

The Excellent Egyptologist!

Mr Egypt (An Egyptologist) came to Wilkinson Primary School to teach us about Ancient Egypt because it is our topic. Before Mr Egypt arrived, we made a colourful collar and an amazing headband. The headband had a cobra snake on it. The Egyptians used Cobras in their jewellery because it is a sacred animal. Over the day, we took part in different activities including learning about the gods, Egyptian writing, numbers and listening to how Mr.Egypt became an Egyptologist. However, the first really embarrassing activity was the dancing. First of all, the girls (which were all on one side of the room) raised their hands in the air and moved their hips. After that, it was the boys turn. They had to move like a snake. Whilst we danced gentle, slow music played in the background. It was clear to me that the GIRLS danced better!!! The WHOLE day was a great experience . The most enjoyable part was when we wrapped some of our friends in toilet paper like Egyptian mummies . Before we did this, we learnt all about what Egyptians thought about death and Mr Egypt passed around real Ancient artefacts. The most fascinating fact in my opinion was when they placed amulets in their body.



by Kayleigh



Our 'Walk To School' initiative has started well with many children receiving their badges and wearing them with pride. The aim is to help vehicular congestion in the immediate school vicinity whilst improving the health of our families. Children either need to *walk* or '*park and stride*' to school. A reminder that children who walk from a car parked near school do not qualify - cars need to be parked at least a 5 minute walk away and this needs to happen at least once a week. It would be great to see every child that can, walks to school. A generation ago 70% of us walked to school - now it's less than half! Keep going everyone! More badges to be won!

Resilient Runners!

Wilkinson have had a great running season so far! The boys were second at the relays in January. At the local area race held on the 21st March the girls came 4th and the boys were 1st and were crowned Bilston Champions! Joshua N in Year 4 was the first boy to finish and became the fastest boy in Bilston! Our next race is on Tuesday 27th March to find out who will become City Champions 2018. Well done to all the runners – we regularly have 55 children running twice a week. In the local area race at Bilston, Wilkinson had the greatest amount of runners taking part.



Inclement Weather Stops Play!

The toughest match the football team played this term was against the weather! It beat us many times! However, the games we managed to play were: Holy Rosary, Field View and Hill Avenue. During the matches, the players showed themselves to be more than capable with huge amounts of courage and commitment. Well played Wilkinson!



Wilkinson World!

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Well here we are and it doesn't seem 5 minutes since Christmas! The curriculum this term has provided children with trips and events outside of the school environment, they have welcomed visitors in to support their learning and have performed learning outcomes to a wide range of audiences across the community.

Check out these sites for family holiday activities:

www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/article/12263/Easter-EGG-travaganza

www.wvactive.com/holiday-activities.aspx

www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/west-midlands/west-midlands/wolverhampton

Happy Easter to you all! Don't eat too many eggs!

Spring Activity Afternoon

Children and adults enjoyed participating in our activity afternoon on Monday. It was great to see them working creatively and collaboratively.

Items produced were taken home to share with families and the children also proudly showed off their work books. We organised this event following feed back from many parents who have expressed how they love to come into school to work with their children.

Feedback from the afternoon was very positive. "Great afternoon! Loved spending time with my girls in their classroom." "The activities were amazing! Thank you for inviting us in, a super afternoon."

"Lovely idea to do one to one activities - thank you."



Fun for all the family!

Our annual Easter Bingo was once again a sell out and enjoyed by all who attended! Many thanks to Mr Smith for calling (we know he loves it really!). Many went away happy with chocolate eggs and others won prizes from the raffle.

A big thank you to the PTA members for organising these events in school. If you are interested in joining the PTA or have any ideas please get in touch with Emma Mansell-Grey or Miss Duffield.



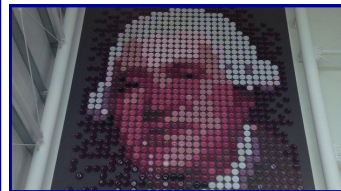
The children in Nursery wanted to show their appreciation to their lovely mums so they invited them into school. They were taken on a tour of our nursery and participated in a range of activities including card making, washing babies, going to the hairdressers and collaging. We all enjoyed eating cakes which were so yummy!

Love you Mum!



Terrific for Twos have been

exploring the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' this term. We have looked at what caterpillars like to eat and have enjoyed sensory experiences with fruit mash. We have also used our senses to explore different types of flowers. This included an investigative walk to the school pond. We have been joined by 10 caterpillars in Terrific for Twos and we all took part in naming them. Rio decided on the names 'Eunice and Rosie'. We are watching them every day to see what happens to them. Riley thinks that they might turn into butterflies like the caterpillar in the story - we will have to just wait and see!!



The Wonderful 'World of Wedgwood'

On Tuesday 27th February, Year 4 went on a trip to Josiah Wedgwood's pottery factory.

