

Hemdean House School has been busy this term, fulfilling their promise to achieve 160 hours of service within the community- to celebrate their 160th anniversary. Please enjoy an extract from the school newspaper about what three of the year groups got up to, written by one of the Year 5 students.

Year 5...

Books, Books, Books!

Mrs McMillan, the year five teacher, took her class to New Bridge nursery in Reading, on the 7th of March. The year five children each read books to a group of nursery children. The nursery children were quite shy at first, but they were very excited when they met the year five class and year five really enjoyed being shown around the nursery.

Year 4...

Vandals!

For their 160th Anniversary community commitment, Year 4 enjoyed a morning working with Claire and Jodie from Clean Green Living. They make their own cleaning products which consist of all natural ingredients and no chemicals. Once we had learned about them and what they do, we walked to the pedestrian bridge over the river and spent some time trying to clean off the graffiti. We used up all of their soap supplies! It was a tough job, but it really made us think about the pointless acts of vandalism that we see all over the place, and how much effort it takes to rectify it. Thank-you Claire and Jodie, we really enjoyed it and have all got super-soft hands!



Year 2...

Poets!

On the 28th of February, Mrs Illingworth took her class, year two to St. Luke's care home. The children were a credit to the school and all the residents commented on how smart they all were. In the morning the children made butterfly cakes to take for the residents. Everyone was looking forward to enjoying these with their afternoon tea. The children had prepared some paired poetry reading and a song. They also had thought of questions to ask about the life of the people they met such as what was school like? Who was King or Queen? What school dinners did they have? The residents then sang "Daisy Daisy" to us and some of us even joined in. A lovely afternoon for everyone. We have promised to return to sing our play songs at Christmas and keep in touch with a few letters and photos.



Pebbles – ‘Bugs Bottom’

29th April 2019

Year 3 and 4

Years 3 and 4 visited ‘Bugs Bottom’ to distribute the beautiful pebbles they decorated during their outdoor learning sessions. Hopefully, the local community will enjoy finding them and post some wonderful pictures for the children to enjoy.

They thoroughly enjoyed welcoming back many of their past pupils and staff for their Alumni Tea party in June. They also look forward to their exciting “Victorian Community Fayre” on Sunday 22nd September 2019- where all are welcome!

