



Palm Court Tea Concert

This concert was a great success, giving many of our young musicians a showcase for their undoubted talents; everyone enjoyed the music as well as the refreshments!



Musical Success

Our musicians have had a successful and fulfilling year with many concerts and achievements and one pupil has been invited to become part of the National Children's Orchestra. Well done to all our musicians!



Musical Instrument

This impressive marimba was created as part of the Form 2 (Year 4) science project on sound. Amazing!



Mother's Day Celebration

The younger members of the school gave a great performance of singing, playing music and poetry to help their Mums, Grandmas, Aunties and friends celebrate Mother's Day. They then presented gifts and cards to round off the afternoon. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

WESTVILLE SPORT



Rugby and Netball Tour

The annual Sports Tour had great matches, friends were made and the children enjoyed staying in the boarding house at Bramcote School.

Our footballers, netballers and rounders teams have all enjoyed good seasons and the cricketers competed well in the Drax Cup.



Swimming Success – as well as our very own swimming galas, we were thrilled when our swimming team got through to the National Relay finals in June – no mean feat for them and WHS!



Sports Day

Sports Day was great fun, with our traditional family picnic at lunchtime. We are looking forward to holding it on our own playing field next year which is being developed this Summer and will be ready during the next academic year.



Olympic Athletes Visit

The children loved the presentation given by various Olympic athletes as part of the 'Sport for All' programme. Thanks to everyone who donated so generously to this worthy cause.



Golden Jubilee Newsletter - Summer 2011



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"The quality of pupils' achievements is excellent at all levels"

Inspection Report - January 2011

A Message from the Headmaster

By any standards – even those of WHS – this has been quite a year. We have celebrated the School's Golden Jubilee, received a fantastic Inspection Report and figured in the Sunday Times as well as admiring a wealth of achievements by the children in all their activities and work. I hope that you will enjoy this round-up of everything that has been going on this year.

Inspection

We were delighted to receive our Inspection Report in early January. Many outstanding and excellent features were highlighted including 'Outstanding' in all areas for the Early Years. The full report is available via our Website.

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Our celebrations thoroughly enjoyed continued with a Golden Jubilee Service at St. Margaret's Church, Ilkley, the 1960s from some former pupils. The service led by the School Chaplain, Fr. Philip Gray, was rounded off by refreshments so everyone could catch up. We later welcomed back Kerstin Jarman, Westville's first ever pupil, who came and talked to the children about her time at school.



Royal Wedding

The Royal Wedding was celebrated in style the day before in our very own version with Form 4 (Year 6) children playing all the main parts! The 'Service' was led by Father Philip, who talked the children through the events of the following day. Everyone then enjoyed a Wedding Breakfast and we even had a delicious Wedding Cake!



Carnival

Our Carnival entry this year - Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory - made a wonderful and well received walking display. Thanks to all those who took part and helped towards our entry.



Chinese New Year

Our Reception Class celebrated the Chinese 'Year of the Rabbit' enthusiastically. They enjoyed a

fabulous Chinese New Year lunch of sweet and sour chicken, spring rolls, dim sum and prawn crackers followed by Fortune Cookies.



Pancake Day

Children in the Nursery and Fledglings had great fun cooking and eating Pancakes on Pancake Day.



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The Early Years



Visits

All the classes have been out on exciting trips this year, such as to Skipton Castle, The Railway Museum, the ever-popular Netball & Rugby Tour, Kingswood, Eden Camp, an Egyptian workshop and a Medieval day at Knarborough Castle.



Early Years' visits included a visit to a farm, Booths Supermarket, Nell Bank, Ilkley Tarn and the Bluebell Woods. PP2 (Reception) had a great day visiting Leeds Bradford Airport where they checked out the check in, saw the baggage scanner and even sat in an air ambulance.



Trips



Form 4

Form 4 (Year 6) pupils did extremely well in the senior school entry exams in January, gaining multiple places and several important scholarships at local senior schools. They have also achieved splendid SATS results this summer. Form 4 have also given a great lead to the school's Charity Work with their Big Bazaar.

National Maths Challenge

Two Form 4 (Year 6) pupils got through to the Finals of the National Maths Challenge. To qualify for the Final the boys had to score nearly full marks in the qualifying round. Well done!



Kingswood

Our Form 4 (Year 6) Leavers visited Kingswood residential outdoor pursuits centre. They enjoyed abseiling, zip wires, obstacle courses, archery, team building games and even found time in the evening for a game of Twister!



DRAMA



The older children staged a magnificent show - 'Spirit of the 60s'. The playlet 'Ernie's Incredible Illucinations' was followed by a selection of 60s music and songs which the children loved.

The younger children performed their **Variety Show** to appreciative audiences who enjoyed the songs, dancing, acting, soloists and lots of jokes!



Eco Update

This year the different houses have arranged speakers for Assemblies, supporting the further development of our Eco credentials. The Rotary Club gave a presentation on their 'End Polio Now' campaign. We collected for the Oxfam Bag for Life campaign. To celebrate Red Nose Day the children all dressed unusually in red as they raised money for water projects in Africa, inspired by a talk about the 'Water Aid' Charity.



Chick

We were thrilled when several chicks hatched from our incubator. Also, our Reception Class project saw the hatching of several beautiful butterflies.



RSPB Bird Count

Form One (Year 3) took part in the 10th annual RSPB bird count. The children came prepared with their own chairs, binoculars, books and clip boards and positioned themselves enthusiastically for the count.

