



# Glasshouses CP School

## Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd February 2017

### News From Class 3

What an exciting week. We had great fun finding out about the mechanics of the human digestive system. I will not go into too many details however, the experiments were much enjoyed by the children though the adults in school may have thought otherwise. Please ask your child for further details! The choir have been practising hard ready for our rehearsal on Sunday then our big performance on Friday 3rd March at the Royal Hall. We are all very excited.

The highlight of the week has been our Harry Potter day today. The Classroom was transformed into the Great Hall at Hogwarts and pupils entered the Classroom by means of Platform Twelve and Three Quarters. The Classroom itself was laid out like the Great Hall and we started the day with sorting children into houses using the sorting hat. We all had to put the hat on and pick out of a cauldron to see which house we were in. Then we made special potions and practised our recently acquired maths skills for quantities. The children's costumes were amazing and they all entered into the spirit of the day ... .....The magic of Harry Potter was all around school! (Mrs Tee says "Miss Jones you are amazing and give our thanks to your mum for making Hogwarts come alive")



### News From Class 2

It has been a lovely week in Class 2. The children have been doing some beautiful artwork about important symbols in their lives, making, playing and evaluating their fabulous ocean drums and practising their French fruits and perfecting their accents!

In numeracy we have been using multiplication and division to solve problems about sea creatures. The children have been brilliant in SPaG at using spelling rules to add -er and -est and in literacy they have started their Big Writes on Kit Wright's poem 'The Magic Box'. Their imagination has been amazing and we hope you will come to our assembly and share some of our exciting learning. We loved meeting Isabella's puppies. They are so tiny and gorgeous and everybody wanted a cuddle! A big thank you to Danielle and Caitlin for bringing them in to show us and to Isabella and Amelia for letting us meet their lovely little friends!



### News From Class 1

Class 1 have been very busy this week. We have loved looking at lots of different fairy tales and traditional stories. This week we have started to think about our own fairy tales and what kind of story we were going to write. We started off by looking at our setting—the castle. The children have created some very imaginative castles, showing off their illustrating skills! I'm excited to see where their creativity takes them next week. We have also been practising our lines for Cinderella—not long to go now so please keep practising at home.

In numeracy, some of the Receptions have been focusing on number formation up to 20! They are looking at the place value of a digit in a number and thinking about what that 1 means in the number 13. They are working so hard and making tons of progress. The Year 1's have been taking charge of their own learning. We look at a new concept together on the whiteboard and then have a think about what we are going to use around the classroom. This week our focus has been looking at the symbol = and really understanding it as a balance. We had to think of two sums that balances (e.g. 7+3=14-4) and we had numicom out, multi-link out, balance scales out, hundred squares out and even cows from the farm out! The children are really thinking mathematically and can quickly work out if their method is making it easier or harder for them.

On Thursday we were very excited to head to Nidderdale Museum. The children are really enjoying learning about Victorian times and by seeing the artefacts up close, it really deepened their understanding of what life was like. We loved the school room and pretending to have a ginger beer from an old fashioned bottle. We also stumbled across Mrs Palmer's diary entry on Tuesday from when she was a little girl at Glasshouses school. We quickly decided we are so pleased school is different and Mrs Tee doesn't keep her slipper in her top drawer for punishments. Please keep reassuring your children that no harm will come to them on Victorian day!

