



The APS Chronicle

A dedicated team of APS students bringing you the news from around the school!



You are reading the first ever edition of the APS Chronicle. This issue will talk about various topics such as: Plastic pollution, news from both around the world and in school and more. If you enjoy Art, you might like to enter the drawing competition that we are running. More information on this can be found on the final page. We hope you enjoy reading this newspaper.

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APS NEWS

Recently, our school has celebrated Remembrance Day. On the Thursday nearest to remembrance Sunday, 6NC preformed an assembly all about this very topic. Many children bought poppies to raise money and remember the valiant soldiers that fought and died in battle to protect our country from riots from 1914. From selling the poppies our school has raised £134.18.

Lately, we have also celebrated Children in Need. From this we have raised £623.34! That's a lot. By this we have helped quite a lot of children in need!

APS celebrated Christmas jumper day on Friday 13th December. We all loved wearing our Christmas jumpers and seeing all of the children and teachers looking so festive. We raised over £650!



WORLD NEWS

We have had a general election and maybe even your parents went out to vote. The reason that you had a holiday on the 12th was that our school was a polling station. A polling station is where people come to vote. Do you know who our new prime minister is?



Almost every week there has been a fire in the Amazon Rainforest and, as the number of fires goes up, the number of trees goes rapidly down! Most are caused by human activity, especially clearing lands for farming. From June to December, the southern Amazon Basin dries out, and fires can become a concern. With this the Amazon, which once covered 12% of the Earth's surface now barely covers 5%.

Plastic Pollution

Plastic is very useful, though the world is taking advantage of this material. We use plastic every day, but we do not take a moment to think of the uses it could provide us. Instead, we just throw it in the rubbish bin and don't reuse it. This plastic gets thrown into landfill sites where it is left to rot, which generally takes quite a long time.

We humans also throw our plastic into the sea. This caused so much distress to the animals in the sea. Turtles and other small marine animals like them get stuck in plastic and die there. In the Pacific Ocean there are large patches of junk that have been amassed over time.



A loggerhead turtle with a plastic straw up his nose 😞



This picture is only one of the garbage patches that have been accumulated in the Pacific.

What you can do to help us?

Try and recycle! The three R's are widely used. They are (drumroll please!) REDUSE, REUSE AND RECYCLE! Use these words to remember what our planet needs and our plastic problem might soon be kept at bay. 90% of the plastic items in our daily lives are used once and then thrown: that is what happens to plastic items like plastic wrap and grocery bags! Take notice of how often you rely on these products and replace them with reusable versions. Just keep your bags at home and use them every time!

All about the Classes:

Nursery:

This term, Nursery have been learning (and doing!) some fantastic things. This includes painting, dressing up, and much more! They have also been reading many books including bear characters, such as 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. They have also been experimenting with different shapes like circles, squares and triangles.

Reception:

Reception have been diving into very interesting topics. In History (also known as Topic), they are looking into different countries and how they are dissimilar to England. Not only are they learning about other countries, they are also discovering the animals that live in the country and how the climate is like. Every week, they change the country and find out facts for it. In Maths, they are being taught a variety of numbers and in English, they are trying to use more challenging words! Go Reception!

Year 1:

Year one have been focusing on counting and writing in Maths and English this term. They have been putting quite a lot of effort in their work too!

work too! Not just that, the year-one-team also loves the topic of reading. They indulge deeply in their work and try their best across the whole curriculum!

Year 2: Year two has been exploring into the depths of an incident which occurred more than 350 years ago. This tragic accident happened in 1666. Can you guess what it was? Yes, THE GREAT FIRE of LONDON! They have been working really hard on their topic. In Maths, they have been learning addition and subtraction. They really enjoyed using different methods to help them work out problems easier. In English, they have been learning about the features of a newspaper and how to write one – which is fantastic!

Year 3:

Year three has also started looking into a strange and mysterious topic. The people they are learning about have lived many millions of years ago. They are being taught (drumroll, please) about the... STONE AGE! In Maths, the year threes have been doing complex adding and subtracting, too. In English, they are learning about adventure stories and the features of them. In science they are learning about

rocks and solids. Very interesting stuff! That's a lot of things going on!

Year 4:

Year four are working very hard in maths! Not only are they are revising their skills on addition and subtraction, they are also working on division and multiplication! In English, they are learning about explanation texts. There's also something else that they have to take on. That activity is... SWIMMING! That's a lot!

