



This Wednesday saw the Year 6 group of children take part in a leavers' ceremony which celebrated their years at Carr Hill.

During the event, the children talked about their memories and what they will miss most. They shared with the audience some of their thoughts for the future. The children also performed songs and as well as readings to reflect on their time at their primary school.

There were a few tears but the leavers' ceremony, held in front of a packed hall of parents, was a great way of recognising the successes our Y6 children have achieved. They obviously took great pride in sharing these with their parents and friends.

Well done to all the children who leave us - I look forward to hearing of your achievements in the future.

## Leavers' Ceremony

Carr Hill would like to thank **DANWOOD** for their help in producing this newsletter

## Non-Uniform Day

Problems hiring the DJ and disco meant that this half-term's end of term disco had to be cancelled.

To try to save the children from too much disappointment the school held a Non-Uniform Day instead.

In total, £371.89(!) was raised by the children on the day and this money was used to improve the outdoor facilities for our children at break times.

The amount raised meant that a fixed gazebo in the quiet seating area and six more picnic benches were purchased for the children's use.

After the purchase of some rather expensive blue paint, Year 6 volunteers made the benches look even better and it's great to see them already being very well used.

### Bad News



We have recently received a letter from the Local Authority informing us that, following a decision by the Cabinet member for Personnel and Performance, the selling price for a lunchtime meal in Primary and Special Schools will be £2 from the first day of the Autumn Term.

They go on to say, *'with the emphasis on fresh and locally procured food we do believe that this still represents excellent value for money and we're delighted to see that this year has seen an increase in the number of meals served.'*

I am sorry to be the bearer of the bad news.

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# Carr Hill newsletter

*'a happy atmosphere with high standards'*

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## Year 3 Sleepover

On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July Year 3 children had a sleepover at school. The children returned to school after tea and enjoyed choosing between a variety of activities including cooking, origami, games and outdoor sports including a tug of war competition.

Before bedtime they enjoyed having hot chocolate and sampling the rock buns they had baked. As it was Mr Grayson's birthday near the end of term, Mrs Miles had made some scrumptious cup cakes and they all sang Happy Birthday. Miss King then settled the children to bed with some songs and a lovely bedtime story.

Abby from 3MB said that she enjoyed playing outside on the school field, especially taking part in the tug of war competition. Similarly, Ria (3MB) chuckled, 'I liked cooking the rock buns as we got to eat them.'

Mrs Brown said that the children were a pleasure to be with and she would like to thank all the members of staff who gave up their spare time to help make this event possible.



Foundation Paintings displayed in the style of the artist Kandinsky

## Parents' Survey

Each year, contained within every child's report envelope, we send out a questionnaire to all parents. This survey forms an important part of our annual monitoring and evaluation and allows you, as parents, to provide us with feedback about how well you think we are doing in 18 keys areas of work.

This year, we have made greater use of technology and the survey can now be accessed via the school's website. Anyone without access to the internet is still able to complete a paper version if they so wish (please ask at the School Office) or we can provide access to a dedicated computer between 8.30 and 4.30 so that you can access the site in school.

We are keen to receive as many replies as possible so that we can have a good picture of what you think of your school and how it works. The survey is confidential but only one questionnaire can be completed per household as the program will automatically discount more than one set of answers from one single computer.

The school will collate the results over the summer and present the findings in September's Newsletter. In addition, the results will be reported to the governing body as an important part of our self-review process.

Please visit our website at: [www.carrhill.notts.sch.uk](http://www.carrhill.notts.sch.uk)

## 100% Attendance

From the very first day of the new school year in September to the end of the summer term is 190 school days.

This year we have only 9 children who have not missed a single minute of school. This is 8 children less than 2008's high of 17!

Those children are:

**Kenya Walton, Charlie Bradley, Connor Reekie, Alannah Pocklington, Thomas Swannock, Jaden Walton, Samuel Adams, Finlay Oxby and Fiona Heslam.**

It is certainly an achievement of which they should be proud!





*Pictured above is the winning team from the Key Stage 1 Sports event*

## Sports Days

Although the heavy showers scuppered the Foundation Stage Sports Events, I am pleased to say that the Sports Days for children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were able to take place this year.

In fact, the temperatures during the Key Stage 2 'World Cup' Sports did mean that we adapted some of the events to make sure our children were comfortable in the heat.

Team England were the eventual victors. It is a pity the real World Cup didn't follow a similar path!

It was great to see all our children taking part so actively and enthusiastically and it was also pleasing to see so many parents and friends coming to support the children to make the events even more special.

The school's trained Young Leaders did a great job in helping with the organization of the events, particularly those children who worked with groups of younger children to help the afternoon run so smoothly.

Well done to all the children for their sporting efforts.

## Summer's Here

School is closed for the start of the Summer Holidays on Friday 23rd July and will re-open to children on Tuesday 7th of September.

