

'Being Brilliant'

This month, some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children were able to attend 'The Art of Being Brilliant' event organised at The Elizabethan Academy.

The sessions allowed the children to work together with children from other schools and aimed to develop their self-confidence and ability to be assertive whilst being friendly and supportive to one another.



The days were led by Andy Cope, the famous author of the Spy Dog series of books. Andy was brilliant with the children and even brought his own pet dog along so that the children could meet the pet that inspired him to write the popular series of books.



Christopher Wass (Y5) was picked out to read his work about a pirate gorilla and it was so impressive that he won a special limited edition Spy Dog T-shirt.

'I thought the day was brilliant because meeting Andy Cope and hearing about the Spy Dog stories was a totally new experience for me', reported Chris.



I'd like to say thank you to everyone who made the two day event possible.

John Wright Photography

School photographers John Wright Photography took photographs of all the children recently.

If for some reason your child missed the event, the photographer will be returning on the morning of Tuesday 13th November 2012 to catch up any children who were not included.



Similarly, any child who had their eyes closed or didn't have a perfect photo taken at the time will be re-photographed to ensure we get the best snaps possible.

If you wish to have any further photographs taken please contact the School Office for more details.

Diary Dates



November '12

- 1st F and GP Meeting of Governors
- 5th Poppy Appeal Assembly
- 6th Open Morning—everyone welcome
- 7th Time Travelling for Y3
- 7th Girls' Football v Ryton Park (a)
- 8th Travelling Book fair in School
- 8th Y5/6 Athletics at Elizabethan
- 13th Girl's Football v St. John's
- 13th Strategic Development Meeting of Governors
- 15th Police Commissioner Elections—school open
- 15th Girls' Football v Redlands (a)
- 16th Children in Need Day in school
- 20th P and P Meeting of Governors
- 24th PTA - Police Band Concert - **now cancelled**
- 30th 'The Mob' performing in the School Hall

December '12

- 5th Foundation Stage Concerts am and pm
- 10th Y5/6 - 'A Christmas Carol'
- 11th KS1 Concert pm
- 12th KS1 Christmas Concert 6.00 pm
- 13th Viking Dragon Presentation for Y3/4 Parents
- 14th 2nd Visit to Houses of Parliament
- 19th Y3/Y4 Christmas Party
- 19th KS1 Christmas Party
- 20th Foundation Stage Christmas Party
- 20th Y5/Y6 Christmas party
- 20th Christmas Carol Singing—all welcome
- 21st Last Day before the Christmas Break
- 24th School Closed
- 24th Sports for Kids Playscheme

January '13

- 7th Re-open after the Christmas Holidays

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Westminster Visit

Following discussions with MP John Mann and Councillor Mumby, forty of our children had the chance of a once in a life-time trip to London to visit the Houses of Parliament recently.

After tight security checks, the children were able to meet their local MP, John Mann who was very welcoming and friendly and told us a little of the history of this great place. Mr Mann had been into school last year and was so impressed by our children that he invited them to come on a special visit to Westminster to meet him in the place where laws are made. We were very grateful that he gave up his time to meet and greet us and he even organised a special little tour for one of the groups to go to the crypt, a place where the public are not usually allowed to visit.

All the children toured the building and saw the place where the Queen puts on her robes when opening parliament as well as seeing the House of Lords and the House of Commons.

Lunch was eaten by The Thames and then we had a chance to see the London Eye and buy from the souvenir shop before being picked up to travel home.

All in all, it was a brilliant day and the children were a great credit to the school.



Thank you for Harvest

Once again, we held two Harvest Assemblies in the School hall this year. Key Stage 1 with Year 3 and Year 4, 5 and 6 children attended separate assemblies to provide enough room for a number of parents to join us for our celebrations.

In all, over 200 parents joined our assemblies to hear the children sing, read and perform.

I am grateful to everyone who donated items of produce. The tins and packets that were brought in have all been donated to the Mothers' Union at Southwell who organize and support a holiday scheme for those families locally who otherwise would not be able to go on holiday.

Thanks once again for your generosity.



Let's Talk Farming

October was the month when the 'Let's Talk Farming' Roadshow visited Carr Hill.

