

CHELMSFORD HOSPITAL SCHOOL SHARING SUCCESS

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Services

Visit from Science Technician

On the 18th of March, Science Technician, Gil, came to the school, bringing with her a variety of science experiments for the young people to try. Pupils learned about diffusion by conducting an experiment using Skittles sweets in water. They also tested ink by using chromatography. This was used to see if they could figure out which pen had been used in a 'crime scene'. Finally, pupils tested out osmosis by placing jelly bears in water, water and salt solution and water and sugar solution. They also used a control jelly bear to be able to compare their results.

Project: Criminal Psychology

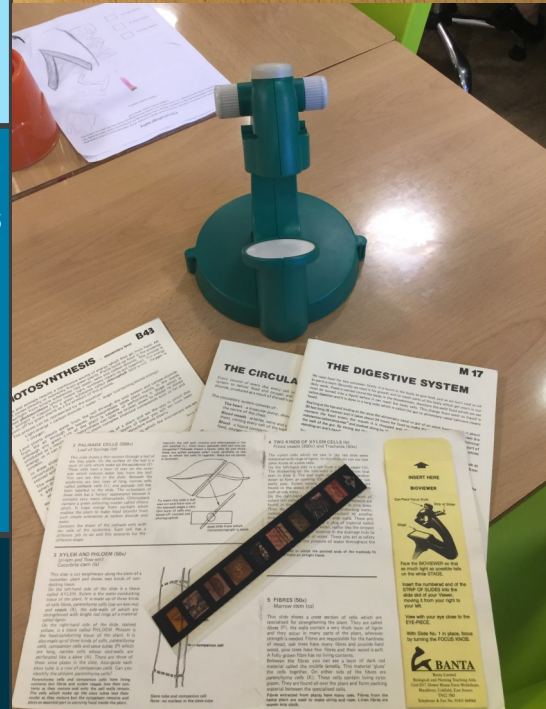
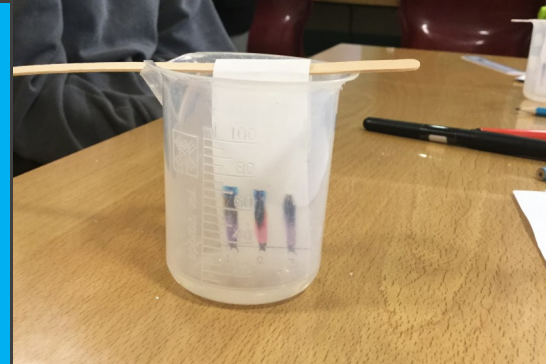
In Education, I've had the opportunity to study criminal psychology. This covered topics such as the biological theory, the social learning theory, criminal personality and facial features. From what I've learned, I conducted an experiment on staff and young people. I asked them to try and identify 4 criminals out of 8 pictures and what their reasoning was for who they chose. I wrote the hypothesis and the process I carried out and the conclusion was that because no one guessed every criminal correctly, facial features of a person don't associate them with being a criminal.

Springtime Festivals!

For Easter, pupils took part in an Easter quiz about the origins and traditions linked to Easter. They also made some Easter chicks out of felt and Easter egg sun catchers. In English pupils did creative writing on spring themed photos. They also did some reading comprehension on Easter traditions around the world and Ramadan (an Islamic celebration that happens in March and April).

AMAZING FACTS

- More than 1.5 million Cadbury Crème Eggs are produced every day.
- The world's largest Easter egg weighs in at 5000lbs.
- The Easter bunny legend began in Germany.



International Women's Day 2024

IWD fell on Friday 8th of March and this year's theme was Inspire Inclusion. Work around pioneering women formed the inspiration for one of the school's weekly themes. During that week, pupils learned about and researched inspirational women including Marie Curie and her contributions in Science, Mae Jemison, the engineer, physician and astronaut who was the first African American woman to travel into space, Rosa Parks the civil rights activist and Eugenia Cheung, the musician, artist and mathematician who uses Maths as a way to understand gender equality. Pupils discussed the importance of having an International Women's Day especially as the world is becoming more equal and decided that it is still important to recognize the achievements of women despite adversity and inequalities that they faced in their time.



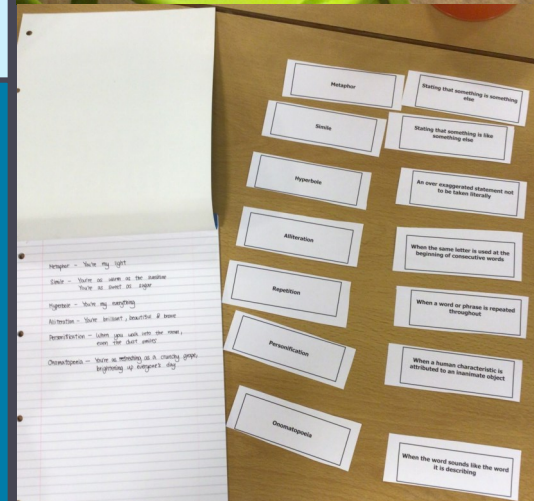
World Book Day

On World Book Day, the teaching staff dressed up as characters from books and pupils completed work on literature and characters they enjoyed. This included making a character box, designing a personalized 'howler' message from Harry Potter, and answering Maths questions related to problems found in Roald Dahl's books. The young people loved the opportunity to talk about different books they have read and to create something that represented the characters they love most. We also had we lucky enough to have a visit from a local librarian. Megan brought a selection of books into school for the young people. She also showed them how to use Libby and Borrowbox to borrow eBooks.



Maths and English

Pupils have worked hard this month and have done lots of work on angle rules, transformations and geometry in Maths. Some young people have been taking the opportunity to work with the teachers to answer exam style questions. There has been an amazing amount of effort put into these tasks. In English there was continued excellent effort in answering comprehension questions, understanding and using language devices in descriptive writing and one pupil has begun some focused research on Shakespeare's Macbeth. The language of Shakespeare is famously challenging but this didn't stop them from putting their all in and working hard to understand the text.



Ofsted

The school would like to say a big thank you to the pupils who worked so hard during the Ofsted visit and to the parents who responded to the parent surveys. The Ofsted report will be available for all to read soon and the teachers are happy that it will reflect the work we are doing here at Chelmsford Hospital School.

