

Ravensworth CE Primary School Newsletter



Friday 23rd January 2015

Dear all,

Well, no-one who was around on Monday morning could have failed to notice our special visitors who kick started our week. For that matter, thanks to the fact that the children were given access to the switch for the siren, no one in the surrounding area could have missed our guests...(apologies!)

We played host to a number of privates and officers from 400 Troop, based at Catterick Garrison, who came down with 5 of their military vehicles to show the children. The younger pupils in Class 1 had a great time learning about all the trucks – exploring lowering the Drops' ramp and counting how many men could be carried in the transporter. They've done some great writing and painting of the vehicles this week, and it's really inspired a lot of our boys (and girls!) with their learning.

Class 2 and 3 are firmly embedded in Mantle world of Ravensworth Logistics Corps, so the visit of Captain Shazell and the Military Vehicles has given them a real sense of the challenge that awaits them as they begin their mission.

There's a small selection of our photos from the morning below; however, if you really want to see what we got up to, **log on to our website** and head for the '**Videos**' tab – where you'll find a great record of all the children's adventures with the troops!



I'm often treated to pupils appearing at my office door with a smile and some great work to share with me (one of the best parts of my job!), and I realised it's a while since I've shared any of this in a newsletter, so thought I'd remedy this. Class 2 have been writing creepy stories and working on using their adverbs and connectives - here's just a few excerpts:

"Slowly, Freddy walked through the cold-blooded wood. Nervously, he heard footsteps in the squishy mud..." – Robert Dawson

"John and his friend walked quickly along a path. It was a very long path and it took them to a pitch dark wood with a grave yard." – Conrad Andrew

"The old man lived there because he wanted to be lonely. Although he had a mysterious job, he never told anyone." – Daniel Vaughan

"He had an assistant wolf called Pitch Black. Proudly, he protected the man and killed rabbits for their dinner" – Cecelia Watson

"When he was walking slowly, he saw a shadow in the distance [...] when the shadow came out of the dark, it was a skeleton!" – Thomas Smith

Meanwhile, in Class 1, Grace Nicolson has been named 'Writer of the Week', for a brilliant piece of work on the Magic Bed. I haven't got space to share it all, but suffice it to say she's had adventures through furniture shops and off into space! Here's a little of Graces' work:

The bed suddenly rose up into the air and then a compass appeared; next, it started to move and I saw a lost tiger. Then I said "Land!" When I landed, I said "What's the matter?" "I am lost." "It's ok, I'll give you a lift and find your Mum and Dad." (How very kind and helpful!)

Tuck Shop – a quick reminder, please can we limit children to only bringing 50p for tuck; some children are bringing more and losing it etc. which causes a few issues. No item is more than 50p, so this should be more than sufficient. Tuck Shop Vouchers are also being awarded for children who've worked especially hard, just in case you wonder why your child might be coming home with their tuck money!

Messy Church – apologies for the lack of Messy Church in 'Diary Dates' last week. The next Messy Church is Tuesday 3rd Feb and should be another great session. Hope to see you there!

Bus Reminder – a quick reminder to please just settle children on the bus and then disembark so that other pupils can get on etc. Many thanks.

Payment Envelopes – a plea from Mrs. Richmond – please could all money be in a *named envelope* rather than loose, it makes tracking down who has paid that much trickier!

Half Term Football Coaching – just a reminder from Mike Layfield that the deadline for return of the forms for half term football training (Y1 children upwards) is 12th February. Many thanks.

Dates for the Diary:

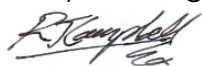
Tuesday Feb 3rd – 3-5pm, Messy Church

Friday 6th Feb – 7:30pm, Quiz and Chilli Night, Dalton Village Hall (please note, wrong time given in last week's letter, apologies)

And Finally...

Emily Wallis came in bubbling with excitement today, to share the new 'addition' to her family in the form of Awan – a 2 ½ year old orang-utan that she's adopted! I was then greeted by a cacophony of other claims from the children – it seems, among our little school, we have a whole menagerie of adopted animals: polar bears, penguins, tigers, horses and monkeys... RSPCA = Ravensworth School's Protection Centre for Animals!

Every blessing,



Rob Campbell

