



Queenswood School Newsletter

Welcome to our newsletter: we hope you enjoy reading about some of the activities we have enjoyed this half term. We welcome to the team our keen reporters from Upper Juniors: Ellie, Sophie and Leo!

FIREMEN COME TO SCHOOL..

To speak to years 1 and 2
Reporter: Sophie



On 15th January members of the fire department came in and speak to Reception and Year 1 & 2. All of infants were happy and excited at them coming in. We interviewed Ruby and James. Ruby said "I thought it was good and my favourite part was when they got the black, big hose out. James said "I thought it was good and my favourite part was when I went in the front of the fire-engine." (The children actually went on to Queen Street to see the fire engine)

POLICE COME TO SCHOOL..

Also, as part of the topic "People Who Help Us" in PSHE, the children in Juniors welcomed two officers from Morley Community Support Police. On Monday 26th January the community police officers came for a visit to talk to the juniors about their job as community support officers. Lucy and Rachel (the officers), told us that they patrol



Morley from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM on morning shifts and from 12:30 PM to 6:00 on evening shifts. They wear heavy body armour and even heavier hi-viz vests. Holly said, "it was fun and we learned a lot from them". She also thought that the police were kind and confident. Benjamin said "they inspired me to want to become a police man".

THE LIBRARY COMES TO SCHOOL...



Mrs. Foster, librarian, gave us an assembly on how the library can be fun and helpful. There is a certain method to find out which book is where using dewy numbers each book has its own number from 000-999 eg.810 is American literature in English. You can sign up for a breeze card which is a free discount card for

the area of Leeds and a library card. Also, they can help you with your homework if you have a library card and ask for a 'count me in' leaflet where you can get a fun help kit which you can use for up to three weeks. Also if you have a tablet, smartphone or laptop you can go on www.overdrive.com where you can download a free E-book app or go on www.yourlibraryapp.co.uk/leeds. Why not go to Saturplay a free for all club on a Saturday from 10:00-11:30 for Lego, games and a whole lotta books. The library isn't just a "shush be quiet" anymore, so why don't you go on down and have some fun.

WE'RE OFF ON A JOURNEY



In case you didn't know, we have an ongoing project with our partner school in Tanzania about journeys. Infants and the Reception class

produced some very good work to send to our partner schools in Tanzania. We have displayed many pictures of our work around school. Hopefully good things will come as our journey project continues! (Leo)



JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH

On 7th January Queenwood School went to go see 'James and the Giant Peach' at the West Yorkshire Play-house. The play was brilliant

and everybody loved it. Harry (y6) said "my favourite part of the performance was when the giant peach got rolled round the audience". This part was most people's favourite including Holly, Felicity and Leo. (Reporter: Ellie)

JUNIORS GO TO OZ

On the 5th January 2015 Mrs Tanner announced to all of juniors that they are to perform "The Wizard of Oz" as this year's production. Bethany jumped for joy and wanted to know which character she was...there was great excitement! So far we have got up to the interval and it's looking really good so far...watch this space!

The play is in May and all juniors are excited. Bethany said "I think it is brilliant and it looks good so far. My best part so far is when I melt." Holly said "I thought it was good and my favourite part so far is when I see Dorothy and Toto coming back." We hope you will enjoy the show next term (Reporter: Sophie)

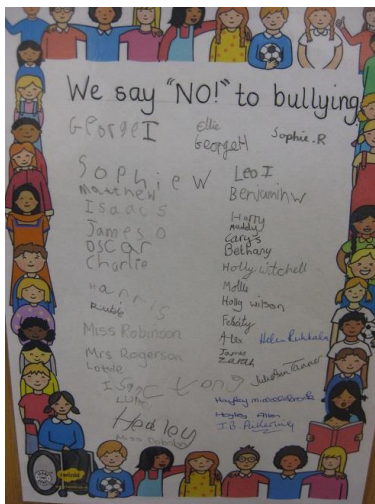


VALENTINE CAKE STALL



On the 9th February we had a valentine cake stall to raise money for the school. We have raised about £120 for school. We want to thank all of you for baking, sending raffle prizes and coming

to support our cake stall. We interviewed Zarah who said "I liked the cakes because they were delicious and I can't believe we raised £120" - Hopefully we can raise more money in the future - what a wonderful way to raise money! (by Ellie)



WE SAY "NO!" TO BULLYING

Every member of the school community pledged their support to saying an absolute "NO!" to bullying. We signed the charter and it is displayed in school.

SURPRISE VISIT BY FORMER PUPIL



On the 12 February Mr Peel came in to school (he used to come to the old school). He came in to school with a Queenswood tie on. Mrs Tanner got out a few old photos from around 1956. Mr Peel remembered a lot from the old school like quite a few teachers names. He knew Mr Favell who used to be our head teacher. Mr Favell was the music teacher. (Ellie & Sophie)

End of half-term Update:

We were delighted to deliver Valentine cards to our friends at Knowle Manor Care Home: the residents were moved by the effort and love that the children had put into these.

We CAN make a difference!

Our Juniors have had quite a campaign against the anti-social behaviour in the area surrounding school. They took up the matter with Councillor Judith Elliott of Morley Town Council and Leeds City Council and with our MP Ed Balls. Mrs Tanner attended a meeting at the town hall with representatives from the council and police present. The area has been cleared, the police are patrolling more effectively and an environmental enforcement order has been put on the shops who back onto the car park regarding their waste. The children have been supported and commended by members of the public and they have received emails/letters of support from Councillor Elliott and Ed Balls and the Methodist Church. Well done to them for leading the way: watch this space!

And Finally:

SNOW:



It is highly unlikely that the school will ever not open in the event of snow, but we would aim to issue an email by 8.15am in the unlikely event of a closure. I would urge you to be sensible in bad conditions; please do not attempt to bring your child if it would place you in danger. In such circumstances I am willing to authorise absences on the grounds of personal safety.

But we look forward to Spring!!!!