

Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

Newsletter - February 2013

“Behaviour is outstanding and contributes significantly to pupils’ enjoyment of school and exemplary attendance “ Ofsted 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a very successful half term learning all about inventions and discoveries—it has really sparked their curiosity and it has been fascinating to witness their problem solving at work. We hope you enjoy reading about our learning as much as we enjoyed the learning itself!

Class 1—Learning

In class 1 we have been very busy!!

We have learnt about different types of vehicles these include; aeroplanes, cars, motorbikes, boats, rockets and many more!

We made some hot air balloons and moving pictures of vehicles that travel in the air.

In ICT we carried out a traffic survey looking at all the different vehicles that go past our school.

This half term we were very excited to have our class assembly and let our Mums and Dads watch all our hard work.

We are looking forward to next half term!

Class 2—Learning

Class 2 have had a very busy half term learning about Transport and how things move.

In History we looked at how transport has evolved from the horse and cart to barges on canals and then to trains and vehicles on roads.

In Design Technology, we made moving pictures of barges on a canal.

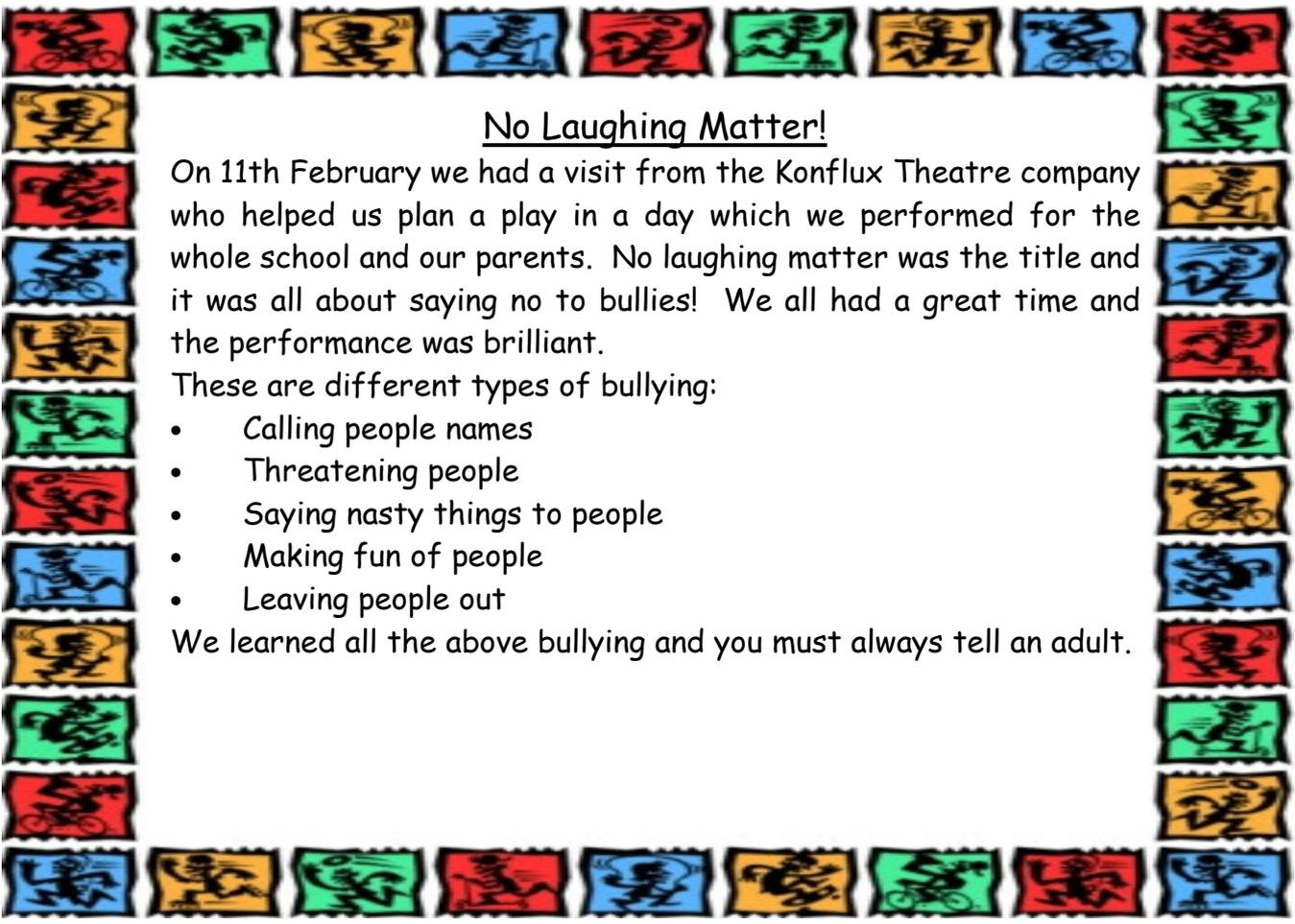
In Science we have been investigating how to make things move or change shape. This is done by applying a force to the object. We also had to find a way to make a toy car travel further and plan an investigation to support our findings. We found that they go further on smooth surfaces and when they go down a ramp.

