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Class 4 at the Sedgwick

Class 4 have recently visited the Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge to find out more about their current project entitled *Darwin's Delights*. The class enjoyed a taught session at the museum and were able to spend time with their extensive fossil collection.



Science Week

A huge thank you to Miss Love and all our volunteers and volunteer organisations who supported us with last week's fantastic Science Week.

Our week started with a great assembly from the Chemistry Department of the University of Cambridge. We looked at chemical changes and, of course, what chemistry demonstration is complete without a few exploding hydrogen balloons! Mr Martin was even brave enough to let them burn hydrogen in his hand... (It's important to know that no teachers were harmed in the carrying out of these experiments.)

Sawston Village College visited on Wednesday afternoon with a collection of microscopes and the opportunity to carry out some investigations using them. They worked with all classes. Year 4 travelled to Melbourn Village College on the Friday to make good use of their science labs.

We welcomed Frank Dean from Ion Science who spoke to every class in the school about the work which takes place at the company and also gave some demonstrations around the theme of states of matter. He spoke very highly of the inquisitive and interested nature of the children he met.

A number of parents were brave enough to give talks to classes on areas of expertise about:

- DNA structure Class 1 Dr Sarah Burge
- Micro-organisms Classes 2 and 4 – Dr Paula Darley
- The human ear and how we hear – Class 3 – Ms Erika Bosman
- The human body clock Class
 4 Mr Stuart Farrow
- Penicillin Class 2 Dr Jessica D'Arcy
- Engineering Class 4 Mr Carl Wright

Quantum Theatre visited on Thursday afternoon to share one of their exciting science productions.

We finished the week in spectacular style, with a huge range of physics demonstrations in



our Sharing Assembly on Friday. Our thanks to Dr Elaine Loukes for guiding us through light, electricity, energy and angular momentum (amongst others). We were even able to rope in a few parent volunteers!

I've caught so many sciencethemed conversations in the corridors, both during and after the week, so all that work has definitely had an impact!

Football

Our final football match of the season was against Melbourn Primary. We started well going 1-0 up in the first half, but in the end lost 1-5. This was our last match of the season.

We will shortly take the posts down on the Butts to give the goal areas a chance to recover!

Congratulations to...

- The following winners of the science poster competition, whose entries will be put forward for the national competition: George C, Kyloe, Carla, Thomas B (all Class 2) and Maisie (Class 4). Well done all!
- Toby Y (Class 4) for his participation in the National Judo Championships. He met his target for the competition finishing in 7th place overall. A great achievement for a first appearance at national level!

Reminders

• Booking forms for After-School Club need to be returned by Monday 26th March. Our Admissions and Fees Policy is now on the school website.

Mr Philip Atkin Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 23rd March PTFA Quiz Night Thursday 29th March Last day of Spring Term Monday 16th April School Closed for Staff Training Tuesday 17th April First day of Summer Term Friday 20th April Year 5/6 Swimming Gala Monday 23rd April Class 1 Stay-and-Play Maths Session KS2 Cross Country (rescheduled) Tuesday 24th April Tuesday 24th April PTFA Meeting Wednesday 25th April Swimming Club Training, 6pm Friday 27th April Swimming Club Training, 9am Monday 7th May School Closed – May Day Bank Holiday Friday 11th May Class 2 Assembly, 8.50am Monday 14th May - Year 6 Testing Week **Thursday 17th May** Wednesday 16th May Class 1 New Parents' Meeting, 7pm Friday 18th May Students from Ecole Victor Hugo visiting Class 4 Saturday 19th May - PTFA Art Exhibition Sunday 20th May Thursday 24th May Sports' Day, 1.15pm Monday 28th May - Half-Term Holiday Friday 1st June Wednesday 6th June Class 2 Castles Day Friday 8th June Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket Competition Tuesday 12th June Year 5 Day at Melbourn Village College Thursday 14th June Class 1 Visit to Botanic Gardens Friday 15th June KS2 Concert, 7pm **Thursday 21st June** Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition (rescheduled) Monday 25th June Year 6 Intake Evening at MVC **Tuesday 6th June** Year 6 Induction Day at MVC

Wednesday 4th July Year 6 Induction Day at SVC

Tuesday 24th July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 5th July Year 3/4 Kwik Cricket Competition

Friday 13th July PTFA Summer Disco and Barbecue