



Make Do Summer Challenge 2018—STEM

We were invited to take part in the Make do Summer Challenge 2018, put together by the partnership of Medway Education Business Partnership and STEM (the largest provider of education and careers support in science, technology, engineering and mathematics).

The challenge involved a presentation and discussion about technology and engineering, followed by an introduction to the kit they would use. Pupils then made drawings of their designs before starting to build them. The workshop was fast, furious and fun, but had a serious purpose of introducing children to



the importance of engineering and technology, and how it's never too early to start considering future career options!

The children from Year 3 & 4 had a



lovely time working together to design, make and decorate their models. The winners of the challenge were **Jack and Stanley**. Well done! All children received certificates for completing the challenge. In addition to working in a team, the children had the opportunity to develop their skills in practical dexterity, creative thinking and working to deadlines.

Coming up next week....

- Monday 9th July -** Year 6 Computer Workshop
- Tuesday 10th July -** Year 5 Girls Stellar Experience at Rainham School for Girls
- Thursday 12th July**
 - Speech Day Reception to Year 6
 - Pre-school Graduation
 - Year 1 and 2 Sports Festival, Howard School tbc.

Friday 13th July - Tag Day - £1.00 Donation to Demelza - This is a normal day including after school care

As we are part of the Howard School Sports Partnership, **Mrs Atkins** attended a full day of Football Training this week provided by the Football Association. I am pleased to tell you that she achieved the F.A Primary Teachers Award. Well done..

Mini Youth Games Update

Congratulations to Bryony children who achieved 22nd place overall in this school year's Mini Youth Games competition. Well done to ALL the year 6 children who led the school teams, ably supported by children from other year groups who also contributed. Thank you to those parents who were able to attend and support the children. We look forward to next year's events as well as those within the HSSP (Howard School Sports Partnership). **Mr Johnson** Head of PE

Pirates of Year 1

In DT and Science this term, Year 1 have been making their own pirate ships out of a variety of materials to see whether they would float or sink and whether they were waterproof.



Jadesola - "I made my pirate ship out of plastic. I thought it was going to sink but it floated"

The children had a lot of fun with designing, making and evaluating their boats and they all came up with some improvements they could make next time around.



Katie - "We tested the boats in some water and my boat floated".

George - "I made my boat out of a milk carton, sticks, paper and cello tape. I thought it was going to sink because I had too much weight on it, but it floated!"



Jamie - "I thought my boat was going to float, and it did".

Jude - "I made my boat out cardboard. It floated but a bit of water came in because it is not waterproof".

Mrs Dyne & Miss Hills

Pre-school Walk to the Park

The Pre-school went for a walk to the local park. **Isabelle** found a pink oyster shell at the park. When she turned it over, she saw writing on it and showed her friends. **Mrs White** recognised the shell as being a Rainham Rock. People have decorated and hidden rocks for others to find in a random act of kindness. You can either hide the rock or keep it. The children decided to hide it again.



Year 2 - Wildwood

On Wednesday Year 2, along with Mrs Paice, Mrs Farnes and Mrs Smith visited Wildwood in Herne Bay.

"We went to see the bison, It was huge, 'ginormous'. It was staring at Mrs Smith. It was like it wanted to eat her!"- **George**

"We saw people feeding the bears." - **Harry**

"My favourite animals were the hedgehog babies."- **Phoenix**

"We saw an adder, it was cool" - **Dylan**



"We went on a tightrope, it was scary." - **Isaac**

"There were baby wolf cubs, we saw one of them and it was really cute" - **Naomi**

Reception Assembly

Reception held their assembly this week showing the school their fabulous castles and informing them of some of the things they had learnt. **Jeevat** and **Ryanveer** told the school how the first castles were built by the Normans and made of wood. **Mya** and **Elijah** informed them that castles were very cold in the winter and so big fires and tapestries on the walls helped keep the castle warm. **Veer**, **Jaiveer** and **Billy** explained how moats around castles helped to keep the enemies out. **Gurpreet** and **Jedidiah** told them that scrolls delivered by pony express were used as we had no

telephones long ago. **Mrs Edmunds** enjoyed listening to the children and told them it had made her want to visit castles to discover these facts for themselves. **Mrs Caller** and **Mrs Oliver**



Leeds Castle Year 5



The children visited Leeds Castle for a Victorian Workshop with **Mrs St John**, **Mrs Platford** and **Mr Wood**. They all had a fantastic time. The weather fine., And despite visiting the Maze they all made it back to school on time...



Extra Curricular

Alfie was presented with the silver award at Cubs on Friday. It's the highest award you can get at Cubs. He had to complete 7 challenge badges (he was presented with the 7th one at the same time) plus 6 activity or staged badges. **George** and **Harry** also had a busy weekend. They performed in Razzamataz shows at over the weekend. Well done boys ...



Past Pupil Achievements

We are always keen to hear how our past pupils are getting on and this week **Katie Twigg** and **Orlagh Sword** were chosen by their school to receive Sports awards. The girls were invited to attend a presentation evening to receive their awards from British Gymnast, Courtney Tulloch, who took two gold medals and a silver in this years commonwealth games. He is currently in training for the next Olympic Games..... The girls awards were for achievements in Netball. Well done to both of you.