Year 5:

Year Five have been learning about a gripping topic, which is South Africa! They have also been writing stories which are set in South Africa about segregation. In Maths, they have been learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers. Something fun has also been happening in Year Five - they have been doing engaging in many different sports with Brentford.

Year 6:

Year Six have been learning about the Victorian era in history and have recently had a workshop on the topic itself! On top of this, year six has been reading the class book called Street Child. Quite interesting stuff! In maths, their topic has been fractions. In English, they have been learning about the features of a story and have started writing one, too! In Science, they have been learning about evolution and adaptation.

Well that's your update on all of the year groups. Tell everyone about what's going on at school!

To see some examples of our learning this term, see our sister paper: *The Alexandra Times*. Copies are available in school, or on our website.

School Council News

Behind the scenes, our School Council have been extremely busy working on exciting projects for you – the readers.

School Council Head, Charvik (6NC) gave us some inside information about what has been going on.

They have been making some updates to our playground which are certain to change the way we play, for the better.

In addition to this, the School Council had the opportunity to meet the Mayor of Hounslow and receive a second place Beat the Street award!

Well done for all of your hard work.



APS SPORTS

Badminton

On Thursday 28th November 2019, our school's badminton team left for the tournament at ten past nine in the morning. Once they arrived, they settled down and began the competition. They had thirteen stations to complete. Their play was assessed by the leader of each station. Once they completed a station the leader would give the team marks and whichever school got the highest amount of marks, would win the tournament.

There were many activities and games, including:

- Egg baskets =This game requires a person to put a shuttle on a racket, carry it to a hoop, lunge and put the shuttle in.
- Ladders

This requires two people. They have to be positioned opposite each other, at a length. One person holds the racket, while balancing a shuttle on it. They walk to the other side and pass the racket to the other person. Then they give it to the other and keep doing this until they are asked to stop.

The team had a great time and thank Mr Cuell and Ms Hamilton for taking them. Unfortunately, this time they did not win but they look forward to next time.

SPORTS

This section is going to give you an update on our local football team, Brentford (The Bees).

They are currently at 4th place in the Championship table – this means that Brentford could be promoted to the Premier League next season.

On the 30th November, Brentford played Luton Town in a match which will go down in history. What did they do? Well they won by a whopping **seven goals to nil!**

Striker, Josh Da Silva, scored a phenomenal hat trick. Two of these goals were in just eight minutes! What a feat!

We wish Brentford luck in their future games.



The Eco Team

The eco team's goal is to make the school eco-friendly. They work really hard in their work and engage in it well and are trying to extend the work from the school to the community. The thing that inspired Ms Mayne to assemble the eco team was that she was worried about pollution, climate change and kids' health. She believes that many children can be part of this journey to make APS a better place for everyone.

There is a special mention of two girls in 6C. They are... AYESHA AND KELLY. Ms Mayne really appreciates their help. Kelly says that the eco team wants more people from the upper classes to join them and that they want innovative ideas. Ayesha agrees with Kelly and urges anyone who wants to come or knows anybody who wants to come to join. The eco team is recommended by the people in it and they all say, "It is not just a club."

Each week is a different topic in nature. The eco team are aiming towards the silver and gold eco awards and would like the extra help from anyone. It is held on Thursdays at lunch time.

So yes even you can join!

Go and give Ms Mayne a hand. Next time, maybe your name will be published in the APS Chronicles!

Puzzles



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D	O	N	K	E	Y	B	N	E
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CHRISTMAS
MARY
BETHLEHEM
MANGER
SHEPHERD

STABLE
JOSEPH
ANGEL
JESUS
DECEMBER

INN
STAR
CRIB
DONKEY

Can You Find 10 Differences?



Drawing competition

The APS Chronicle team would like to introduce a Christmas drawing competition to the school. Any child can enter and there are Dojo prizes available.

To enter: bring a Christmas drawing to class 6NC by January 10th 2020. The newspaper team will judge your entries and there will be a winner from each year group.

Good Luck!



Final thoughts from the newspaper team

We hope that you enjoyed reading this paper; the whole team have spent a great deal of time trying to make it enjoyable for you, the readers. If you have any ideas for the Spring edition, please feel free to contact Miss Carberry (6NC), Miss King (6K) or Mr Berryman (5B). See you next year!

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