

### Year 5's Fundraising

Year 5 visited the RSPB Nature Reserve at Sandwell Valley to conduct a river study and take part in a nature trail where they learnt about life cycles and habitats. They also had the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including map and compass reading and hands on bird watching. This was part of their outcome as the children have been raising money for the Canal & River trust by collectively walking the length of the River Severn. The children have managed to raise an amazing £475 which they had the opportunity to personally hand over on their trip.



Are you looking for activities through the Summer Holiday?

Here are some useful links...

- <https://eequ.org/experience/9721>
- <https://www.sycamoreadventure.co.uk/>
- <https://www.albrightontrust.org.uk/>
- <https://www.yowolves.co.uk/events>
- <https://www.odeon.co.uk/accessibility/autism-friendly/>
- <https://www.flipout.co.uk/locations/sandwell>
- <https://www.kids.org.uk/>
- <https://www.sp-dc.org>
- <https://www.hugglepetsinthecommunity.co.uk/>
- <https://www.friendlyfacesds.co.uk>

### Year 6's Trip to Wales

During the summer term, Year 6 went on an overnight residential trip to Wales. The children embarked on their journey at 7:30am and arrived at King Arthur's labyrinth at 11am. At the labyrinth, the children were engrossed in the myths and legends of the former British King, King Arthur.

Year 6 were amazed by the dazzling lights and statues while being led through the mysterious maze by their boatman. After the event, the children had an appetising lunch prepared at home.

Next, the children had a splashing time at a privately rented swimming pool. There were various floats and a heart-racing water slide that many children enjoyed to their heart's content. The children feasted upon the scrumptious, mouth watering orange flavoured ice lollies. After swimming, Year 6 arrived at Aberdovey beach to participate in a sandcastle-building competition while embracing the wonderful scenery of the area.

After a while, Year 6 came to their hostel called The Rocks. This was where the children had their dinner and the last activity of the day - a disco. The disco went on for nearly an hour and the music was chosen by the children! That hour was full of excitement and Year 6 were showing off their cool dance moves before having a warm drink before bed.

In the morning, eager pupils were packing their bags hurriedly as they had a day full of fun planned ahead. After a delicious breakfast, Year 6 set off to the 800 year-old Harlech Castle. The children enjoyed the never ending view from the sacred castle. The children's last major activity was in the slate mines. Rob, the owner of the slate mines, was their tour guide and told them all about the history of the slate mines and about what work was done there. Pupils were then able to purchase sweets and souvenirs at Barmouth. All pupils had a wonderful time on their last trip in Wilkinson Primary School.

By Bhuvaan and Divyansh



# Wilkinson World!

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Well here we are at the end of another busy year! As the summer term comes to an end, I would like to wish our Year 6 children all the best of luck in their new schools, I have no doubt they will go on to achieve well in the future. Thank you for your continued support over the year and I wish you all a fantastic summer. Before we know it, we will be back, and I look forward to welcoming you on Tuesday 3rd September.

### Wilkins-Franklin Science Competition

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June four children, Audrey and Jason from Year 5 and Bhuvaan and Jazmyn from Year 6, were presented with the opportunity to take part in the first Wilkins-Franklin Science Competition held at King Edward's Grammar School, Edgbaston. The children were warmly greeted with a word search and crossword all about science, followed by a quick talk about how everything would proceed. The first

challenge of the afternoon was a 20-question multiple choice questionnaire. When everybody had completed this the pupils needed to complete a relay competition and without any doubt the Wilkinson children finished all the questions first! Soon after that they were tasked with a practical activity; to build a boat that would be able to carry the most weights. This was the children's most difficult task, but they did not come last, and they still tried their best. After this challenge they had a break, and all the three challenges were taken into consideration to see who would qualify for the next round. Over the three challenges they scored 156 points and secured a spot in the top four. To determine who was going to win the competition the top four went into a buzzer round. The Wilkinson children did exceptionally well and ended up in second place.

Well done everyone!



### Attendance

This year our school attendance was

**94%**

This term our school attendance was

**94.25%.**

Children have been aspiring to achieve their Gold or Silver certificate across the term.

This term we have...

**88** Silver certificate winners and

**108** Gold certificate winners!

**34** children have had 100% attendance across the whole year and received a Diamond Award!

## Wilkinson's got Talent!

Over the past few weeks, children across school have been working hard on perfecting their acts in readiness for this year's talent show.

The judges were blown away by this year's talent!

The winners were....

