



GOLDSLOCKS VISITS WILKINSON

In our topic lessons we have been learning about Fairy Tales and one of our favourites is Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We were very lucky to be treated to a live performance. Year One laughed and joined in throughout the whole performance. Ellis took a starring role and helped throughout the play. He had us all in stitches with his acting. Lillie-Mai exclaimed "I enjoyed it when Ellis pulled Goldilocks hair off!" It was great to see the story come alive!



Sports Focus



WILKINSON'S CROSS COUNTRY SQUAD!

Once again, the Cross Country Club attracted an attendance of 60 pupils from Year Three to Year 6. The children ran twice a week covering a course of approximately a mile giving the children thorough training for the competitions that we enter. The squad took part in the Mixed Relay Competition in October coming a very respectable sixth place. The next competition takes place at the end of January and will consist of a team of boys and a team of girls who will again undertake a relay competition covering a distance of one mile. I am very pleased that many of our runners are now also attending running clubs after school too. This again illustrates the strength of running at Wilkinson. **Well done to all the runners and thanks also to the parents and carers for your support.**

WILKINSON'S FOOTBALLING WIZARDS!

The football team have played three matches so far against Holy Rosary, Springvale and Bilston C of E. We beat Holy Rosary but lost to Bilston and Springvale by a goal in each case! The message from the matches played so far is to make sure that we convert our chances into goals! The children have played with courage, commitment and skill. Well played Wilkinson!



Safeguarding Concern



Please do not park near the school crossing patrol. We have fought to get this service reinstated and need to ensure that this area remains clear of vehicles. It is becoming impossible for them to carry out their job safely due to reduced visibility. Thank you.

Please ensure that you do not park on the yellow lines, on the pavement or on the zig zag lines outside school. This is not a drop off point. Let us all work together to keep our children safe.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW SIGNS EARLY NEXT YEAR!



Wilkinson World!

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So here we are at the end of another busy term here at Wilkinson. It was good to welcome families and visitors into school for a variety of learning outcomes, workshops and performances. Many thanks to those who stayed for the full duration of the Christmas performances - the children and staff had worked hard and really appreciated it. Reminder: children return to school on January 8th 2019.

We wish you a Merry Christmas with your families and Happy New Year to you all!

Grandparents Day

Early Years took part in this now annual event and raised £158.42 for Macmillan Cancer Care! Hot drinks and delicious cakes were enjoyed before going into the classes to join their grandchildren and take part in some exciting activities. In Nursery we enjoyed planting cress, writing cards and playing outside. There were some lovely comments about their time back at school. "Beautiful school - happy our granddaughter is here!" was just one.



We are pleased to be offering a parenting programme in the New Year to support our families. Topics will include positive behaviour strategies, resilience and emotional wellbeing. The informal sessions will be delivered by an experienced parent practitioner each Wednesday morning. Just a few places left! We are also keen to hear about any other support or learning that you would be interested in for the future. If you are interested in the programme or have any other ideas please speak to Miss Duffield.

Choose Respect

Pupils from across Wolverhampton took part in an Anti-Bullying Conference on 14.11.18 as the city marked Anti-Bullying Week. The Conference was led by the B-Safe Team, Wolverhampton's Junior Safeguarding Board and supported by Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board and HeadStart Wolverhampton. The programme aimed to help children and young people improve their emotional mental health and wellbeing. Over 250 Year 5 and Year 8 students took part in interactive workshops led by HeadStart, Central Youth Theatre, The Switch Project, West Midlands Police, Wolverhampton Learning Technologies Team, YMCA Black Country and more. All activities were designed around this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme, 'Choose Respect'. Using drama, music and digital technology, the workshops aimed to raise awareness of the impact of bullying and help young people define what respect means to them through the creation of an Online Respect Charter. Year 5 children fed back to the rest of the school with power point presentations in assembly.



Night, night sleep tight don't let the bed bugs bite!

