



Hanging Heaton CE (VC) J&I School

Newsletter - March, 2015

Established Strength "The happy, friendly, enthusiastic, and confident nature of the children;" SIAS 2011

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the special events we have been taking part in over the past term.

Imagination Gaming day

On Tuesday 6th January a strange thing happened at Hanging Heaton C of E (VC) J & I School. We were invaded by creatures from out of this world! We were joined by Chris from Imagination Gaming, a company which specialises in using games as a stimulus for learning.



We had a great day developing our communication and observational skills and applying them to planning the creation of exciting products. We played lots of games as well as further refining our literacy skills. Some of us did look spectacularly unique though!



Hi-5 Netball Competition

On the 12th March, several children from years 5 and 6 took part in an interschool netball competition at Manor Croft Academy. They competed against teams from Bywell and Chickenley and represented the school brilliantly. Many of our children were new to the game but stepped up to the mark and had an especially nail-biting match against

Chickenley. Despite coming in second place, the children should be very proud of their achievements and the team spirit that they displayed—a real credit to Hanging Heaton! Well done George, Logan, Thomas, Devon, Max, Grace, Francesca, Amelia and Georgia!

Dogs Trust Visit

This term, our school had a very special visitor called Wilma! Wilma is a Pug puppy from the charity Dogs Trust and she is extremely cute and playful! Wilma and her owner taught us all about how to stay safe around dogs and what we should do when we meet a dog that we don't know. Did you know that you should always let a dog smell your hand before you stroke them? This helps dogs to feel safe before you touch them. You should also always ask an owner if their dog is friendly before you try to stroke them. As well as learning about how to stay safe around new dogs, we also learned about how to look after pet dogs. We found out how important it is to exercise your dog and to feed them the right food. We even found out that dogs are allergic to chocolate, grapes and onions! We had a great day! Wilma is more than welcome to come to Hanging Heaton any time she likes!



World Book Day

As part of our celebrations for Book Week, we had a visit from a real life author. His name was Saviour Pirotta. He was born in Malta but now lives in England. He told us stories about his family, and in particular his grandmother.

His family name reflects the work his ancestors did and since Pirotta means 'pirate' in Maltese, you can imagine what adventures he told us about!

He explained how he creates his stories and books and the process of getting his ideas published.

His visit certainly gave us food for thought and fired our imaginations!

Red Nose Day 2015

A good time was had by all on Friday, 13th March! The children really did "make their faces funny for money" and provided us with some weird, wacky and wonderful sights!

Best of all, we raised a magnificent £137 for people less fortunate than ourselves.



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Titan and Arriva Visit

On Tuesday 24th March we had some very special visitors in school to tell us about the new public buses that are going to travel past our school everyday. They brought a special guest called Titan, a talking robot who kept us all entertained. Afterwards, we all had the opportunity to sit on the sparkling new bus. Some children even noticed there were plug sockets on the top deck!



Fox's Biscuits

On Tuesday, 20th January, classes 3, 4 and 5 had a wonderful opportunity to visit Fox's biscuit factory. The children had previously designed and made their own so seeing the biscuits made in large quantities was very interesting. Before walking around the factory, the children were asked to wear foot protection, hair nets and white coats. Walking around, there were mouth-watering smells and busy machines sorting the biscuits.

Back at school, the children were still talking about their brilliant tour. As an extra highlight, each child was given a packet of biscuits!

