

Our Virtual Trip: The Birmingham Museum

On Tuesday the 30th of January, Year 3 experienced what it would be like to visit the Birmingham Museum by virtually visiting using webcams. The tour guide on the screen, who was an actual archaeologist, was playing hide and seek with Egyptian relics in a box, describing them for us to find in our matching box that the museum delivered to school.

We filled out a work pack with facts about the Egyptian relics, as well as information about animal headed Gods and which organs would go in each canopic jar.

We then toured around the museum with dramatic sound effects to recreate the feel of an actual time machine. The archaeologist showed us plenty of artefacts; including Shabti figures, that were little figures that would do work for you in the afterlife. We also saw a sarcophagus with an actual mummy inside – she told us that he would have been a priest when he was alive!

It was very enjoyable. The Birmingham Museum is shut at the moment, but I would like to go to the British Museum so I can see mummies and the Rosetta Stone.



Finley Year 3

Easter Bingo!

Thank you to everyone who attended our Easter Bingo and/or brought a raffle ticket this year. We managed to raise **£945!** This money will go into our school fund to allow the children to have opportunities wider than the curriculum.

#WakeUpWednesday

We are now part of the National College family. The National College specialise in Online Safety and keeping parents informed.

Each Wednesday, a fact sheet is provided and is shared through Marvellous Me. Each week is a new game/ online platform or area of behaviour linked to on online behaviours. An expert looks into the positives, negatives and how parents can support and monitor.

If you require any further information about online games or platforms, please speak to Miss Lane.

King Edward's School and King Edward VI High School for Girls Year 5 Maths Challenge Grand Final.

Congratulations again to our Year 5 maths team who secured first place in their first stage heat in January 2024. The grand final of the Year 5 Maths Challenge will take place in April 2024. Good luck team Wilkinson!



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New Ormiston Academy,
Marsh Lane, WV10 6SE

9:00am - 2:00pm

Wilkinson World!

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Goodbye Mrs Gibbon



The end of this term marks the end of an era as we say goodbye to Mrs Gibbon.

Your retirement has made everyone value you ever more, it has made us appreciate the way you strengthened our cores, you are not just retiring from your post, position or role, you are retiring as a teacher who inspired our souls.. Goodbye.

I hope you all have a enjoyable Easter and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 8th April.

Mrs Richards.

Attendance

This term our school attendance was **94%**.

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

This term we have...

87 Silver certificate winners and **137** Gold certificate winners! Well done children!



OUR GOVERNORS

We would like to inform you that we have a new governor who joined our governing body this term. We would like to welcome Clare Wagstaff, our local Early Intervention Police Officer.

Next term we will be looking for new parent governors. More information to follow in the Summer Term.

Two's Spring Newspaper Article.

This term T4T's topic has been 'Around the World'. The children



have been introduced to countries around the world including the UK, Australia, China, India, Africa, and Italy. The children have taken part in lots of different activities which have been based around these countries. Some of their favourites have been: - making boomerangs and racing them on the school field; making Divas which children have taken home; painting hands to print the Italian flag; collaging African masks and necklaces and exploring different foods. The children enjoyed shape and colour hunts, looking around the school for these objects and marking them off on clipboards.

This term we have also had our 'mark making' stay and play. Parents and carers were invited to come in to school and explore a variety of activities based around the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar.' This was a great success due to the support of our parents and carers.

T4Ts have also enjoyed Shakespeare Fortnight where children were introduced to William Shakespeare. They enjoyed making marks using feathers and paint, and filling and emptying using a variety of containers at our potion station. Finally, children were invited to dress up for these events.



Year 6 Visit The Space Centre

Early in the morning, about 8 o'clock, Year 6 left Wilkinson Primary School and headed to the National Space Centre in Leicester. It took lots of preparation before the children set off to learn about space travel throughout history.

Upon arrival, the children were instructed to listen to their teachers by a member of staff. As soon as they entered the building they were fascinated by the rocket ships and history of space travel. The classes were split into numerous groups to explore the National Space Centre and see the rocket! It is reported that some children went to launch small models of rockets in the centre. Children also learnt about the space race, the landing on the moon and the first man in space. It is said that many children were devastated to find out about Laika, the poor dog that was launched into outer space never to be seen again.

