

Children in Need



This month saw the school once again joining in with the Children In Need fund raising fun.

The children (and staff) followed the theme provided by the organisers and came to school wearing just one thing which was different to their normal school wear.

In addition, children were given blanks of a car and were asked to produce a new, exciting colour scheme for Mr. Moore's car. As you can imagine, the designs were often weird and wonderful but prizes were awarded to the best designs from each year group.

On the day, children could also bring in their injured soft toys and cash was also collected through the sale of biscuits. In this way, a great deal of fun was had by all and a magnificent sum of **£344.44** was raised.

Thank you to everyone who played their part.

Summer (F1)

Bredia (Y5)

Rebecca (Y4)

Luca (Y2)

Jack (F2)

Elysis (Y3)

Abigail (Y1)

Thomas (Y6)



- December '10**
- 2nd Council Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony
 - 6th Paul Morley Assembly
 - 7th KS1 Concert pm
 - 8th KS1 Christmas Concert 6.00 pm
 - 9th Elizabethan Family Concert at St. Saviour's
 - 14th Foundation stage Concerts am and pm
 - 15th KS2 Evening Concert
 - 16th KS2 Evening Concert
 - 17th KS1 and Y4 Christmas Parties
 - 20th Y3, Y5 and Foundation Christmas Parties
 - 21st School Christmas Dinner
 - 21st Y6 Christmas party
 - 21st Last Day before the Christmas Break
 - 22nd INSET Day - school closed
 - 23rd Sports for Kids Playscheme
 - 24th Sports for Kids Playscheme

- January '11**
- 5th Re-open after the Christmas Holidays
 - 10th Alyn Haskey Assembly
 - 21st Nottm. Forest Coaches visit Year 6

- February '11**
- 8th Full Governors' Meeting at 6.30 pm
 - 9th National Sing-Up Day
 - 15th Egyptian Workshops for Year 5
 - 17th Last day before half-term holiday
 - 18th INSET Day - school closed
 - 21st Football Coaching Course
 - 22nd Football Coaching Course
 - 23rd Sport for Kids Playscheme
 - 28th School Re-opens after half-term

INSET Days 2010/11

There are four in-service days this year. These have been confirmed as;

- 22nd October 2010
- 22nd December 2010
- 18th February 2011
- 15th April 2011
- 11th July 2011

Carr Hill would like to thank

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'a happy atmosphere with high standards'

"Oh Dear, there's a reindeer!"

On 1st November, imagine how surprised the children in Key Stage One were to find two of Santa's reindeer lost on our school field! Whilst out on a practice session, they heard the children's beautiful singing. They decided to take a detour to hear some more.

Unfortunately their trainer was unable to get them flying again and had to ask the children to help. Luckily, the reindeer managed to fly off before lunch. The children have

been so inspired by their magical visit that they have written their own Christmas production this year called 'The Lost Reindeer.'

Rehearsals are now well underway and the children are currently busy working on designing and making their own costumes.



We Remembered

Parents and friends will be aware that we sell poppies each year as a part of the British Legion's annual Poppy Appeal.

Anne Hickman, from the British Legion, visited school to talk to the children about Remembrance Sunday and the good work that is done through the money raised by the appeal.

As a part of our link with the community, three of our children Drew, Charlotte and Thomas, joined Mrs Telfer, Mrs. Lockwood and Mrs. Hudson to remember those soldiers who had given their lives in Service of their country. On the Sunday morning, along with hundreds of others, they laid their very own school-made wreath at the War Memorial.

Successful Season So Far



Having completed the first half of the season, the boys' football team sits proudly on the top of league Division 1. Games against Ryton Park, St. Augustine's, St. John's, Ordsall, Prospect Hill and Gateford Park have all resulted in convincing victories for our boys. This record means that they are well placed to take the League title and they now face a difficult away tie at Sir Edmund Hilary in the semi-final of the Parry Cup.