As always, it has been a busy, but rewarding term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, staff, parents, governors and friends for their support throughout the year.

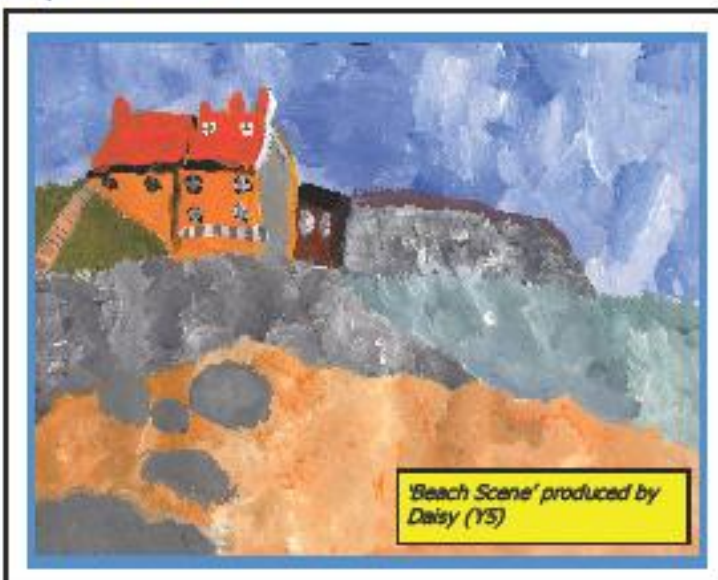
In the past two weeks alone, I have met and spoken with many parents at Sports Days, the CHOscars evening, the Summer Fair, the Leavers' Assembly and the Hallcroft Parents' Evening and I'm very grateful to receive the kind comments and messages of thanks.

It's important that I remember to say a fond farewell to all the children who are leaving us at the end of this term, particularly those in Year 6 who will be looking forward to joining their new secondary schools in September.

The children have been a great credit to their parents and the school and I hope that they will all continue to build upon the success they have achieved to date.

All I can say is, 'Keep up the hard work!'

*"I hope that everyone has a good summer break and that all our children return refreshed and safe in the new year."*



*'Beach Scene' produced by Daisy (Y5)*



## Safety First

The new 'Cycling in Nottinghamshire' scheme invited children from Carr Hill to take part in their Cycle Course and I'm pleased to say that nine of our children were awarded their Pass Certificates.

The tests included starting off procedures, stopping, emergency stop, slow riding control, slalom control and signalling and our children needed a competent grade in each of these areas to pass the test. The new test also incorporates riding on real roads in real traffic situations so that our children are better prepared.

*Pictured are Hannah Crossland, Nathan Charlton, Jacob Denman, Jake Weaver, Melissa Sargeant, Ross Duncan, Berenice McCreton, Lauren Garner, and Courtney Green.*

## MACS Day for Year 6

As in previous years, Year 6 took part in the MACS Day organised by Retford Fire Brigade.

MACS (Make All Children Safe) Day aims to show children ways of keeping safe in a variety of everyday situations and it has become a regular feature of the last term's activities in Year 6.

The children looked at Stranger Danger, fire safety, electrical hazards and dangers and emergency first aid including CPR. The Little

Theatre and students from the Elizabethan also supported the event.

Our children even received a 'goody' bag to go home with to help them remember the lessons that had been taught during their visit.

We are grateful to the Fire Station for organising this free event and hope that it will continue to be available for future groups. The children told us not only that they had enjoyed their visit but they had learned a great deal too.

The perfect combination!



## Summer Fair Success

The ideal weather and great number of stall attractions meant that bumper crowds attended this year's Summer Fair. In turn, this meant a bumper income for the school, as an incredible total of over £2000 was raised on the day by the School Supporters. I'm pleased to say that every single penny of this donation will be spent on making things even better for our children.



Superb dance displays and a talent contest all provided marvellous entertainment for children and adults alike. There were also lots of enjoyable games, sporting activities, competitions and bargains galore as well as visits from the police and fire brigade - all of which helped to provide the afternoon with a happy relaxed atmosphere.

I am most grateful to everyone who visited to help make the whole day a great success and I am most thankful to all those people who contributed their time and talents. Over 30 parents, friends and governors and many staff joined together to provide such an enjoyable and rewarding day.

Thank you to everyone for making the day such a great success.

## Munch Bunch Winners

A new competition was at our school Summer Fair this year called the Munch Bunch Competition, organised by Mrs Brown. Children from all Year groups were invited to create characters out of fruit and vegetables.

There were many entries, showing the vivid imaginations and artistic abilities of the children. Mr Grayson found it a very difficult competition to judge and many parents and carers

commented on the hard work which the children had put into creating their characters.

The final winners were: Jake Hallington, Kenya Walton, William Rewston, Jaden Walton and Isabella La Blanca.

Well done to all who took part!