After exploring the space station, many schools were swelling up in a crowd to see a movie called 'Astronaut'. The children were expecting a normal screen but they were met by a giant screen in a sphere. The movie had unexpected visuals that amazed every single school watching it. The pupils learnt about the effects of going to space and returning back to Earth.

The tiring yet fascinating adventure came to a halt as the schools unpacked their mouth watering, delicious lunches. They were very happy that they had learnt about such beautiful, astonishing, breath-taking history.

Animal Day!

This term, Reception invited family members into school to join us on our animal day. Thanks to Laura, the Animal Lady, we got to meet a wonderful selection of animals such as a snake, a bearded dragon, an owl, a gecko, a hissing cockroach, guinea pig and an extremely cute honey bear (which turned out to be everyone's favourite!). We learnt lots of facts about each animal and then completed a piece of writing with our grown-ups. We had a fantastic day!



Spring Term for Nursery

During the Spring Term the children have enjoyed adventures 'Around the World!' We have explored Antarctica and rescued some play animals trapped in ice. Next, we travelled to Australia, here the children created some beautiful artwork inspired by Aboriginal art. We ventured to India where we listened to some traditional tales from India and looked at colourful traditional clothing. To celebrate Chinese New Year, we listened to the story The Great Race, in PE we pretended to be the animals, moving in different ways and had our own races.

After a well-deserved half term rest, we discovered Africa. We looked at a real African mask and created our own using a range of collage materials. We returned our focus to the UK where we have looked at aerial views of our local area and talked about the features that we saw.

During Shakespeare fortnight we learnt about William Shakespeare. We talked about what life was like in the 1500's and talked about how the world has changed over time, such as living without lights in homes and not having cars to travel around in. We discovered that William Shakespeare didn't have pens or pencils to write with, he used a quill to write, so we practised mark making with quills in class! We ended Shakespeare Fortnight and celebrating World Book Day by coming to school dressed as our favourite characters.

Throughout the term, we have loved dancing and joining in with Squiggle Whilst You Wiggle, our parents also joined in during our last play and stay session! We have started to learn about the season of spring. We went on a detective walk around the school grounds, looking for signs of spring. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your fantastic Easter bonnet creations, the children all looked fantastic during the parade. We hope you all have a super Easter break and are really excited about the 'Farm on Wheels' experience coming to school early in the Summer Term.



Fire! Fire! Everywhere!

On the 21st and 26th February, Year 2 travelled to Bournville to visit Selly Manor Museum and learn more about the Great Fire of London. In the morning, the children examined the story of how the Great Fire started and spread through London. Museum staff told the children all about some significant people such as Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys and King Charles II. A few lucky children were even able to dress in Tudor clothing to represent these important people!

As the day went on, the children were given further opportunity to learn about life in 1666 by exploring the house and playing a selection of Tudor games. While touring the house, the children were able to find out more about Tudor buildings, the materials used, food & cooking and domestic life. "I was excited to travel to Selly Manor! I dressed up as King Charles II and wore a curly wig!" exclaimed Connor. "I was very good at the Ring Toss game and learned lots!" Jayden added.



Mayan Showcase

On Thursday 14th March, Year 5 had the opportunity to showcase all of the wonderful and amazing work they have completed during their topic work this Spring Term. We have asked the question, 'Where did the Maya go?' and have explored the many aspects of the Maya culture including: ways of life, religion, the structure of society and their many myths and legends. In our outcome, we were able to show our fantastic clay sculptures of Chichen Itza, our vibrant Mayan masks and demonstrate how we formed intricate Mayan-style patterns using coding in our computing lessons. Adults could also taste the delights of Mesoamerica via our burritos cooked in school by the pupils themselves. Delicious! Pupils also shared images of their trip to the Butterfly Farm in Stratford, where they were able to experience, first hand, what the climate would have been like and the types of creatures they may have encountered whilst also learning interesting facts about the culture.

What an amazing term it has been!