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World Book Day

World Book Day took place right at the start of March. All pupils were either able to dress up or dress down for the event. At one point as I was speaking to Mrs Stevenson, I looked down the corridor and witnessed a superhero wearing a cape walking towards the janitor. It felt a bit surreal. We also had vampires, minions and Star Wars characters wandering about. Very strange. However, the day went very well with lots of book related activities going on (including reading).

I sometimes forget how the youngest children in the school think. Recently, I was joking with a group of parents about getting locked in the playground. At this point a wee voice piped up reminding me that I slept in the school and was away back to my 'home'. I laughed because it's not uncommon for a P1 to think that teachers live in the school. I try not to sleep in the school but occasionally need to think deeply in my office with my eyes shut. I am merely deep in thought considering the latest educational research....



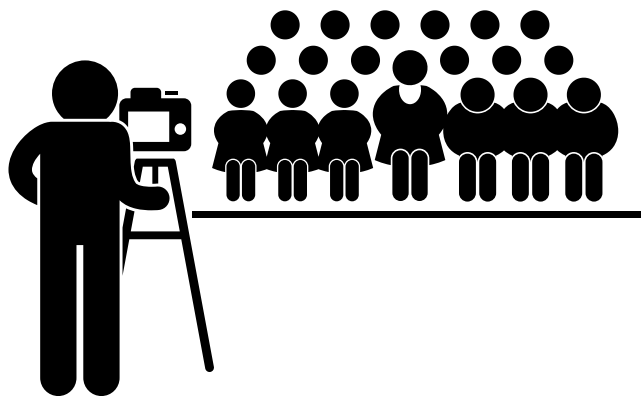


Learning Partnership

We then had a 'Learning Partnership' visit. A Learning Partnership involves head teachers from other schools and the locality Education Manager visiting the school to quality assure the work we have been doing. Our Learning Partnership was very successful with lots of positive feedback being given. Although they can be stressful, it always helps to know that you are on the right road. In return, I have been visiting some other schools. When I am on these visits I always try to pick up ideas which we can use at Masterton.

School Photos

School photographs took place in March for individuals and families. We were very fortunate as the original date was cancelled due to industrial action. However, the photographers were very flexible and re-arranged a new date very quickly, for which we are very grateful. The day went very smoothly.



Red Nose Day

We also took part in Red Nose day. The school was awash with red clothes and red noses. In total we raised £447 for the appeal. Thank to everyone who donated!

THANK YOU!

**We raised
£447!**

Parents Evening

We managed to have our Parents Evening in the middle of the month. They were busy with almost all parents being able to attend. During both nights there was a steady stream of parents / carers for the whole time. I managed to catch up with a few people and have a chat which was good. All in all, two busy, successful nights.



Mobile Planetarium

On the 17th of this month, P4, P4/5, P7a & P7b were treated to a Cosmic experience. We had the Mobile Planetarium take up residence in our Assembly Hall for the day.

As the children stepped into the darkness, the night sky was projected onto the roof and sides of the dome to give a full experience of the universe. The pupils were guided through the Solar System by Professor Matt Williamson who told us all about the stars, the constellations, the planets and our nearest galaxies. All in all, everyone agreed it was "out of this world!"



Football Festival

We took part in a re-scheduled football festival at Woodmill last week. It was good to test ourselves out against a number of different teams we hadn't played against this year so far. The team did very well and got better as the tournament progressed. By the end they looked very dominant. In Term 4 there are a number of opportunities to really test themselves so we are looking forward to that.

And finally.....

I'd like to wish everyone a good holiday over the next couple of weeks. It's not been the easiest of terms what with the stop / start nature of the industrial action as well as it being the longest term but fortunately the industrial action is a thing of the past. Hopefully Term 4 will be smoother (famous last words).

Have a good holiday!

Regards

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