

# LATHOM NEWS

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## World Book Day

Our World Book Day celebrations started with 'a bang' and a book swap on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022; children brought in books that they had read and would like to change. Children who had brought in a book to donate were given a token to exchange at the book fair for another book. The school librarian team helped set up the book swap in the lower hall, grouping the genres together and each class was given a time to pick their new books. The excitement was electric and the event certainly got children enthused about reading; they were excited to show each other the books they had chosen.



Everyone had good fun dressing up on World Book Day as their favourite book character – can you guess who these book characters are?



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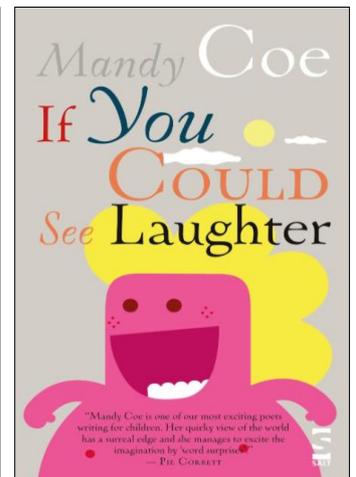
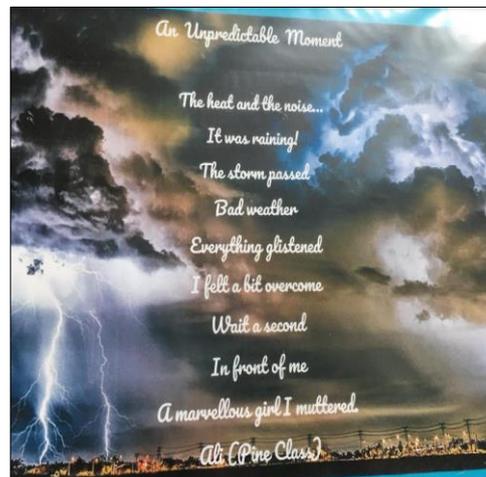
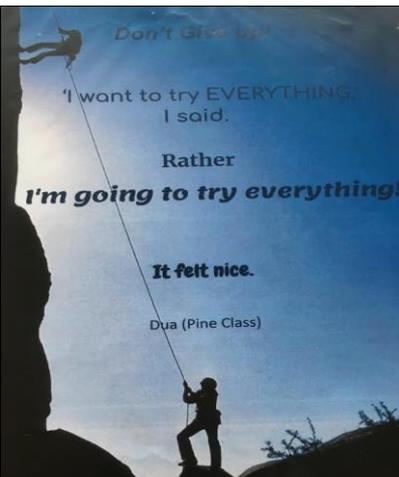
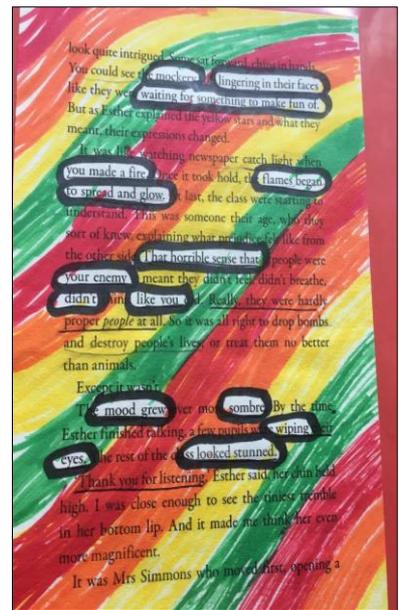
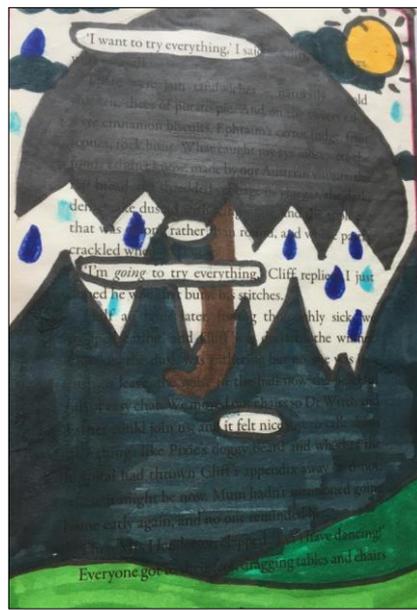
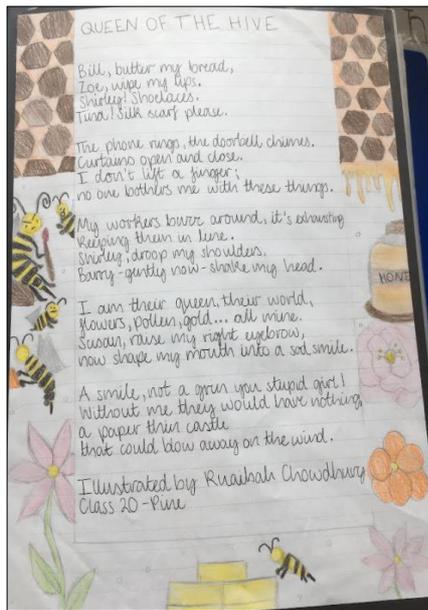
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This year, our focus for 'World Book Day' was performance poetry. Children read poems from a beautiful anthology called, *'If You Could See Laughter'* by Mandy Coe. We focused on three poems in particular: *Opposites*, *Queen of the Hive* and *Thank You*. Children wrote and illustrated their own poems and each class created their own poetry book that we will keep in our school library for other children to read.

