

Star Gazing in Year 5

The children in Year 5 came back to school once it was dark to enjoy an hour of stargazing with Mr Willimott. For once, we were lucky with the weather! Thank you Mr Willimott.

"I enjoyed looking at the planets and watching meteor showers."

Lucie

"We used an app to find planets, stars, meteors and constellations. It was fun!" Natalie

"I found out that there are so many galaxies holding so many stars in them and also lots of supernovas have colours." Aaron

"I really enjoyed star gazing because I saw constellations I did not know existed." Ruby

"I found out that there was a ring around us and all of the planets were on the ring." Pippa



Family Group Fun

Who knew that you could learn to use kind words using...toothpaste! In Family Groups, every time we shared an unkind comment that would hurt someone else's feelings, we squeezed out a bit of toothpaste. The trouble was, we couldn't get the toothpaste back in to the tube using cocktail sticks. The moral of the activity was that it's almost impossible to take unkind words back, so try not to say them in the first place!

"We had to pass a bear and talk when we had it. We got toothpaste out. They were the unkind words." Anne

"We passed the teddy bear and told him what our favourite food was. I love spaghetti." Humodh



The Blue Cross



Sarah from The Blue Cross visited Early Years and Key Stage 1 to talk about the five animal welfare needs for different pets. The children learnt that before getting any pet, they need to consider the animal's needs carefully and whether they are able to fulfil them for its lifetime.

"I've got a dog at home." John

"At Joe's home I got Bella and Bear, a cat and a dog. Joe got the bowl to put the food in." Joseph

"We really need to take good care of pets. They can't eat chocolate. We have to love them." Maya

"You should feed your animals so they don't die. They need company so they have friends and don't get lonely." Kanish

"I've got a dog at my house.
It's a big dog. I found the lead
and put it on the collar." Georgja

"Take away their poo. Put it in the bin!" Owen
"Chocolate is poisonous to animals." Shay
"You must not give them chocolate because
then they get ill." Tatiana



Attendance Assembly

"I loved having lunch with Mrs Cox because we had a china plate and we got to have our pudding in a square bowl. We had a special star cookie that said our names on and the icing tasted like chocolate." Sophie

"My lunch was good because we had a talk and a yummy lunch. We had a star cookie with our names on." Nathan

Children were rewarded with a special invitation to have lunch with Mrs Cox and Mrs Faulkner. Well done to everyone who has improved their attendance this term!



"This is great, like being at a real restaurant." Sophie & David
"All my friends are really jealous as we are sitting at a nice table on our own, having a chat." Nicole
"In Mrs Cox's office, having a biscuit is really nice, wow my biscuit has my name on it!" Victoria

Christmas Shoe Boxes

The School Council decided to support the Christmas Shoe Box appeal run by the charity, Samaritans Purse. Each shoe box filled will go to a less fortunate child in a different country. The boxes were filled with little gifts such as books, colouring sets and stuffed toys. Thank you to all the fantastic donations that came in this year. We managed to send off 77 boxes – a fantastic achievement by our school!

“We sent shoe boxes to less fortunate children in other countries around the world. We included toys, colouring books and small presents.” Natalie

“I liked the shoe boxes because it is giving to everyone who is homeless and unfortunate.” Aaron



Internet Assembly

Key Stage 2 children enjoyed a wonderfully fun and informative assembly from the Community Team at Google. The children learnt more about staying safe online and developing five key steps to remember when using the Internet.



"I learnt a lot about e-safety but the most interesting thing that I found out was how to identify a fake website! I enjoyed it so much." Osmaan

"I liked how the people doing the assembly tried to make it fun instead of just saying this is how to stay safe online." Georgina

"I liked that we had a hand to suggest what we think by choosing from true or false answers." Nithulian

"I really liked the Internet Legend assembly because it taught me how to safe on the internet and it came with a free game." Sophie



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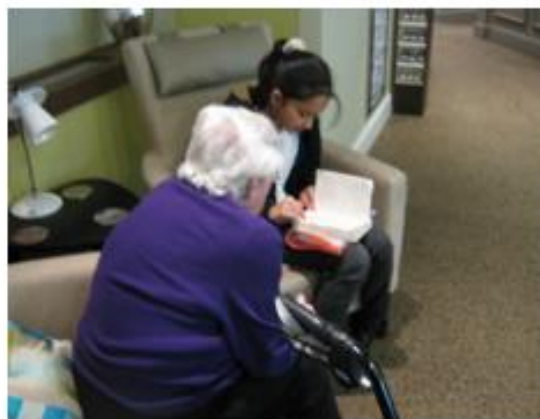


As part of our drive to promote the love of reading at Highwood, the Reading Ambassadors visited Elton House retirement home and spent the afternoon reading with residents. The residents said they thoroughly enjoyed being read to and were really interested in the books the children were reading.



"When I was reading Goodnight Mister Tom, I really liked it when one of the residents told me all about his experiences when he was evacuated from London in World War II."
Charlotte

"We really liked how they helped us with our reading and helped us pronounce some of the difficult words in our books." Chloe and Georgina



Show Time at Queens'

Year 6 was honoured to see the dress rehearsal for the hilarious pantomime at Queens' School. Such wonderful acting, dancing and singing made it an enjoyable visit for all. Wishing them all luck for the real performance - break a leg!



“On behalf of all of the Year 6 children, I would like to extend our gratitude to Mrs Jones for inviting us to watch the dress rehearsal. Our children loved the superb acting, hilarious jokes and the wonderful singing. It was a brilliant show and we wish you the very best with the rest of your performances.”

Ms Green