

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



We have had many exciting events in school since the last edition. Firstly, children in Key Stage 1 were lucky enough to welcome the Acomb based crew from North Yorkshire Fire Service into school as part of their Great Fire of London topic. What a great visit it was! The children loved listening to how they train to become a firefighter, how they prepared themselves with all the gear to fight a fire and had a sneaky peep inside the fire engine. They also got to find out all the other rescue jobs they do: rescuing cats from trees, freeing people from unusual places and attending car accidents.



We were delighted to have M&M Theatre Productions in school to deliver an amazing 'Alice in Wonderland' performance to the whole school – what a treat! M&M Theatre Productions deliver enchanting classic literature adaptations that are easily digestible to children and are in an interactive format. These productions can be an inspiring way to learn about the past, making history come alive whilst engaging the children in tales involving characters from many different social and cultural backgrounds.



Back in November, Mr Goodacre took part in 'Test the Teacher', organised by York Mix Radio. Mr Goodacre did really well and managed to achieve 15 points in total. We were delighted to hear that at the end of the preliminary rounds, he was in third place and invited to the final with St Lawrence's Primary and Tadcaster Primary.

Mr Goodacre took part in the final which involved each teacher being asked 5 questions – the subjects were Science, History, English, Music and General Knowledge. Mr Goodacre went first and scored an impressive 3 out of 5. Mr Foster from Tadcaster Primary followed and (un)fortunately he scored 1 out of 5. The tension was building. Mr French from St Lawrence's Primary was the final contestant – he scored 2 out of 5 which meant Mr Goodacre finished in first place.

Thank you to York Mix Radio for organising this fantastic competition and to York Sport for sponsoring the event. Mr Goodacre won a pool party for Y3 and also managed to win himself York Sport membership for 3 months. Mr Goodacre commented 'I can't believe I won Test the Teacher 2023. Thanks to York Mix Radio, it was great fun taking part'



Earlier last month, the whole school took turns to visit church to focus on Lent. There were five 'stations' in church and the children spent time at each learning about a different aspect of Lent. The stations were as follows: Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday, Lentening, The Journey and The Cross & Sharing. The children had a great session at church and loved learning more about Lent, such as that Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Good Friday, or that the liturgical colour is purple! Thank you so much to Rev Martin and the church volunteers for organising this experience for the children.



World Book Day took place on 2nd March. Children throughout school took part in this through different forms. Y3 created book trailers for Reception to help create a love of reading, Y2 researched Roald Dahl, working collaboratively on chromebooks to research and then create their own information posters. Y1 got creative and took

part in many book related crafts. The whole school also enjoyed a book related lunch of Farmer Baggis Chicken Goujons or Farmer Bean's Vegan Dippers followed by a piece of Hungry Caterpillar cake!



On Monday 13th March we invited children to come to school dressed in sports clothing in support of Comic Relief. The teachers were given surprise fancy dress to wear for the day - I think the favourite outfits were Mr White dressed as a character from Hi De Hi (for those of us old enough to remember that TV show!) and Miss Stanton who wore a beautiful 1980's shell suit! Later in the day the whole school was involved in a Comic Relief assembly. The assembly involved pitting children against teaches in a number of tasks, from playing the recorder to a hula hoop competition to questions on wildlife. Everyone had an amazing time and although the teachers tried their best, they were outsmarted by the amazing children at Tockwith Primary!



It was so good to see and speak to parents/carers during Parents Evening week. It is always so nice to feedback to parents on a one to one basis. If you have any questions or queries then please remember you can message teachers on Seesaw (although they are advised not to check this between 6pm and 8am) or contact the school office at admin@tp.ebor.academy

At the end of March we have a trip to London for our Y6 children – they will be walking to the Houses of Parliament for a tour, stopping at all of the main sights on the way. We'll bring you further information on this in the next edition!

Tockwith Primary breaks up for Easter on the 31st March. We hope you have a great holiday and look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 17th April.