

Zoo Time for Y3 and Y4



Earlier this month, children, staff and parents from Years 3 and 4 visited Twycross Zoo near Birmingham.

We were very lucky to experience blue skies and sunshine and the children had a great day learning about the different animals.

As part of the Rainforest Workshop, they were able to stroke Alan, the Giant Hissing Cockroach, and Sally, the Corn Snake. Fortunately, Lucy, the venomous Tarantula was happy to stay inside her tank where we admired her from afar!



All too soon, the children had to return to the coaches for the journey back to school in time for the 5.00 pm parents pick-up time.

We are very grateful to the army of volunteers who joined us on the trip to help the day go so smoothly.

Soccer Success

The girls' school football team re-started their season after the winter break and maintained their fabulous unbeaten record, proudly sitting in second place with no games lost whatsoever. The 15-1 win away at St. John's was particularly memorable.

The boys re-started their campaign after the break in bottom place of Division 1 but the league is so close this year that three wins against Redlands (8-2), Sir Edmund Hillary (3-1) and Prospect (4-3) moved them to the top of the table with one game to play. The boys now move into the Champions' play-offs where they compete against three other schools who have won their respective divisions.

This means that two more wins will see them declared as the best school team in Bassetlaw and once again take the coveted trophy for the 'Champion of Champions' for the fourth season in a row.



None of this could happen without the help and support of our parents and I would like to thank all the parents of the girls and the boys involved for all their support both home and away and for their help in transporting the teams to the different venues across Worksop.

Diary Dates

- March '13**
 28th **INSET Day**—school closed
- April '13**
 2nd Sports for Kids Playscheme
 3rd Sports for Kids Playscheme
 4th Sheffield Wednesday FC Coaching
 5th Sheffield Wednesday FC Coaching
 15th School re-opens after Easter
 18th Boys' Football v St. Anne's (away)
 19th Robots Day for Year 6
 22nd KS1 to Sherwood Pines
 25th TAG rugby for Y5/6
- May '13**
 2nd Polling Day—School still open
 8th School Nurse Health Tests in Y1 and R
 10th Dental screening check for some children
 13th SATs week for Year 6 children
 21st 6.30 Full Governors' Meeting
 21st Y6 Leavers' Group Photograph
 23rd Y3/4 Orienteering Event at Carr Hill
 24th Last school day before half-term holiday
 28th Sports for Kids Playscheme
 29th Sports for Kids Playscheme
- June '13**
 3rd School re-opens after half-term
 6th KS1 Multi-skills Sports event
 17th Year 1 Children have phonics check
 25th Being Brilliant at Elizabethan for Y5/6
 27th Y5 Try-It Day
 28th Y6 Try-It Day
- July '13**
 1st Extra Transition Day to Elizabethan for some children
 8th School closed for INSET Day
 11th Literacy Volunteers Meeting
 13th Summer Fair
 18th Literacy Volunteers Meeting
 23rd Last day before the Summer Holidays
 24th Sport for Kids Playscheme
 25th Sport for Kids Playscheme

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'a happy atmosphere with high standards'

Fire Fighters Impressed

The beginning of the month saw the Retford firefighters team return to Key Stage 1.

Earlier in the term, the fire fighters had challenged the children to make a 'Fire Escape Plan' for their own homes. The children and parents certainly stepped up to the challenge and produced some fantastic work!

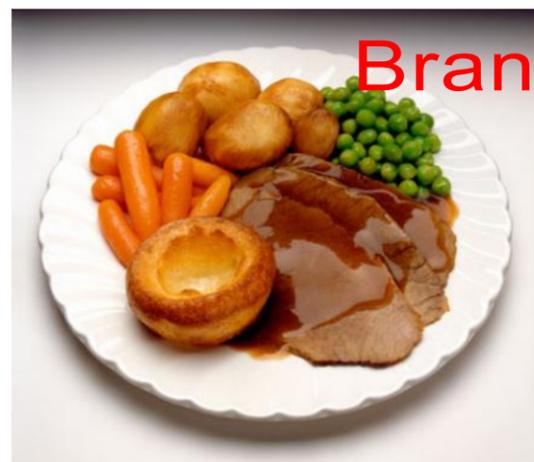
The children spent the afternoon showing their parents and the fire fighters all of the work they have been doing on 'The Great Fire of London'. This included PowerPoint presentations, films and their very own fire engine models!

The afternoon ended with the fire fighters making their final decisions as

to who had produced the winning fire escape plans.

Well done to Hope McFadden, Olivia Kay and Macauley Hirrel! All of your hard work paid off! The three winning entries will be displayed in Retford Fire Station.