The children saw;
Real sheep being sheared, milking from the robot cow, farming through the ages, real tractors, how to make a bird feeder, bee keeping and honey being made as well as looking at how to grind grains to make flour.

Seven other schools visited Carr Hill over the two days to take advantage of the brilliant resources that were at the school and to experience at first-hand different aspects of farms and farming.

Thank you to Bev Fullwood, our Extended Schools Coordinator, for organising the whole event with the help of our very own Mr. Grayson.



York Trip a Success

As part of their current topic, 'How to Train Your Dragon', children in Years 3 and 4 had an enjoyable day visiting the Jorvik Museum and 'The Dig' in York.

As well as exploring a replica Viking village, the children became archaeologists at The Dig where they were able to excavate Viking artefacts.

Since the visit, the children have worked very hard to produce some interesting recounts about their day,

which will be on display in and around the Year 3 and 4 classrooms shortly.

It was a very busy day fitting in all of the activities, but as usual the children did us proud with their excellent behaviour.

"I liked the part where we had to dig through the sand to find fossils and Viking things. I also loved the carriage ride through the Viking village!"

Kira (Year 3)



Community Cohesion

Thursday 11th October proved to be a fun and informative day for Carr Hill's Year 5 children. We were invited by The Elizabethan Academy to join them for a day investigating different cultures.

Our children mixed with groups from other local primary schools to tackle a series of activities. The groups were taught Kung Fu training routines, and then performed Dragon Dance movements and drumming. They learnt and performed Bollywood Dance sequences, enjoyed taste testing Chinese dishes, and collaborated in order to create an Indian style community wall hanging.

All in all the day was very full and our children commented that they wish they had had longer opportunities to try and further develop their skills in these 'new' areas of learning.

Our thanks go to all of the activity providers for their enthusiasm and skill in helping our children to understand elements of life from different cultures.



Ironbridge

This year children in Years 5 and 6 joined together to take part in a residential visit to Ironbridge.

The visit formed an important part of the children's work on the Victorians but the whole residential experience of staying and living with others for three days meant that many more things than simple facts were learned.

Over the course of the visit, the children were able to make their own bricks in the same way that bricks were made in the 19th century, experience a mine, go to a china museum, visit a bottle kiln and soak up the atmosphere in a tar tunnel.

This visit breaks with the tradition of going to Boggle Hole and it seems that the children had just as good, if not better, a time than their predecessors. The children certainly gave the whole experience the thumbs up and recommended it to the next group of children who will have the chance.

I'd like to say publicly a very grateful thanks to all the staff who worked so hard to make the trip a reality and for all their time in caring for the children 24 hours a day for the whole period the children were in Ironbridge. I'm sure it is an experience the children will never forget.



Parent Governor Vacancy

One of our Parent Governors has moved away from the local area and so has written to the Governing Body to resign from her post. Consequently, we now have a vacancy for the role of Parent Governor on the Governing Body.

There are eighteen members of the school's Governing Body who meet three times a year at Full Governing Body meetings and at least a further nine times a year to discuss particular elements of the school's work. These elements include the school's budget, children's achievements, staffing issues and the overall running and direction of the school.

Letters will be distributed to all parents to ask if anyone is interested in filling these important vacancies but if you require further information or would like to have an informal chat about what the role entails please contact school through the Main Office.



Gas Leak Closes School

Routine servicing of the school boilers threw up a potentially dangerous situation when a gas leak in pipe work under the floor of the Sandwich Bar was discovered.

Accessing the pipe work safely was such a problem that the school had to delay re-opening after the half-term holiday. Eventually, the school's main gas supply was made good and the problem to the kitchen's supply was isolated and capped.

Although school was able to re-open on the Wednesday and still provide heating

throughout the whole building, the supply to the kitchen has been disrupted and all new pipework has had to be laid in the ground adjacent to the hall. This has meant that only cold meals could be served at lunch-time for a total of 8 school days; hardly ideal.

I am very grateful for the understanding and patience that has been shown by parents and children in the difficult circumstances but we aim to have the kitchen back to full working order on Monday 12th November when our super HOT meals service will be resumed!

