

Hello from Ms Leanne



Ms Leanne
HEAD OF KEY STAGE 2

As the term comes to an end, we are delighted to share some highlights from the past two terms in Key Stage 2. Our 30th anniversary celebrations have been a real highlight, and it has been wonderful to welcome so many families onto campus. Alongside International Family Day, Parents' Day, and Sports Days, these moments have captured the strong sense of community at the heart of our school.

Students have also enjoyed a range of enriching experiences. Book Week brought reading to life through engaging activities and a vibrant dress-up day, while overnight trips provided valuable opportunities to build independence through adventure and hands-on learning.

On behalf of the Key Stage 2 team, I wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming students back on Monday, 4th May for the start of Term 5.



KEY UPCOMING DATES

- 4th May - Term 5 Starts
- 18th May - ECAs Resume
- 4th June - Year 5 and 6 show
- 11th June - ECAs End
- 16th June - Year 6 Taster Day
- 19th June - Year 6 Transition Parents Meeting
- 19th June - Year 6 Graduation Assembly
- 23rd June - Year 3 to 5 Awards Ceremony
- 26th June - End of Term - School finishes at 12 noon



YEAR 3

A Term of Mystery, Adventure, and Creativity!

What a spectacular term it has been for our Year 3 students! From solving "crimes" to scaling climbing walls, the children have shown incredible enthusiasm and growth in everything they have tackled.

In English, our young writers have been immersed in the worlds of 'The Tin Forest' and 'Ottoline and the Yellow Cat'. These stories served as a wonderful springboard for deep discussions about the power of creativity and the value of friendship. We have been so impressed by how the children have refined their descriptive writing skills, using vivid imagery to bring these stories to life on the page.



Ms. Clodagh

Ms Keeley

In Science, we enjoyed hands-on learning about forces and magnets. We explored how magnets attract and repel through practical experiments.

We also learned about plants. We discovered how plants move water from their roots to their leaves using tiny tubes inside them, like straws. Year 3 were excited to see how plants release water into the air through their leaves.

We also explored how plants reproduce and how seeds spread. Some seeds travel in the wind, while others stick to animals to move to new places.

In Maths, we took part in practical activities to learn about mass and capacity, measuring and comparing different amounts with accuracy. We also began learning about fractions by breaking numbers into equal parts. We used real-life examples to practise working with money, adding amounts and finding change.

It has been a very creative term for Year 3. In Art, we explored different printing techniques to create colourful patterns and designs. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they try new ideas and express themselves through their artwork.





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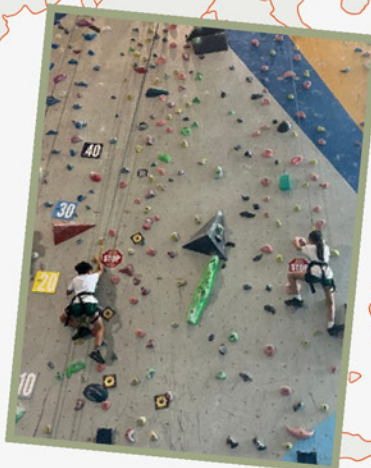
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YEAR 3 TRIP

We firmly believe that some of the best learning happens through experience, and this term we have had some truly “stand-out” moments. Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic day out at Dam Sen Park, where we explored, made special memories, and spent time outdoors with friends. We also took our bravery to new heights with a visit to Push Climbing, where the children built strength, confidence, and resilience as they tackled the climbing walls. Back at school, we welcomed a professional artist for a hands-on, high-energy workshop. It was a day of “messy fun”, where the children could express themselves freely, try new techniques, and enjoy being creative.





YEAR 4

Terms 3 and 4 have been fantastic in Year 4 and full of exciting moments.

In English, we explored the stories *Anna Hibiscus* and *The Butterfly Lion*, learning about family, friendship, and resilience. In Maths, we challenged ourselves with more complex problems, building confidence in our thinking and problem-solving. Science has been a real highlight, with lots of “wow” moments as we explored states of matter and discovered how sound works, including how vibrations help us hear. It has been wonderful to see how our learning connects across subjects, making everything feel meaningful and real.



Mr Alex



Ms Angela



In Art, we began by exploring mono-printing, creating our own unique patterned headbands. There was a real sense of excitement as we pressed ink onto fabric and revealed our designs—each one different, which made the final results even more special.

We then moved on to mixed-media collage, using a range of materials such as fabric, paper, and textured items. Year 4 enjoyed experimenting with colour and layering to create artwork that stands out and feels full of depth.

It has been a fantastic term in Art, giving the children the chance to try new techniques, be creative, and bring their ideas to life.



