



Big Six Bonanza

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ThinkTank

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We arrived in the coach with a big cuboid shaped building within our sights. Our first experience at the ThinkTank was the Planetarium where we had an *earth and moon show*; it was amazing! It was dome shaped and the seats leant back so we were looking at the ceiling. Our guide showed us about the constellations and the planets and we learnt about comets and shooting stars and we looked at what the sky would look like on that night and how to find the North Star, the Milky Way and Mars; it was fascinating.

Next, we went into an interactive area that was about the future and we got to explore the floors on the past and the present before lunch. There was a section about health and keeping fit and you could take part in a mini work out. Mrs Baker managed to catch Ben, Sam and Baljit doing some aerobics...



After lunch, we visit the IMAX cinema, everyone said this was their best bit of the day. We watched a 3D film about life under the sea. It was quite scary because some animals looked like they were about to eat you or swim straight through you but it was really interesting. It taught us about the ecosystem in a coral reef and how some animals are predators and some are prey but then sometimes they work together to support each other.

To finish off a brilliant day we went to the gift shop to buy some novelty items as a reminder of the day. We didn't have long to look around because of getting back to school.

Congratulations

A huge well done to Matthew Bill, Lydia Bridgewood, Beth Cartwright and Jamie Pawluk who performed brilliantly at the Orchestral concert on the night of Tuesday 23rd March; they were fantastic.

Ministry of Silly walks

As part of the schools' fundraising campaign to support our partner school in Uganda, Lords Meade, every form in the school undertakes their own activity/event in order to raise money. For the last two years, Big Six have been crowned fundraising champions and whilst this year the events held have been exciting (and wacky to say the least) we are still in with a good chance of retaining the title (news to follow after Easter of final figures). So, this year, Big Six jointly decided to do a sponsored relay walk for the day, or an 'endurance challenge' as they decided to call it. Doing laps of the school in the style of Monty Python's *Ministry of Silly Walks* was an inspired idea and they had a great time leaping, skipping, spinning around the school in the most pronounced manner imaginable! And on top of all that, they still managed to get on with their school work in between. Well done to both 6X and 6Y (who in the fundraising stakes have competed against one another).

Meet a Big Sixer

Every month we will be bringing you a short, sharp insight into the life of a Big Sixer.

Name: Jeet Sircar
Form: X
House: Kennedy
Favourite Subject: Maths
Least favourite subject: Biology
Best thing about being in Big Six: Not getting much homework for the first term
Favourite food: Macoy's Mexican Chilli Crisps
Hobbies outside of school: Cricket, football, swimming
Anything else we should know? The tuck shop is nice!



Sports Update

On Thursday 11th March, Dan Adams went to Eton College for the day to take part in the REFCA Under 13s Schools Five Championships. It was a very long day and whilst the WGS teams lost in the main championships they came away having won two out of three of the plate matches. Well done Dan!

Well done to Beth Cartwright for taking part in the cross country competition, away at Colton Hills, on Tuesday 23rd March. Despite a late start, a lot of rain and being generally, wet, cold and hungry, Beth did really well finishing 40th out of 80. Her next competition is at home after Easter.

Outside of school, huge congratulations to Emily Bowden who has been selected to perform with the English Youth Ballet at the Grand Theatre, Wolverhampton in September in a performance of *Giselle*. A great achievement.

Notices

School finishes for the Easter Holidays on Thursday 1st April and will close at 12.30pm. Buses will run as normal though anyone being collected will need to be picked up at 12.30pm. Summer term begins on Monday 19th April for staff and students.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

