History

We had a lot of fun exploring 4 different time periods in History. Looking at artefacts we used our detective skills to find out about life in different times. Then we had a go at making some of our own artefacts. All the children left with smiles on their faces, keen to come back again!

"I enjoyed going into the sand and putting the pot pieces together."

Jack, Notley Green

"I painted an artefact with a warrior on." Amelia, Bocking

"I liked making an Aztec calendar, and putting on the different drawings for the months." Joseph, Bocking



Notley High School Primary Masterclasses—07/03/2015

Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form hosted a number of masterclasses for students in Year 6. The morning was filled with fun activities and all the children had an exciting and creative time. These sessions are designed to help with the transition process between primary and secondary school, giving students a taste of what it might be like to be in Year 7.

A Soldier's Life

Students completed a series of activities to explore a soldier's life from recruitment through to training, deployment and their experience in the trenches. Students used a range of sources and secondary materials to discover about a soldier's experience. Students finished by creating a video diary of one aspect of their research.

Led by C. Lester

An Introduction to Shakespeare

Students followed the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet, learning drama techniques to bring key scenes to life! They then had the opportunity to be a member of the Montague or Capulet family and got a sense for, and demonstrated the rivalry between the two families.

Led by L. White

Football

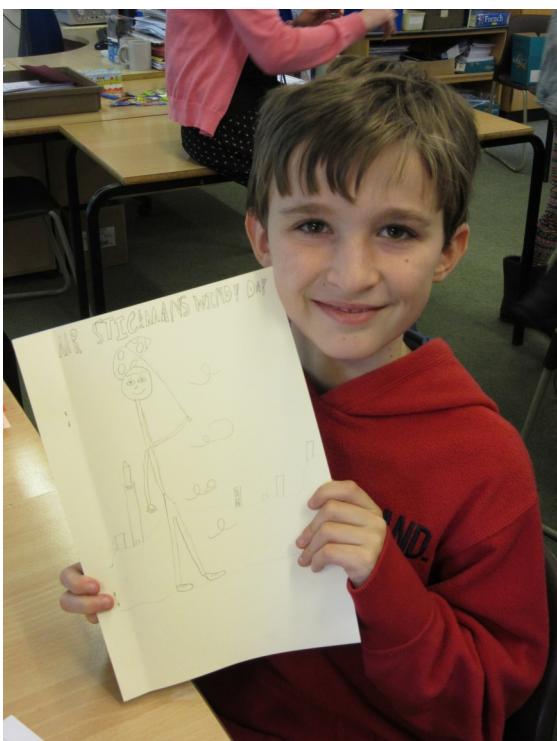
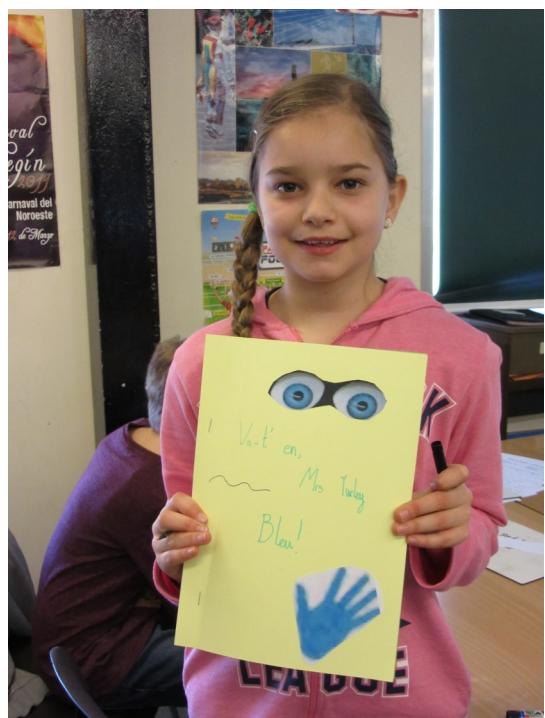
Children developed both physical and technical aspects of football throughout a number of different activities. Using SAQ to focus on the physical side of the game; children developed agility, balance and co-ordination to improve their performance on the pitch. They then looked at the technical aspects of the game and worked on developing advanced skills in closed situations to improve confidence on the ball.

Led by B. Lowes

French

Students listened to French stories targeted at primary level and after, studied topics and vocab around parts of the body, clothes and colour. They then made their own story books that they could take back to their school and read to their teachers and friends.

Led by A. Harris and Z. Coxon



Notley High School Secondary Masterclasses—21/03/2015

This term it was the turn of Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form to host the masterclasses for secondary school aged students. Students from Notley, together with Alec and Tabor got together to take part in six workshops aimed at giving them the opportunity to study a topic in more depth over the course of three hours.

Journalism for Year 9 —Led by L. Ford

Students looked at a range of broadsheet and tabloid newspapers and explored features found within journalist writing. They then became journalists themselves, writing a range of articles, and also acting as editors of their own newspapers, working to tight deadlines.



Italian for Year 9 —Led by A Harris

Students were given the opportunity to learn some basic Italian and explore the culture. They completed various fun activities, as well as sampling some delicious Italian treats, and completed the workshop by having a go at a 'speed dating' style scenario, where they described themselves using their newly learnt Italian vocabulary.



Philosophy for Children—Led by E Mallam

P4C gives students the opportunity to develop their discussion skills through enquiry and the exploration of ideas. Students are able to speak and be listened to, without fear of getting an answer wrong. All voices are heard, giving students the possibility of seeing that their ideas have value, and that others have different ideas that have value too.

Geography Led by F. Old

Students looked at what sustainable means and how a city can be sustainable. Students then designed their own sustainable city and made a model using recyclable materials in groups.



Football—Led by B. Lowes

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CALENDAR FOR 2014—2015

Schools will receive an email inviting students to attend nearer the time of the course. The email will give full course details and confirm requirements.

Sat 25th April	History ICT	White Court Primary School
Thurs 7th May	Meeting 3.45 – 4.30	Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
Fri 15th to Sun 17th May	Yr 7 and 8 GIFT residential weekend – for 15 students	Cardfields, Hatfield Peverel
Thurs 4th June	Meeting 3.45 – 4.30	Notley High School & Braintree Sixth Form
Sat 6th June	KS1 with R Baugh	White Notley Primary School
Sat 20th June	Secondary Masterclasses	Alec Hunter Academy
Date to be confirmed	Master Chef Final	Alec Hunter Academy