

Whaddon CE First School

Summer News 2010



Visit to Stowe Landscape Gardens

Our visit to Stowe on Monday 14th June was a great success and very much enjoyed by everyone. Dolphin Class had a guided tour of the gardens, with National Trust staff, to find out about the features and make comparisons with other gardens. They explored different habitats of mini-beasts and small animals. Starfish Class took part in sensory activities such as looking at trees, making a colour palette and a 'smelly cocktail'. They also had a teddy bear's picnic and went on a bear hunt! We were the first group to see the new statue of Venus which has been installed in the grotto.

New Age Bowls Tournament

On Friday 20th May we all took part in the inter-schools new age bowls tournament run by the Buckingham School Sports Partnership (BSSP). There were six different activities including Speed Throw, Hole In One, and Bulls-eye. Winners from each year group received certificates and Daniel was the overall winner for Whaddon School. The winners were: Y2 Maya – 82 points; Y1 – Jamie – 66 points; Reception – Daniel – 84 points. Scores will be included in the inter-school competition. The whole event was very enjoyable and all the children demonstrated a much improved level of accuracy.

Small Schools Sports Festival

Children in Years 1 and 2 took part in this event on June 24th which was organised by the Buckingham School Sports Partnership at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Miss Caffrey and Mrs Bloomer accompanied the children and they took part in a fantastic range of activities including athletics, 2tennis, skip2bfit and multi-sports. Everyone had a great time and each child received a special t-shirt to wear on the day and a certificate and medal which was presented in our celebration assembly. Aimee was the overall winner of the skipping challenge with a record 197 skips in two minutes.

Enterprise Project Smoothie Challenge

Along with 14 other small schools in the area Year 2 took part in this exciting project at Twyford School to research, create and package their own original smoothie. Following extensive trials and testing the children created a delicious smoothie which they named 'Berry Banana Burst'. It received very favourable comments from the judges and the children were presented with a certificate in assembly.

Grow Your Own Potatoes

This spring we planted two types of potatoes which have now been harvested. We had a crop of 1kg 550g of Rockets and 1kg 600g of Vale Emeralds. The results have been entered in the Potato Council Challenge and the children ate the potatoes in the form of Spanish tortillas during Multicultural week.

Theatre visit to Great Horwood

Everyone had a great time at Great Horwood School for the Image Theatre production of The Little Princess on Thursday 8th July. All the children joined in with songs and actions. Thankyou to everyone for transporting children to Great Horwood on the day and to FOWS for funding the coach for the return journey.

Roald Dahl Festival

All the children had a wonderful time on Wednesday 30th June working with artist Stu McLellan creating fantastic trees and apples for the Roald Dahl Festival. The artwork formed part of the Roald Dahl Parade in Aylesbury on Saturday 3rd July. Fourteen children took part in the parade and Miss Caffrey, Mrs Smedley and Mrs Travis were all there. The parade featured the artwork from many schools on the theme of Fantastic Mr Fox. There was a carnival atmosphere with everyone dressed in costume, lots of puppets, stilt walkers and steel bands



Multicultural Week – July 5th to 9th

This year we focused on the countries of Australia and New Zealand, India, Africa (Ghana and Nigeria) and Mexico. Children took part in a wide range of exciting activities which included music, art, stories, cooking and much more! On Wednesday all the children had great fun taking part in an African drumming workshop led by Andy from the Education Group. Parents came to a performance at the end of the morning. We are very grateful to Megan Johnson, Nana Bempong and Ifeyinwa Okoye for coming into school and sharing their own cultural experiences with the children.

Dolphin Class Assembly

Dolphin Class presented their assembly based on their topic this term of 'Global Gardens'. They presented information through artwork, songs and many different types of writing including stories, poems, reports and investigations.

Starfish Class Assembly

All the children took part in the assembly on our two topics this term – space and beaches and seas. There was lots to show including songs, poems, artwork, stories and even a rockpool dance. The children had used the internet and information books to investigate facts about planets and sharks. Their favourite part was singing 'Hello Mr Sun'.

After School Clubs

This term we ran **Spanish Club** and **Nature Club** which were organised by school staff on Thursdays. We also had **Short Tennis Club** which was run by Wright Coaching after school on Tuesdays

Bastille Day Celebration and French Breakfast

On Wednesday 14th July parents and governors joined us celebrate Bastille Day at 9.05 am. The hall was decked out with bunting and French flags. The children gave a concert of French songs and FOWS served a French breakfast of croissants, cheese, meats and hot chocolate.

Sports Afternoon

Parents, governors and friends joined us for our Sports Afternoon on Monday 19th July. Everyone was invited to bring a picnic lunch and 12.30pm. The sports activities began at 1.30pm. The children were divided into five teams which were chosen by the children and this year the winning team was Germany.

End of Year Celebration Assembly

Parents, governors and friends came to our end of year celebration assembly on Tuesday 20th July at 2.00pm. We celebrated a very good year at school and there were many awards to give out including the Citizenship Award, Bronze and Silver Awards. There was also a presentation to Miss Caffrey who retired at the end of this term.

With best wishes from everyone at Whaddon CE First School.

Mrs Diana Travis Headteacher