

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



In October, we had some fantastic reading sessions where we invited parents / carers into school to observe and experience a guided reading session. The children engaged with their parents/carers during the session and were able to get a real feel for how children read in class. Everyone was then invited to stay for tea and coffee in the hall where Mrs Perry, Miss Kilvington and the school council were available to talk to parents/carers and answer questions on how we encourage reading in school. Mrs Corbett (Chair of Governors), Lis Wainwright (Link Gov for EYFS, English & the Humanities) and Helen Loney (Link Governor for Pupil Premium, Art & Music) were all in school and available to chat to throughout the whole session



Year 5 were invited to work with the "Racing to School Education Programme" this week. They travelled to Pontefract Racecourse where they looked at how Maths, Science and Literacy is used within the world of Horse Racing. The activities included weight measurements, planning a diet, writing a race card and timetabling. Unfortunately due to the weather, Pontefract's track was flooded so the children were unable to watch an actual horse race, but the children had fun racing each other! Many thanks to Mr Goodacre for organising the trip, and to Mrs Corbett and Mrs Hackforth for accompanying the children on this wet day out!



Last week we were lucky enough to have Amy Garcia from Look North come to Tockwith Primary to try being a Teaching Assistant for the morning as part of the BBC Children in Need

Job Swap. Amy arrived bright and early and after a school assembly, she went straight into class and helped the children with their maths – and was amazed by their knowledge! The children then went on to astound Amy with their awesome story writing. As if she hadn't had enough by then, Amy then went on to serve the children lunch in the dinner hall and finished off with a cuppa in the staff room. The experience was continued when Mrs Williamson and Neville went on camera to read the news – how exciting!! Mrs Williamson did an amazing job reading the news and made us so proud. Neville stole the show when in true Blue Peter style, he jumped off the couch to run to Mr Reeve behind the scenes!



Last week we had a visit from Diversity Role Models. Diversity Role Models is a registered charity with over 11 years' experience supporting over 677 schools to embed empathy in the next generation and create an inclusive education system in which every young person can be themselves and thrive. Their pupil workshops aim to educate young people about diversity, encouraging them to develop empathy and respect, as well as understanding the impact of bullying and stereotypes to ensure pupils model positive behaviours in school. It was great to have Lindsay in school delivering the workshops to all of the classes at Tockwith Primary.



Last night we held our Autumn PTFA disco. The school hall was turned into a dance floor through some epic lighting and cool decor. Playlists were created from songs chosen by the children and snacks were ready to be handed out to hungry children! The party started at 3pm with Reception and KS1 children with KS2 children joining them later on. The children had an absolute blast – making the most of some awesome music and lots of space for dancing. Staff boogied along with the children and after a couple of hours, they were all partied out and ready to go home for a rest!



Tockwith Primary supported Children in Need in November by holding a PJ/comfy clothes dress down day in November. We also held a cake sale and between the two, raised over

£350 – how incredible!! Thank you to the school council for organising the day and to parents / carers for sending your children in with money for the event.



We have many exciting events coming up in December, which we'll report upon in the next edition of the Parish magazine:

1 st Dec	Walk to School
2 nd Dec	Christmas Concert at Harrogate Convention Centre
4 th Dec	PTFA Craft Event (ticket already sold out)
8 th Dec	Teacher Training Day
12 – 19 th Dec	Scholastics Book Fair
13 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm at church
14 th Dec	KS1 Nativity 2pm at church
15 th Dec	PTFA Christmas Fair & Reindeer Dash
18 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Songs 2pm in school
19 th Dec	Whole School Pantomime