This term in Geography, we explored the topic of coasts. We learned how erosion and deposition shape coastlines and create the features we see around the world.

From the beautiful beaches of Hawaii to the rugged coastlines of United Kingdom, Year 4 developed a clear understanding of the physical and human features that make each coastline unique.



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YEAR 4 TRIP

Our Year 4 trip to Carmelina Beach Resort in Ho Tram was a fantastic experience, full of fun, discovery, and laughter. The children made the most of the coastal setting, enjoying time in the pool, playing at the playgrounds, and relaxing together during a movie night at the resort cinema.

The trip offered a great balance of activity and exploration. We spent time visiting the animal and vegetable gardens, enjoying the calm outdoor environment, before taking part in new and exciting activities such as archery and pickleball. Most importantly, it was wonderful to see the children grow in confidence and independence. They supported one another, built stronger friendships, and returned with lasting memories from a very special trip.



YEAR 5

It has been a whirlwind two terms for Year 5, full of energy, discovery, and growth. The children have taken part in a range of engaging activities, developing their thinking and skills across the curriculum.

A key highlight has been our Science unit on forces. Our classrooms became mini-laboratories as we explored how things move through hands-on experiments. From designing parachutes to test air resistance to investigating the effects of friction, it has been wonderful to see the children's curiosity and problem-solving skills in action.



Mr Daniel



Ms Caitlin

Our Year 5 students have embraced a world of artistic exploration this term, diving into a wide array of creative techniques. We have focused on the art of printing, where they experimented with various patterns and mastered the delicate process of mono-printing.

In our collage unit, the creativity continued to expand as the children learned to integrate different stitching techniques into their work. By combining diverse materials, they have produced striking pieces that feature unique textures and visual effects. It has been a pleasure to witness their confidence flourish as they develop these new skills and express their individual artistic visions!



This term in History, Year 5 have been developing their understanding of chronology by learning about different periods and how they have shaped Britain. By linking new learning to what they already know, the children have built a deeper understanding of how life has changed over time.

The children have also developed their enquiry skills by exploring important events in Britain between 1500 and 1800. Through discussion, they have thought about how these events affected people at the time and how they still influence our world today. It has been wonderful to see them thinking carefully and asking thoughtful questions about the past.



YEAR 5 TRIP

This year's Year 5 trip to Mui Ne was a spectacular adventure where our students truly shone. The children showed great bravery as they abseiled down cliffs and explored the Fairy Stream, stepping outside their comfort zones.

Whether enjoying the cable car ride up Ta Cu Mountain or spending time together in a relaxing mud bath, every child made us proud. Their resilience and enthusiasm made this an unforgettable experience, full of friendship, confidence, and discovery.





YEAR 6

What a fantastic couple of terms it has been in Year 6. There has been so much great learning and adventure as the children make the most of their final year of primary school.

In Writing, we studied Macbeth, creating setting descriptions and letters, before exploring Holes and writing from Stanley Yelnats' point of view. In Maths, our classrooms became problem-solving hubs. We explored fractions, decimals, and percentages by calculating real-life shop discounts. It was wonderful seeing the children's confidence and logical thinking in action!



Mr Daniel



Mr Iwan



Ms Chloe

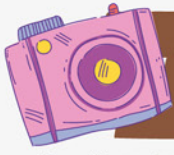
In Science, we concluded our Living Things and Their Habitats topic by exploring how yeast works. We baked our own bread and learned that yeast is a type of fungi that reacts during the baking process, helping the dough to rise.

We then moved on to the topics of Light and Electricity. Through hands-on activities and investigations, we learned how light travels and how electrical circuits work, deepening our understanding of these important concepts.



In Design and Technology, we used our cutting skills, including the bridge and claw techniques, to make our own Tet-themed pastries. Continuing the Tet theme, we also created decorations for the holiday and developed our printing skills by producing Tet-themed prints in our Art lessons.





YEAR 6 TRIP

Year 6 enjoyed an exciting overnight trip to Bao Loc, full of memorable experiences and new challenges. We hiked to a pagoda with beautiful views of the countryside and experienced the thrill of an alpine rollercoaster. The children also learned about local agriculture by planting crops and visiting a tea plantation.

They took part in a range of fun activities, including archery, water balloon volleyball, and gathering around the campfire to toast marshmallows. For those feeling brave, there was even the opportunity to abseil down a rock face. It was a fantastic trip, full of adventure, learning, and fun.





STUDENT LEADERSHIP

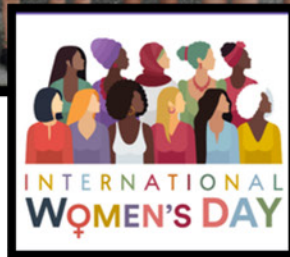


Ms Rhona

Student Council

This term, our Student Council has truly shone as leaders, living out our school values of "Achieving, Belonging, and Caring." They played an important role in our 30th Anniversary celebrations, confidently welcoming and guiding our Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils.

