

A Waterstones welcome!

YEAR 3 were welcomed to Waterstones on Grey Street as we celebrated World Book Day. We took our free book tokens and had a great time. "It was interesting," said Stephen.

We picked our own books and read all of their picture books while we were there! They let us read books together and even choose one to keep.

We read them on the bus and in class that day. Across the school, every class took part in fun activities and competitions.

BY NIALL AND NAVRAJ

Literacy leaps

CHILDREN dressing up as story characters? Roald Dahl projects? Poetry competitions? These are just some of the things we've been up to. Authors visited our school and worked with Early Years and Years 1 and 2. Dominic was delighted at their visit and said: "It's real authors!"

Year 6 have been to the Metro Centre where they met a children's author. Our library club was very popular, doing lots of fun things every week. We love Big Writing, where we write with music and a candle, and we are part of 'Reading Connects', promoting and encouraging reading - so we are literally leaping with literacy!

BY SHELBY AND CHARLOTTE

Rocking rhythms

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NEW SKILLS: Our pupils learning Bass, Tone and Slap!

YEAR 3 and some of Year 4 performed African rhythms on djembe drums and chants in front of parents and the school. "It was hard to learn at first, we were nervous because there were lots of people watching us," said Charlotte. We learnt how to play the djembe drums for six weeks every Wednesday. We rehearsed and got the hang of



using slap, tone and bass to play the drums, then made up chants. Several children led their own rhythms and we learnt about call and response.

Mrs Okukpolor lent us traditional African clothes to perform in. We did this project to help us perform as a group. We stayed in time and listened to each other, while we learnt about playing an instrument. In class, we found out about Africa and the whole school got involved in work to display. It was fantastic!

BY TAYLOR, MOLLY, GEORGIA AND KAYLEIGH

Fitness fanatics

THE whole school has discovered the fun of fitness this year with activities from trampolining to Tae-Kwon-Do. Year 5 had trampolining sessions for 3 weeks and Key Stage 2 took part in a gymnastics display at Newburn Leisure centre. Niall said: "I've been learning football skills all year and scoring goals." Key Stage 2 certainly stretched their muscles with Tae-Kwon-Do sessions and many children haven't stopped dancing since they performed at the Tyne Theatre!

BY ROBERT AND PETER

School for soldiers



SMILING SOLDIERS: Ready for battle!

YEAR 3 were recruited for the Roman army by Maximus, a visiting Centurion. We learnt how to fight and march, chant in Latin and get in formations like the tortoise shell. We dressed in armour with weapons and Maximus wore armour with a feathery hat! The best bit of the morning was when we were allowed to attack each other. After marching around the playground we made our formations, as a group tried to hit us with balls. We had to try and move together under the shields, which was funny because we were laughing and some people fell out! Shelby said: "It was good because we were soldiers and we found out lots more about how the Romans lived. It was the best day in Year 3! Maybe we can leave in 25 year."

BY NAVRAJ, BETHANY AND STEPHEN

Squad support

A MAN called Mark came into our school and talked to us about making our own 'playground squad.' After an assembly we could apply to be in the squad. Mark interviewed everybody and trained us to help people. We were given caps to wear and files of work! Our job is to keep our playground free from bullying and a kind, fun place to be. Niall said: "It's a good idea and people can see who's on duty because of their caps."

BY JEMAHL, GEORGIA, BETHANY AND ELLE

Potty about Potter

ON 8th April, a group of children (Years 2 to 5) performed in a dance festival at The Journal Tyne Theatre in front of over 200 people. There were boys and girls dancing and we danced to the music of Harry Potter, 'Strangers of the Forest,' on the stage.

"It was a great experience and the first time I have been in a theatre," said Samantha. The school will be dancing its way to a repeat festival next year.

BY CHEY

Walkers write

WE are a healthy school and from the 19th - 23rd May we held a 'Walk to School Week.' We all tried our best to walk to school and were given bookmarks at the end of the week, but the best bit was the writing.

We have entered a competition for 'Journey to school stories.' In October, the best entries across Newcastle will be published. Everybody has been busy creating stories about their journeys to school, some scary, and some funny. Many of us have even been writing them at home and our parents have been invited to tell their tales of journeys to school as well.

BY YEAR 3

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Boating bonanza

YEAR 4 had a great day at Newburn. We went bell-boating and got wet! As soon as we arrived we put our life jackets on and were given numbers. The instructors gave us a paddle each; if we all paddled together we went faster. A bell-boat is like two long boats attached with twelve seats and it took a lot of energy! You can walk along the side. Adam, one team leader, told us how to spin our boats. We had races, lunch and games. Steven said: "You had to row as fast and as hard as you could. We had a race against the other team and they won, even though we had a plan because Ritchie helped us. We had a great time bell-boating and we looked at wildlife and a shipwreck!"

BY LAURA, GEORGIA AND BRANDON

Super sandwiches

WARBURTONS came to our school and made healthy sandwiches with Year 3. We were learning about sandwiches in DT and had designed our own using different fillings and types of bread. Shelby said: "It was really fun."

Carolyn talked to us about how bread was made and the history of Warburtons, we tasted lots of bread, and we were given bread to take home after we had eaten our sandwiches!

BY ALICJA, BRITTANY AND FAYE

Making melodies

YEAR 3 have been learning how to play the ocarina.

"It's a small instrument with holes. You blow into the mouth bit and press the holes and it makes different sounds," said Brittany.

"All of us have one and we practise together in class," said Taylor.

Year 3 have great fun playing different notes and songs and are preparing to perform in front of the school. Everybody in Years 4 and 5 can also play the ocarina as well. We are learning it because it is quite easy to play and it is the first instrument we have learnt, so now we can go on to learn others.

BY ELLE AND TAYLOR