

## YEAR 4 VISIT TO THE HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Yesterday, we went on an amazing trip to the Houses of Parliament. We went by tube. As we came out of Westminster tube station we saw Big Ben, London Eye and of course, The Houses of Parliament. We walked inside, they scanned our bags and we went through to start our tour with our tour guides.



The tour began when we got to the middle of the Houses of Parliament – this was called the Central Lobby. It was very long. Whilst on the tour, we saw some areas that had blue carpets. Did you know: the areas with blue carpet means the Queen has walked there? Then, we entered a huge room with pictures of all the previous Kings and Queens. Our tour guides told us about the four countries in the British Isles: England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

On our tour, we saw the House of Lords and the House of Commons. Did you know: instead of putting up their hands to vote they stand on the left or right hand side of the speaker. Yes is the left hand side and No is the right hand side. Also, we learnt that the House of Commons' job is to check the prime minister's decisions. The tour lasted for about an hour and a half. Shortly after our tour, we left Westminster and went back to school.



Before our tour, we went to St James' Park for lunch and we witnessed the changing of the guards outside Buckingham Palace, which was also interesting. Buckingham Palace was huge. Unfortunately, the Queen wasn't in because her flag was not flying outside. Maybe next time she will be around.

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## YEAR 6 BUDDIES REWARD TRIP



30 Year 6 pupils enjoyed popcorn, snacks and drinks while watching 'Angry Birds' at the local cinema as a reward for their hard work as SMAB



Buddies. They were then treated to an afternoon of fun at Broomfield Park where they also enjoyed ice-cream! Well done and thank you for being such brilliant Buddies – you all deserve this!

## MEET THE TEACHER YEAR 2 PARENTS

There will be an opportunity for Year 2 parents/carers to meet their child's class teacher and teaching assistant as well as buy uniform on **Wednesday 6th July** at 9.05 a.m. at St Michael at Bowes School. A second opportunity to purchase uniform will be held on **Friday 8th July** 3.00p.m. (All SMAB parents can also attend the uniform sales).