Terrific for Twos have been working very hard this term alongside Nursery and Reception to create a fun and exciting audio book called "What's your favourite bedtime story?" This is a very special book for children to look back on in years to come and share memories of this special time in their lives. We have enjoyed exploring music and sound for the song "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and making cups of tea and creating tea cups with our Grandparents for "I'm a Little Tea Pot". We visited our local canal and made our own boats for "Row, Row, Row the Boat" and we sat on our very own school bus to sing "The Wheels on the Bus" with our Governors. We also created lots of yummy cakes for "Pat a Cake". A big thank you to all the children, parents, teachers, governors and grandparents who attended the audio recordings.

Without you this book wouldn't have been possible. We hope you enjoy it!



Early Years Games Afternoon

Learning through play!

In September, Reception, Nursery and Terrific 4 Twos held a Mathematics Games Afternoon in school. Children brought their favourite board games into school and enjoyed sharing these and



experiencing a wide variety of games. These included Snakes and Ladders, Connect 4 and many others! Parents and carers were invited to join the children to play games and mathematical skills such as numbers, counting, shapes and problem solving were involved. Children enjoyed welcoming their parents and carers into school. It was a brilliant afternoon - thanks to everybody who came along. The event was a huge success and we hope to do this again!

On Friday the 16th of November, we travelled to the wonderful Wolverhampton Art Gallery to show our parents how hard we have been working over this term. There was music, acting, models, art and our own natural disaster news report! Can you believe that? Now let us take you back to that special morning...

Nervous yet excited, we arrived at our magnificent school, ready to show our parents all the work we had produced. We travelled by mini bus to The Art Gallery and our parents were standing eagerly outside the doors, like excited puppies waiting to see their owners. Our parents were able to wander around the gallery looking at our work while the tableau people were acting, the musicians were playing their instruments and the news report was being played. Everyone else was walking with their parents or answering questions about our topic - Natural Disasters! We had also designed our own special, one of a kind bookmarks which we sold. It was an amazing morning and we all had a great time with our parents!

by Preston and Eve



In Year 3, our topic has been all about 'Extreme survival.' We challenged Year 2 to complete a boot camp which we designed because we wanted them to experience what it takes to be an extreme survivor. It involved taking part in circuit training, where Year 2 showed strength, speed and stamina. Year 2 were put through their paces during the sweaty warm-up, the challenging circuit and a breath taking cool down. Our role was to help, support and guide Year 2 through the challenges as well as keep them safe. Finally we celebrated with a ceremony where everyone received a certificate. Well done Year 2!



Year 3 challenges Year 2!



Mr Happy Comes to School!

Earlier this month on 3rd October Mr Thornton came to Wilkinson Primary School to raise the mood in the classroom. He came to talk about feelings and what we were happy and grateful for. He told some funny jokes and asked us some questions.

"I enjoyed having Mr Happy over and it definitely lifted the mood in the classroom." said Laycee. Mr Thornton came twice and they were both on a Wednesday at 1: 35pm. The class laughed at all of his funny jokes and he tried to develop everyone's sense of humour in a way that made us happy. Arjunvir stated "I think that my favourite part was when Mr Happy told jokes about an elephant in a fridge and both classrooms had a go at listening to him." He presented his sessions in a PowerPoint with lots of pictures to brighten it up.



Since he has been to year 4 we have been much happier than we were before. Overall the class were very joyful about the sessions he shared with us.

by Alana Year 4

Attendance

Well done to all children receiving their bronze attendance award at the end of this term. 150 children have attended school every day since September. Keep it up!



WORLD WAR II ON DISPLAY



The children in Year 2 have been working hard all term to create their own World War II Art Gallery. Throughout our creative afternoons, the children focussed on art, music and ICT to create and put together a range of displays for their parents. During topic lessons children looked at rationing and created their own recipes which they then cooked for their parents. Before parents had a chance to look at all of the art work, they enjoyed a rendition of 'It's a Long Way to Tipperary' on the glockenspiel and vocally. During ICT, children used the Scratch software to programme an air raid warden to tell people to turn off their lights.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about World War II. We hope their parents did too!

