



# Portway Press



## Highlight of the week

This week, lively Year 5 children energetically embarked on the adventure of their lives so far, staying overnight from Monday until Wednesday at FAIRPLAY HOUSE in the heart of Essex's countryside. Far away from home and everything that they were used to, the children dove headfirst into a range of activities that tested them in new and challenging ways. The main activities included: zip-wire, woodland games, a night walk, archery and even caving! The absolute highlight was seeing children overcome fears, growing in confidence and learning to think about and consider each other.



## Year 5 Trip to Eastlea

Last Friday, Year 5 children zoomed to explore space-based workshops at the Eastlea Community School. The workshops they enjoyed were designed to promote job opportunities that exist in the space industry.



Jessie (Whitechapel) said, 'They taught us different moves on a trampoline and we learned what it feels like when there is no gravity!' Kaainat (Whitechapel) beamed, 'It was SO FUN because we went in a cool air balloon, which had disco lights and we learned so many facts about space. For example, did you know that there is a blue star in space which is one of the hottest stars?' Inaya (Barbacan) exclaimed, 'It was amazing because we made space cakes and learned all about the different jobs you can do around the solar system.'



## Forthcoming Events

### Clubs

We are in the process of organising the clubs that will be offered in the summer term – watch this space and get ready for an activity-filled summer term.

### Badminton Tournament

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Portway will be represented at a badminton tournament – good luck team!

### Reception Trip to the Discovery Centre

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Reception children are visiting the Discovery Centre.



## Attendance

Our school target is 96%. This week the whole school attendance dropped at **94.1%**, an improvement on last Term!

Congratulations to **Borough** class who achieved the highest attendance this week with **100%**!

Congratulations to **Year 2 Westferry, Year 3 Moorgate and Year 6 Angel** with no late marks, keep up the great work!



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## **Views on the News**



### **Massive Monsters**

The article I found most interesting in First News was Massive Monsters. The article is about particularly large dinosaurs. I read about the Patagotitan Mayorum – a herbivore the length of three double decker buses! This towering giant made the T-Rex look tiny!

*Lina Ait Amer – Old Street*

### **United Kids of America**

I heard about this incredibly sad incident on the news. The article relates to the school shooting in Florida, where a teenager entered his old school and shot and killed several students and members of staff. There have been lots of arguments about America's gun laws. I really think that America needs to change its rules and be stricter on who can possess a gun.

*Antoaneta Shaygova – Old Street*

### **World Book Day**

This article is about World Book Day: a day that people can celebrate all the spectacular characters from their favourite books. It is an opportunity for children and adults to read and share various novels and explore stories they may have never read before. Many school children dress up as their favourite characters on this day.

*Maria-Elena Pal – Old Street*

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## **Year 5 Trip to the Science Museum**

On Monday, the Year 5 children who didn't go to Fairplay House went to the Science Museum, where they were inspired by the newly refurbished third floor.



The exhibition focused on forces and the children were able to embed the learning they did about forces in Spring 1.

## **Stay Safe Online**



Online safety is a TEAM effort:

**TALK** – talk about things before they happen.

**EXPLORE** – explore the internet and how to use it safely together.

**AGREE** – agree on what is safe and what is not safe.

**MANAGE** – manage the way the internet is used in your home.