Mad Science Day

On Friday, 8th February, 2013, Hanging Heaton J&I School became a science laboratory. The children used their imaginations to great effect and came to school dressed in some inventive and extremely interesting costumes!

Children worked in school teams and supported each other in their experiments. In class 2, there were some explosions as children devised weird and wacky concoctions to set off their rockets. Class 1 allowed the children to investigate different types of forces and consider which materials and designs would make the best parachutes. There were some messy (but very clean!) hands in class 5 as children considered how to make bubble wands that would create the biggest and longest lasting bubbles. Finally, in class 3, the children were challenged to make tall towers out of paper and balance eggs upon them.

All the children said they had a super time and really enjoyed the day. They enjoyed working alongside other children in their team and it was lovely to see how our older children supported and looked after the younger ones. Look out for our Science day display in school!



No Laughing Matter!

On 11th February we had a visit from the Konflux Theatre company who helped us plan a play in a day which we performed for the whole school and our parents. No laughing matter was the title and it was all about saying no to bullies! We all had a great time and the performance was brilliant.

These are different types of bullying:

- Calling people names
- Threatening people
- Saying nasty things to people
- Making fun of people
- Leaving people out

We learned all the above bullying and you must always tell an adult.

Class 3 Topic Work

In Class 3 we really enjoyed our Inventors topic. In history we learned about different inventors like Marconi, Thomas Edison, Joseph Swan, Tim Berners-Lee and Samuel Morse.

In science we were learning about electricity and practiced building circuits and using different components.

In D&T we designed and made torches and build working circuits so they lit up.

In ICT we used Terry the Turtle and researched inventors on the Internet.

Class 4's learning

In our learning this half term we have been learning about inventors and inventions, it has been very interesting.

In ict we were learning about different inventors and their inventions.

In science we did about friction and did a experiment on it.

On Tuesdays we go swimming and have been training for the swimming gala.

George Harris is the fastest boy and Beth Tyler is the fastest girl, but it is a narrow margin between us all.

In French we have been having French Conversations. **By George and Francesca**

Class 5

Class 5 had a very busy half-term . In science they looked at forces and carried out various scientific investigations. They continued with the theme of forces in ICT where they researched the life of Sir Isaac Newton and prepared powerpoints about his life and famous discovery of gravity. In Literacy they enjoyed performing the famous poem "The Highway Man" by Alfred Noyes. Finally in DT, they have been inventing some weird and wonderful machines including: a baking machine

Safer internet day

On 5th February, we celebrated Safer internet day by learning more about how to keep safe on the the internet and when using our mobile phones. We now know how important it is not to share information about ourselves with strangers and what to do when we feel unsafe.