

Tockwith

CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY



On the first day back at school after the February half term the whole school was treated to a performance of 'The Secret Garden' by the amazing M&M Theatrical Production company. The performance was exceptional, with amazing scenery, fantastic scenery changes and incredible acting by the performers. The children were mesmerised throughout the whole of the performance!

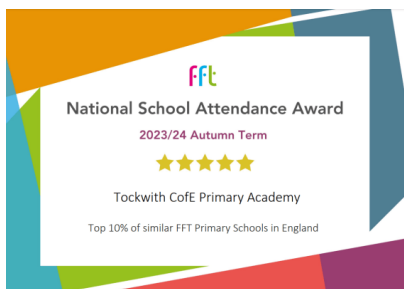


We welcomed 6 Governors in to school for a monitoring afternoon in February, Mrs Corbett, Mrs Hackforth, Mrs Kennett, Mrs Wainwright, Ms Loney and Mrs Stubbs. The Governors were looking at the implementation of our curriculum through observing the classes in lesson time, speaking to the school leaders and children as well as looking through the children's working books. It was lovely to see so many Governors around school and they will feedback their findings at the next Governor meeting.



We are delighted to share that our school has been recognised as one of the schools that has come in the Top 10% of all FFT primary schools in England with regards to our attendance for the Autumn term! The Fischer Family Trust (FFT) collects daily attendance data from over 10,000 schools. This data helps schools to track, monitor and compare their attendance every week and is a visual representation of how a school is performing in relation to others across the country for the most recent academic year.

As you may be aware we have been promoting attendance and punctuality in school and we are thrilled that this has resulted in this award! Thank you to all parents and carers who support us in this.



In March, children in year 3 and 4 were visited by two lifeguards, Beatrix and Harrison, as part of a water safety lesson. Beatrix and Harrison taught the children various water safety tips via a presentation before diving straight in to some practical activities. The children were taught how to throw a rope to rescue someone using a 'throw bag' and also how to use a torpedo buoy. They were taught how to float if they fell into water and also ran through some CPR on a manikin. Many thanks to Beatrix and Harrison for two amazing sessions, the children learnt a lot and had a fab time doing it!



We were delighted to have Ash Dickinson visit school and host a poetry assembly to the whole school. This was followed by individual workshops to each class throughout the day and a final assembly to showcase everything the children have produced throughout the day.

The children and teachers have been inspired by Ash. The teachers have been given insights of different ways to teach poetry and the children have loved the creativity Ash has inspired.



At the start of March, years 5 and 6 visited Flamingo Land Zoo to enrich their learning and understanding of The Rainforest. They took part in workshops run by zoo staff and had a tour of the zoo. In the workshop, the children learnt about cockroaches and the tenrec hedgehog. The children had an amazing time and learnt lots of fascinating facts about animals and their behaviours and habitats. Many thanks to the staff and governors that accompanied the children



13 children from Y6 took part in a football tournament at Wetherby High School last night. Eight teams took part from across Wetherby and Leeds. Tockwith entered 2 teams and both teams played so well that the final was between Tockwith team 1 and Tockwith team 2! Both teams played fantastically and showed great team spirit, but a hat-trick by Finn sealed the deal for Tockwith team 2 to win the trophy. Many

thanks to the two stand in parent coaches, Chris and Simon and to Mrs Spurr to organising and attending the event. Many thanks to the parents too for their support in getting the children dressed and to the event on time!



We have the Easter service and parent lunch coming up - as well as the PTFA Easter Fair so come back next month to see how those events went!

We close for Easter on Friday 22nd March and reopen on Monday 8th April. We wish you a wonderfully relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to welcoming children back into the Summer term.

In April we have the following upcoming events:

- 8th – School reopens
- 12th – Teacher Training Day – School Closed
- 15-18th – Parent Consultation Meetings