As always, we are very grateful to Mr. Vardy for coaching and organising the squad of players and our aim is to try to play good football to achieve something Carr Hill has never done before - a League, Cup and Champion of Champions treble!

I will let you know how we get in the second part of the season, after Christmas.

Time Travelling

This month saw Year 3 children travelling back in time to learn more about the Christian faith and pilgrimage.

Due to renovation work being undertaken at St Swithun's Church, the children walked to St Michael's, the Archangel Church on Bridgegate, where Canon Walker had organised an action packed day with the help from volunteers from the local Church community.

Children enjoyed a whole host of activities including making clay gargoyles, learning about the importance of prayer and getting the chance to play the Church organ.

Connor from 3MB said "We made angels with glitter pens, stickers and much more. I enjoyed playing on the

organ and looking at the name of who made it."

Similarly, Tyler, from 3SG, said "The clay heads we made were of people called Saints who care for us. Making clay heads was really fun."

The wonderful behaviour of the children was commented upon throughout the day, and both adults and children alike had a wonderful day. Thank you to all the parents who accompanied us on the trip, as it would not have been possible without you.



Staff Promoted

Following the difficulties in our appointing a new, experienced Deputy Head Teacher, the Governing Body is pleased to announce that two new Assistant Heads' posts have been successfully filled.

Following half day interviews, I'm happy to report that Mrs. Alford and Mr. Beswarick were appointed to new senior positions of Assistant Head Teachers. They officially began in their new roles at the start of this month and they tell me they are looking forward to having an even greater say in how Carr Hill develops in the future.

I'm sure everyone would want to join with me in wishing them all the very best of luck in their new roles.



Camp Visit by Y4



Year 4 visited Eden Camp recently. This camp used to house prisoners of war during World War Two but was turned into an award winning museum 20 years ago. The children were transported back in time and experienced the sights, sounds and smells of the war years.

The children felt like they were taking part in history when they walked down an authentic reconstruction of a street under siege during the blitz. They experienced the sounds, smell of burning and darkness of the black out as well as witnessing the devastation of bomb damage.

They also experienced being on a submarine under attack which simulated movement, sounds and smell of sea water. The children also saw home scenes, military vehicles, air-raid shelters, dig for victory garden and walked down a typical 1940's street and browsed in the windows.

A puppet show enabled the children to experience a typical wartime production and sing along with Vera Lynn, George Formby and other famous stars of the 40's.

Dressed as evacuees and with a typical 1940's style packed lunch, the children really did feel like they were transported back to the Second World War.



Voucher Scheme Grows and Grows



Kiah, Alex and Daisy who along with Nikita counted the 36000 vouchers

Parents and friends of Carr Hill have really got behind the Morrison's 'Let's Grow' voucher scheme. Last year, we were amazed when we collected 25,000 vouchers from parents and friends. This meant that a quarter of a million pounds had been spent in the supermarket!

We very hesitantly set ourselves a target of 30,000 vouchers this year never expecting that we'd be so successful that the target would be **SMASHED**. By the time the closing date was upon us we had received over 36,000 Let's Grow vouchers.

This means that the school can order even more gardening equipment to add to the items that we have acquired so far. Our plan this year is to plant our very own fruit orchard using trees from the Morrison's Voucher scheme.

Well done to Mr Grayson and his gardening club once again for their work so far and thank you to everyone for your marvellous support.



Christmas Parcels

As a part of the Operation Christmas Child initiative, children at Carr Hill have been creating Christmas boxes ready to be sent to children overseas.

Once again we had a marvellous response and children from right across the whole school volunteered to join in. It was great to see such a large group of Carr Hill volunteers wanting to get involved to help others in a really practical way.

In total, 92 shoe boxes full of presents for children were wrapped and prepared for collection. These then formed an important part of the grand total of 954 parcels which were dispatched from The Well collection point.

We hope that these parcels will help make a difference to a small child's life this Christmas.



Pictured is Joel Bradshaw (Foundation) who is placing the final parcel on our huge pile