

Every week is a busy one at Pirbright Village Primary School, so we thought we'd take the opportunity to share with you some of the exciting things which have been going on inside and outside of the classroom in each year group.

Reception

Reception have had a busy week with our focus being on the story 'Elmer'. We read this on Monday and discussed how it is good to be unique and stand out. Later in the week, we have a Circle Time having re-read Elmer and discussed what makes us unique. We listened well and were great at taking turns. We started phonics this week and learnt the sounds 's', 'a' and 't' and learnt the grapheme too (how to write it). In maths, we have been learning how to match objects and match objects with pictures. We have been practising this during Choosing Time too by pairing socks on a washing line in our Fine Motor Area and matching socks on our maths tuff tray. We learnt about body parts and played some games such as Simon Says to help us remember them, especially shoulders, elbows and ankles! In PE we have focused on how to get changed independently. In French, we learnt how to greet each other and during Choosing Time, we matched buttons, made faces with Play-Doh, mark made with chalks outside and used giant paint brushes. Have a nice weekend!



Year 1

Year 1 had a brilliant 'Theme Week' this week learning about the Paralympics and, in particular, Boccia. Our first topic lesson consisted of finding out about the history of the Olympics and Paralympics. We then had an introduction to Boccia, learning about the equipment needed before having a go ourselves! Over the week, we have had great fun developing our throwing and rolling skills and learning how to use tally charts to score our games. In English, we have used what we have learnt to write Boccia fact files and to develop our use of adjectives, using these to describe the qualities needed to be a Paralympic Boccia player. We have truly been inspired by the different Boccia players we have learnt about and how they have shown resilience and perseverance to get to the top of their game. Towards the end of the week, we have used our creativity to represent Boccia in different ways; some using playdough, some using junk modelling and others using Lego. After a busy week, we ended our Friday with Potted Sports, where we thrived on the opportunity to win points for our house teams. Ask us how to play Boccia—anyone can learn!



Year 2

This week the whole school focus has been the Paralympics! We began by learning about the history of the Olympics and how the Paralympics came to be. Our year group focus was the sport para archery and we learnt about the incredible achievements of Sheetal Devi, an inspirational Paralympian. We researched and learnt about her life and created interesting fact files. We then explored the core values of the Paralympic Games, such as determination, equality, courage, and inspiration. One of the key lessons of the week was the importance of equity. We discussed what tools, support or adaptations might help us become better at our own challenges, whether in sports, schoolwork or life. This naturally led to conversations about fixed and growth mindsets, where we then created medals and wrote inspirational quotes inside to help encourage ourselves and others. Later in the week, we all had the opportunity to try archery in small groups in our PE lesson. You'll soon be able to see our fact files, artwork, and quotes in the main hallway near the office entrance. To wrap up the week, we participated in Potted Sports, where we demonstrated the Paralympic values that we discussed all week long. It was a wonderful way to bring together everything we've learned while having fun and supporting one another. Please ask us how sports have been adapted for the Paralympic Games.



Pirbright's Learning Week

Year 3

This week we have been learning all about the Paralympics, exploring how it started, what events are included and how the sports are adapted to allow access for all. We used our research skills to discover the history of the Olympics right back from the Ancient Greek times and then used our knowledge to build a timeline right up to the current day. Having looked at a whole range of Olympic sports, we focused on the sport of Badminton. We had a go on the Badminton court and enjoyed trying to send the shuttlecock over the net to our partner. Once we got the hang of this, we carried out an investigation to see how far each of us to hit the shuttlecock. We used this data to draw a graph of our results. As we learnt about how the Paralympics were introduced, we also learnt how some sports, such as Badminton, have been adapted. We found out about some of our British Para-badminton players and even got to watch a few of them in action from the Paris games. Why not ask us about them so we can share the facts we have learnt? Our week finished with us being able to put our own sporting abilities to the test through our Potted Sports. We loved showing the Olympic values of excellence, respect and friendship whilst having so much fun!



Year 4

What an exciting theme week we have had looking at The Paralympics. We have been fascinated to learn about how and why the Paralympics were invented and inspired by the determination of our Paralympians to succeed. We have focused on wheelchair Basketball and even had a PE lesson where we discovered how tricky it was to shoot at a basket ball hoop from sitting in a chair! Please ask us how we got on! We have been inspired by the life of Ade Adepitan and how he became a phenomenal Team GB Wheelchair Basket player and we have written some fabulous letters to him asking some very interesting questions, so we can't wait to hear his replies!



Year 5

It has been an exciting 'Theme Week', as we joined the rest of the school in celebrating the Paralympic Games. Year 5 have focused in particular on the sport of sitting volleyball. We started off on Monday by learning the rules of the game and then spent the afternoon having a go ourselves: it is a lot more difficult that the Paralympians make it look! We then continued the week by researching the lives and careers of some famous players, using that research to compose biographies. On Thursday and Friday, we devised an advertising campaign to promote the sports, including writing detailed fact files and some very persuasive adverts! The children also had the opportunity to put their artistic skills to use by using collage to create a giant version of the Paravolley Association's logo! The theme enabled the children to consider broader subjects such as diversity and 'British Values', which really came through in their learning activities this week. We are looking forward to being able to share some of this with you when we have completed our new display in the entrance hall in a few weeks' time.



Year 6

Well, it's been a week of Paralympic fun in Year 6 with an opportunity to immerse ourselves in the topic and focus on the great game of Goalball. Ask you children all about it! They created excellent guides on how to play the game as well as researching the history of both the Paralympics and Olympic Games. They experienced a version of the game in the school hall and we saw some excellent skills in action! In Music this week, with Mrs. Peers, the children continued their Pop music topic linked to the song, 'Happy' by Pharrell Williams. They compared this song with the song, 'Don't Worry, Be Happy' and identified the differences between the two songs before learning to perform an accompanying part on the glockenspiels and singing the song in groups. It has been lovely to see the high quality home learning coming in from the children and they've set the bar high for the year ahead!