**Harper from Reception and Savita from Year**



Summer Term for Twos and Nursery

Summer Term has been a very busy term in the Twos and Nursery. Our Topic this term was 'The Great Outdoors'. The children have taken part in new and exciting activities such as mud painting in the forest area, and a barefoot walk with mud, sand, water and grass. We also looked at life cycles, we had caterpillars which we watched grow into a chrysalis and then butterflies. The children were so excited when we released the butterflies in the forest area. We have been pond dipping in the school pond and found a newt. We had so much fun!

We launched our topic with a visit from Stella, a farmer from Farm on Wheels. Stella brought some of her animals for us to explore there were lambs, chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats we got to feed them, stroke them and take them for short walks.



We enjoyed welcoming parents and carers to our learning outcome where they were able to see the children's learning journey throughout the year. If you haven't seen it, please have a look on our school website. We had an amazing turn out and want to thank everybody that came and engaged in all the activities such as making a parrot paper plate, safari sunset using chalk paint, animal hunt in the garden and many more fun activities. At the end of the stay and play parents were able to watch a PowerPoint of all of the learning that has taken place throughout the year.



Roz, a crossing patrol warden helped to teach us to cross the road safely. She taught us a song 'Stop, Look and Listen' to help us to remember about road safety.



It has been an absolute honour to be a part of your children's learning journey this year. We hope you have a relaxing summer and look forward to seeing you all in September!

Have a lovely summer making wonderful memories together.



Reception Summer Fayre

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, Reception hosted a Summer Fayre! The children helped to plan which stalls and activities they would like to see at the fayre, made their own entry tickets and even created the decorations. We think they did a wonderful job! Alongside this, they also created a variety of items to be sold at the fayre, such as a coaster, a decoration, a bookmark, a windmill and a plant pot- they all looked fabulous! It was wonderful to see so many families attend.

"I liked all the games." – Marius

"The ice cream was my favourite because it was yummy!" – Gurmanna

"I loved the hook a duck." – Lazelle

"I loved getting my face painted, I had a spider on my cheek." – Tara

"Me and my mommy liked doing the lucky dip." – Paisley



Indian Food Tasting Event in Year 2!



This month, we received a delicious treat as part of our Geography topic about India. We were lucky enough to sample a variety of Indian foods such as spicy onion bhajis and samosas. We also tried poppadoms and naan breads with a cool mint dip and sweet mango chutney.

"The samosas and onion bhajis were so spicy!" – Alivia, 2NK.

"My least favourite food was the onion bhaji because it was too hot!" – Olivia, 2NK.

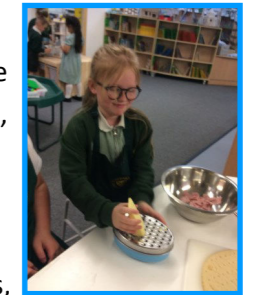
"I enjoyed trying all the different foods and chatting to my friends about the experience!" – Lawi, 2NK.

Despite their hot, tingling taste buds from the spicy food, Year 2 had a wonderful time during the Indian food tasting afternoon and now have a wider range of foods to explore again in the future.



Pizza Making in Year 4 By Jasmine & Tegan

Year 4 enjoyed making pizzas with Miss Davidson. First, we had to make sure our hands were washed to get rid of any nasty germs then we put on an apron. We could choose from cheese, tomato sauce, ham, pepperoni, sweetcorn, peppers and onion.



After spreading the tomato sauce onto the pizza base, we added our favourite toppings, before sprinkling cheese on the top. Miss Davidson put them into the oven for us so that we didn't burn ourselves, while we wrote our names on a label so that we would know which one was our pizza when it was cooked. It was great to be able to take our pizzas home. They were yummy!



Year 3's eBooks!

Year 5 came down to Year 3 to see our amazing eBook all about the animals that live in the incredible, mysterious Amazon Rainforest. Year 5 critiqued our work and gave us all a score out of ten in every single category that you could think of!



We could tell that they loved them by the conversations that we had. They were amazing!



Firstly, we had to pick a suitable background and choose which animal or animals you wanted to write about for your eBook. We had multiple pictures of the different animals, containing plenty of facts about them. Animals such as: anacondas, poison dart frogs, jaguars, sloths, macaws and piranhas!



By Bella and Finley

Year 1's Seaside Spectacular

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the children were taken on a trip through time to visit different seaside towns as part of their topic 'The British Isles'. They took part in 'Most bonnie baby' competitions as they visited Butlins in the 1970's, discovered the difference between beach toys in the 1980's and present day, and also went 'crabbing' in the rock pools in the 1990's. The children had a great day as they continued their learning in the classrooms by exploring seashells, taking part in sand castle competitions and ate ice lollies in the sun.

"I had a great day at the seaside with my friends" Esme

"I enjoyed my ice lolly. It was delicious"

Matthias