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On World Book Day, the school gathered in preparation for their class performances of the poem: *Thank You*, during our whole school assembly. The children's performances were brought alive in a variety of ways by using song, dance, body percussion and musical instruments. Teachers also performed and opened our World Book Day celebrations during this assembly with the whole school. The children were so excited to see their teachers take to the stage and offered them much support and encouragement.

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If you could see laughter



What lives down the playground drain



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Four classes across Key Stage 2 were invited to the 'Awesome Author Fest' with Authors Aloud UK. This is an annual event where children can hear from some of the UK's leading authors, illustrators, storytellers and poets as they talk about their work and inspire children to develop a lifelong love of reading. Our children joined a webinar with the poet and author, Laura Mucha, who relishes working with young people to build their confidence as writers, readers, performers and thinkers.

### **Year 3 Visit: Tate Britain**

Year 3 visited Tate Britain as part of their art unit based on the artworks of British artist and sculptor Henry Moore, making sketches from some of the exhibits.

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## Year 4 Visit: Easter Experience

Children in Year 4 were invited for an Easter workshop at one of our local churches – here they learned about the significance of the Easter story for Christians as well as taking part in planting bulbs and craft activities to celebrate the coming of spring.



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## Year 5 Theatre Visit

Year 5 enjoyed visiting Stratford Youth Zone for a performance of 'Marvin's Binoculars'.



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Year 5 children have been studying the artworks of Alberto Giacometti who was one of the most important sculptors of the 20th century, following an educational visit to Tate Britain. At school, children made Giacometti inspired bodies, creating shapes that resemble body shadows.



## Year 6 Visit by MP Stephen Timms

On Friday 25th March 2022, Year 6 students had a special visit from our local MP, Stephen Timms to talk about the problem of air pollution levels in Newham. Adam from Oak class; Varsa from Lime class; Sumaiyah from Juniper class, Dua from Pine class and Sanjana from Maple class shared extracts from the letters they wrote to the MP on this subject. The children presented their recommendations to the MP, who then commented on existing strategies and discussed future ideas for the local community.

## Red Nose Day

Thank you to our parents, carers and children who supported the Red Nose Day appeal this year. This year's event was about the power of humour and reuniting the country through comedy.



## Music

Joshua Bada, one of our Year 5 children, has been rehearsing every week at Nelson Primary School for the East Ham 'Grooves' orchestra. On 18th March, Joshua participated in the event as part of the Spring Art Festival 2022. This was the first festival to take place after the pandemic. Joshua played the guitar and sang 'In the Groove' and 'Bla Bla Bla', having an extremely successful performance. Well done Joshua!

## Assemblies

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At Lathom we have a number of different assemblies in the week; some of these are class based, others are for the whole year group. Ms. Musinguizi leads a 'values' assembly once a week during which classes share and celebrate current learning. VIP certificates are awarded to selected children for special achievements and for demonstrating positive learning behaviour and values.



## Easter Extravaganza and Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to Ms. Sheehan who organized Easter activities for our children, and to our parents and carers who helped make the fantastic Easter bonnets that were on parade throughout this week – we saw lots of stunning and ingenious designs!



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## Sports' Competitions: Cheerleading

Well done to our cheerleading team who brought home 'silver' in the recent Central Cheer Showcase competition at the Excel – the girls have done us proud!

Also, eight of our Year 4 boys attended the Langdon Partnership Sports Athletics Competition held at Langdon Academy. This was the boys' first competition for the school and they performed excellently – well done team!

## Well-being afternoon

This Friday, Ms Robbani and the school councillors planned a well-being afternoon for our children. The school councillors chose different activities they wanted each teacher to 'teach', 'playing to the strengths and interests' of the teachers, for example there were sessions in yoga with music, colouring and mindfulness, singing and karaoke, drama and a movie afternoon. Children decided on the class they wanted to spend time in, enjoying an afternoon winding down and having fun.

## Goodbye and Good Luck

We hereby say goodbye and a massive thank you to two members of staff who are leaving this term; Zaineab, one of our teaching assistants who supported some of our children with additional needs, and Jan

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Hazelden our lead SEND practitioner who worked across the Federation for many years, supporting many of our children and families. We wish Zaineb and Jan all the best in their future adventures!

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Dates for your diary for next term:

22<sup>nd</sup> April: Rock Steady Concert  
25<sup>th</sup> April: Young Voices Concert  
25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April: Yr3 visit to the Synagogue  
9<sup>th</sup> May: Y6 SATs week  
16<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 Faith in Schools  
16<sup>th</sup> May: Science Week  
28<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June: Half Term holiday

Have a safe and happy half term holiday!