



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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PUPILS STOP LESSONS TO ACT FOR ENVIRONMENT!

Children at Wilburton Primary School joined thousands of others across the country today in stopping their normal lessons to draw attention to the environment. The action (sanctioned by Mr Aston), was proposed by school ministers, who wanted to do something about the enormous amount of mixed waste produced by the school each week. Outside the school each Monday morning is a large pile of bin bags containing rubbish which could be recycled or composted. Communities Ministers felt strongly that we needed to take action to cut down on the amount of waste the school produces, so that it did not harm much-loved special places and species of wildlife. They also wanted to reduce food waste going to landfill, which emits greenhouse gases adding to climate change.



Some of the school ministers with the new recycling and food waste bins they requested.

So the ministers met with our school cooks to revise the menu for more popular choices, and wrote to Mrs Fryer to request more recycling bins for the school and food waste bins for classrooms and the staff room. These arrived this week, so instead of their usual lessons this afternoon, children got together in house groups to learn about what they can do to take positive action for the environment. In Collective Worship this week we have been thinking about sharing stories and knowledge across the generations, so the ministers hope that children will be able to teach and remind us grown-ups about what we ought to do too.



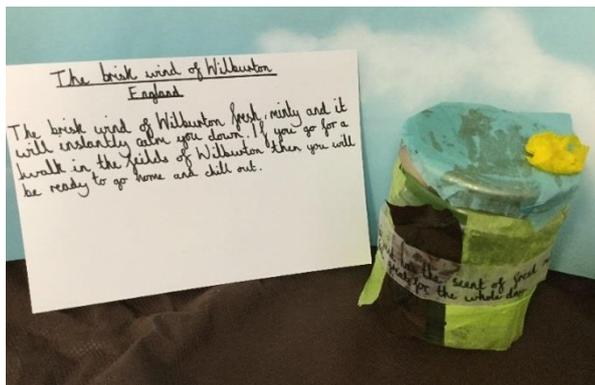
An International Arts Project with the London Symphony Orchestra



Children in Foxes and Owls Class are exchanging music, art and some creative imagination with children on the Faroe Islands in Scandinavia, thanks to a concert by the London Symphony Orchestra. Supported with funding from Ely Rotary Club, pupils in Foxes and Owls classes travelled to the Barbican Centre to hear a concert of music from Iceland, Norway, Scotland and the Faroes. The feature piece was a Faroese musical children's story called 'Catch the Wind', a tale of an adventure across the seasons in search of a dragon in the golden sky. Children were really positive about

the experience: "I loved it! It taught me about the symphony orchestra. It was a great experience and I'd love to go there again. It felt like it was 20 minutes – time went so quick!" (Niall) "I really enjoyed the concert because it was my first time. They looked well-practised and the conductor was good at her job. The views of the concert were brilliant." (Joel)

On a blustery spring day earlier this week, children took a walk to the edge of the village with jam jars to 'catch the wind' and sketch the landscape. The following day, they turned their sketches into artwork, wrapped up their jam jars of spring time air with decoration and descriptive words, and composed music for a spring day. The work aimed to capture our local environment on a spring day, and will be repeated to show the changes in our landscape over the summer, autumn and winter. The music has become the soundtrack for a video of their spring pictures, which has been shared with children on the Faroe Islands for them to imagine a very different landscape from their steep, mountainous terrain. A selection of children's artwork and decorated spring-air jars have been sent to a linked-school on the Faroes for display, and children are looking forward to receiving art back in return.



New House Names: Nominations Announced

We have been researching hard and making some tough decisions, but we have arrived at our shortlists for the new house names. They are:

Scientists: Alice Ball (African-American chemist who developed a treatment for leprosy), Jane Goodall (primatologist and anthropologist, considered the world's foremost expert on Chimpanzees) and Marie Curie (Polish physicist and chemist who conducted pioneering research on radioactivity).

Sports Achievers: Lizzy Yarnold (the most successful British Winter Olympian), Beth Tweddle (the first female British gymnast to win medals at the Olympics, European Championships and World Championships) and Dame Kelly Holmes (gold-medal winning British athlete at the 800 and 1500 metres).

Artists: Quentin Blake (perhaps best known for illustrating Roald Dahl books), Leonardo da Vinci (Italian, widely considered one of the best painters of all time), Andy Warhol (American artist famous for pop art) and Pablo Picasso (influential and innovative Spanish artist).

Explorers: Ernest Shackleton (polar explorer – attempted to lead the first team across Antarctica), Sir Edmund Hillary (first person to climb to the summit of Mount Everest), Neil Armstrong (pilot and astronaut, the first person to walk on the moon) and Captain James Cook (navigator and sailor, the first person to map much of the South Pacific).

Children will be researching and presenting their writing to us over the next couple of weeks and then there will be our vote. Further details will be announced soon and available on the school website.

E-Safety Video

We frequently teach children strategies to keep themselves safe online. Last week children were shown this video in assembly, which you might also like to watch and discuss with your children: <https://www.bbc.com/ownit/its-personal/when-you-see-something-scary-online>

Football Team Earn Another Draw (report by Evie and Grace)

*Last night, 14th March, we were really excited: it was **match day!** Our first girls match of the season was against Ely St John's Primary School. Last time we lost something like 10 to none. This time we didn't want that to happen so we worked as a team to try and win back glory. With Libby as our captain, Grace as our striker, Ane, Evie and Libby in mid-field and the much improved Year 5s as defence. Last but not least, Jazmine was in goal. She saved so many goals that we drew, nil-nil. Grace for all her fantastic effort was made man or woman of the match. Perhaps the girls have finally broken their losing streak.*

Home Learning Projects

Remember we are looking forward to hearing about the learning children have been doing beyond the school this term in the week beginning 25th March. That's the week after next! Best wishes, David Aston

Dates for your diary:

21/03/19: Family Worker Drop-in 9.00-11.00am

21/03/19: Foxes Class Parent & Child Lunch

22/03/19: Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

25/03/19 – 29/03/19: Home Learning due in

26/03/19: Fieldmice & Squirrels Trip to ROARR
Dinosaur Adventure



27/03/19: Anxiety Workshop 1.30-3.00pm

29/03/19: Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

29/03/19: School Disco:

KS1 6:30 - 7:30pm

KS2 7:45 - 9:00pm



Birthday List for the next 2 weeks

Summer	Class 1	22/03/19
Luca	Class 4	24/03/19
Trinity	Class 1	28/03/19
Mia	Class 4	29/03/19

will be celebrating their birthdays