In the reception area, there was a huge mosaic of Josiah Wedgwood made out of 1,100 different coloured plates. We had a terrific tour around the fantastic factory and the magnificent museum. Did you know that the kiln needs to be really hot (1250°C) to make the cups? Amazingly, we had a look at a range of different pottery, like Jasperware, which is made in all different colours.

"My favourite colour was the pink Jasperware." said Laura. Luckily, we got chance to look and touch the commemorative ware that Wedgwood has made for the Royal family over the many years. This helped us with our designs for the upcoming Royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle.

Oliwia commented, "The best part was designing our own plates for Prince Harry's wedding!"

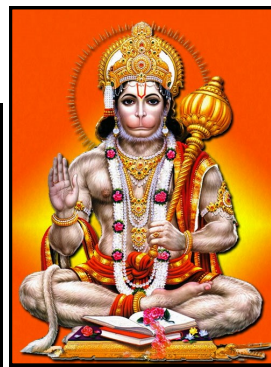
Year 4 had a great day and would encourage anyone to visit.

Jade said, "Wedgwood was the best trip ever! You need to go!"



Year Two have been learning about India this term. We went on a thrilling trip to an Indian temple! We listened to Hindu stories that many Indian people know. This is the biggest Hindu temple in Europe which made the trip even more amazing. We had to take off our shoes before entering the temple and looking at the shrines.

Did you know that there was a monkey God?



Year 5's Great Science Experiment

On Thursday 8th March, Year 5 had an exciting visit from Mr Nicholls who is a very good Science teacher and works at SWB Academy. Year 5 learnt how to do a cool experiment at school. They were doing the experiment for their Science topic.

The experiment was very interesting as they learnt how to make balloons inflate by using 2 measuring jugs, a funnel, a bottle and Bicarbonate of Soda. The experiment was amazing, Mr Nicholls taught the children how to inflate the balloon adding half a teaspoon of bicarbonate soda every time. The children loved the experiment and thought it was magical.

At the end of the lesson Mr Nicholls asked them what they had learnt and all the children said the same thing - as they added more Bicarbonate of Soda the balloon got bigger. I thought that the experiment was so interesting and I would love to do it again. Miss Davidson, our TA also said "The children looked like they loved the experiment and tried very hard".

by Kristian



Parent View - Thank you to those of you who returned a questionnaire. The results are important to us and influence our future developments. The children will have the opportunity to share their views with us during the Summer term.

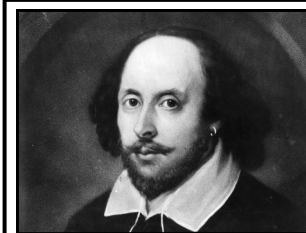


To compliment Year one's learning, we visited The Black Country Museum. The children were able to see what it was like living and going to school in Victorian times. They were able to play with the Victorian toys in the street and they even got to experience a Victorian lesson using the slates.

"My favourite part was when played with the toys." said Lilly. Dylan enjoyed his ride on the Victorian bus and Leo thought that "The best part about the trip was going to the school because I liked writing on the slates.



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Super Shakespeare Workshop

Between Monday 12th and Wednesday 14th of March, professional actors, who had just completed their Macbeth shows, kindly and generously came into our school to improve our Tempest scenes. We played many games, which helped us understand the scene, we sang songs, which warmed up our voices, ready for clearly expressing our characters and we thoroughly enjoyed the workshop. The actors, from Icarus Theatre, helped us to add to and develop our skills in acting and communication on the stage to our audiences. One of the pupils in Year 6 stated, 'The actors made it very fun and exciting to learn and act out our parts.' Another said, 'The actors were funny and made our play better.' We would like to take this opportunity to say a great thank you to the actors and the theatre.

by Millie and Lily

Conservation Counts!

In Reception, our topic this term has been Animal Kingdoms. We have been learning about animals around the world and their different habitats. Unfortunately we discovered that some habitats are being destroyed and certain animals are becoming

endangered and even extinct. We took a trip to the Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park to see some of the endangered animals and have decided to raise money for animal charities to keep them safe. We are hoping to sell our animal arts and crafts to sponsor a Red Panda at the Park and can't wait to get regular updates.

Please support us if you can!



Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Children across school took part in a variety of activities to help them understand how to use the internet safely. This year we were joined by Patrick Flynn, from Learning Technologies, who gave an excellent presentation to parents from Year 5 on how we can all help to make sure that our children are safe whilst online. The parents were then able to join their children in class and help them in completing their safer internet activities. A group of children from Year 5 also created a fantastic podcast, with the help of the Learning Technologies team, about safe use of the internet. This excellent radio broadcast can be found on the home page of the school website

www.wilkinsonprimaryschool.co.uk – just scroll down to the bottom, it is definitely well worth a listen.