Thank you to Retford Fire Fighters and all of the parents who were involved!



Brand New Summer Menu

Carr Hill's new summer menu is launched after the Easter break.

By popular request, we still retain the ever popular roast dinner day every Wednesday, but newer dishes such as Vegetable Balti with rice and Naan bread and Venison Burger in home-made bap will be available throughout the term.

A choice from the chef's special, vegetarian option, pasta, filled jacket potato, salad bar and a selection of sandwiches including paninis is available each day along with a choice of at least four desserts (Date and Gingerbread Sponge with custard and Eton Mess are two of my personal favourites). All freshly cooked on the premises.

The cost? Still only £2.00. See the leaflet or our web-site for more details.

Being Funny for Money



As in previous years, Carr Hill supported the annual Comic Relief Day. This year's 'theme' was 'Being Funny for Money' and the children came to school in non-uniform armed with their favourite jokes. Each class held its own mini-comedy club event and chose one child who had to tell their joke in front of the whole school!

A couple of the quick-fire jokes were;

How did the chicken cross the road? In a KFC bag!

Where does a fish keep its money? In a river bank!

A fabulous total of £413.64 was raised to support this brilliant charity.

Scientific Fun

This month saw the Year 5 children visit The Elizabethan Academy to take part in a Science Activities Day.

A competition to design and build a balloon powered buggy, from materials including polystyrene blocks and CDs for wheels, was the first challenge of the day. Teamwork and collaboration were essential.

Later, a rainbow of colours produced by mixing acid and alkaline liquids within a glass tube, created an atmosphere of awe and wonder. Being in a real science laboratory with the associated smells of chemicals and Bunsen burners produced an atmosphere of hushed excitement!

Protective goggles were then the order of the day as the children were challenged to create universal indicator shades through careful mixing of mystery liquids. Could we make our own indicator solution was the next question posed. Using a pestle and mortar, red cabbage, with a distinctive aroma, was ground up and made into a solution that produced a whole new range of magical colours to be interpreted.



Top Marks for Table Top Sale



Carr Hill's first ever 'Table Top Sale' went very well indeed this month with lots of stall holders attending and a great variety of goodies on sale.

Sunday, 2nd March saw the school hall absolutely packed with items such as books, toys, new and old clothes, ornaments and DVDs. Visitors commented positively about the wide range of items and seemed pleased that it was not all for children. To make sure that the event was enjoyable for everyone and to raise as much money as possible, the PTA organised a raffle and tombola along with refreshments. As it was the first event of its kind, there were a few suggestions about the layout of the hall and access points for push chairs and these suggestions will help towards the planning of future sales.

A total of approximately £300 was raised and all the money will benefit the pupils at Carr Hill. For instance, the PTA augmented a lottery grant which enabled us to install the new Outdoor Gym which pupils are already enjoying greatly.

We'd like to thank all of those who came along to sell or to buy, and encourage more of you to support these great events as we try to get involved a little more in our local community.

Stay and Play

Earlier this term, Carr Hill introduced its 'Stay and Play' sessions on Wednesdays for a 4 week block in Foundation.

The parents and grandparents who were able to stay and spend time with their children in the setting gave us really positive feedback about how much they had enjoyed these informal sessions. Here are just a couple of photographs we took of some of our visitors with the children.



Book Characters Take Over



On March 7th the pupils and teachers were replaced with hundreds of book characters in celebration of World Book Day. Children had brought in favourite books to swap (for a little while!) and there was great excitement in classes as children unwrapped new books to read.



Classes also enjoyed having 'Story Time' with a different teacher. All-in-all it was a very successful and enjoyable day. Thanks to all the parents who helped their child with costumes and great ideas for the 'Book Character Recipe' competition.

The winning entries will be available on the school menu over next half term. We hope the children have been inspired to read more or choose something different to read in the future.

Swimathon Fund Raiser

Pupils from Carr Hill took part in the annual Rotary Club Swimathon to raise money for charity. Volunteers had to swim as many sponsored lengths as possible for 13 minutes and once again, Carr Hill pupils rose magnificently to the challenge, swimming a total of 184 lengths to raise funds for Canine Partners and Save the Children.

Our pupils swam extremely well, and indeed, two of them, Maddison Metcalfe and Ruby Bradshaw just missed out on the award for the most lengths swum by a pupil in primary school. Our total raised was approximately £380!

Congratulations and a huge thank you must go to all our swimmers (Abigail, Oliver, Isaac, Michael, Finlay, Ceiran, Ruby, Edward, Rebecca, Maddison, Kate and Jack) for giving up their free time on a Saturday evening for such a good cause. Well done!