Alongside their regular work reviewing suggestion boxes, the Council also led special morning activities for International Women's Day. By sharing stories of inspiring women, they encouraged thoughtful discussions and showed strong leadership to their peers. Whether leading events or stepping up when needed, their commitment has been excellent.



Ms Angela

House Captains

Terms 3 and 4 have been action-packed chapters of our school year. A major highlight of our 30th Anniversary celebrations was the House Chant competition, where our Year 6 House Captains took on full leadership for the first time. Congratulations to the Saigon Serpents for being the winners. The House Captains also led a vibrant parade, bringing together students and staff from Early Years through to Key Stage 2 in a wonderful display of school spirit.

Our House Captains showed great confidence as they led our youngest learners in front of parents and staff. Behind the scenes, they worked hard to prepare resources and helped ensure our anniversary events ran smoothly. Their support during the Year 1 and 2 Sports Day and the Key Stage 1 House Day was also invaluable.

Well done to all House Teams for working together to earn so many house points. We thank our House Captains for their commitment and leadership in building such a positive school community, and we look forward to an exciting final term ahead.



BOOK WEEK

During Book Week, the children in Key Stage 2 enjoyed many fun reading activities. We had a special parade where children dressed up as their favourite book characters and walked together to show their costumes. There was also a potato competition where children made a book character or a scene using a potato. At lunchtime, children could join different reading activities and games. Children also visited other year groups to read together or share a reading activity. The children enjoyed celebrating a love of reading and sharing this with others!



MUSIC

What an exciting time it has been in Music. Over the past two terms, Year 3 explored musical texture using Incredibox and Chrome Music Lab, before learning the basics of the recorder. In Term 3, Year 4 built on this by developing their recorder skills further and exploring "found sounds", using everyday objects to create music. It has been great to see their creativity grow.



Ms Alex



In Term 3, Year 5 explored Indian classical music, learning about instruments, scales, and rhythm patterns before creating their own inspired performances. Year 6 focused on Latin music and performed a whole-class samba piece.

Both year groups have also been using GarageBand this term. Year 5 created "space music" using loops, smart instruments, and their voices, while Year 6 learned about the Blues and composed their own 12-bar blues pieces.



Extracurricular Music

Since January, we have enjoyed three more lunchtime concerts, with many children keen to perform and support their peers.

Our Primary Band and Key Stage 2 Choir continue to grow in confidence and skill, and they will perform in the final lunchtime concert of the year in Term 5. The children have also been busy auditioning and preparing for ABC's Got Talent.

Year 6 have taken part in auditions for our end-of-year show, Alice in Wonderland, and some of our talented young musicians have been invited to perform at the HCMC Young Musicians Showcase. It continues to be a real pleasure to support and encourage our students in their musical journeys.

SPORTS DAY



Ms Aimee

We had a fantastic time with two wonderful Sports Days packed with energy and house spirit. Students competed in relays, obstacle courses, jumping, and throwing, along with our new fan favourite: Quoit Golf.

Huge congratulations to our winning houses:

Year 3 & 4: **Dalat Dragons**

Year 5 & 6: **Hanoi Hornets**

Well done to everyone for participating with such great sportsmanship and enthusiasm!



DALAT DRAGONS



HANOI HORNETS



MEKONG MONSTERS



SAIGON SERPENTS





SPORTS



Basketball

Our U11 Basketball teams have made an excellent start to the season, training hard with Ms Aimee and Mr Adam. With strong numbers across the squads, there is a great sense of energy and teamwork. The teams are looking forward to a series of friendly matches, as well as an exciting tournament at Saigon South International School on 9th May, which will be a fantastic opportunity to showcase their progress. It is shaping up to be a very promising season ahead.



Mr Andy

This term has started with great energy as our basketball and tee ball seasons got underway, with students showing excellent commitment and teamwork.

Our swimmers also impressed at the BIS Invitational Swim Meet, demonstrating strong skill and sportsmanship. With the FOBISA Games U11 Games in June approaching, training is already in full swing and excitement is building.



Tee Ball

Tee Ball continues to go from strength to strength since its introduction two years ago, with a large number of students signing up this season. The growing popularity of the sport means there is an exciting schedule of fixtures and tournaments ahead, giving all players opportunities to take part and develop their skills. It has been especially rewarding to see the impact of the programme, with former Key Stage 2 students now moving into Key Stage 3 and forming a school softball team. This shows the lasting enthusiasm for the sport and the pathway it is creating for our students.

