



Waverley School and Nursery *'Communication'*

Week ending 10th February 2012

We've had an enjoyable end to the half term with some fun activities all round. I was delighted to take part in the visit to the Natural History Museum on Wednesday with some of our pupils, there always seems to be something new to see every time I go. I have to warn parents that we still had lots of things to see and do, so there may be a few requests for a return trip in the Half Term!

The school reverberated with the sounds of drumming on Thursday as the whole school took part, even our littlest members from Woolnough Lodge. As well as taking part in the drumming and watching the expert in action, the children also had an opportunity to see the native drumming on DVD and glimpse a little of the culture of Africa. I take no responsibility for encouraging the sort of noise levels that resulted from all of this excitement, and instead my thanks go to Mrs Murphy for organising it and the WFA for funding it.

I wish you all well as you and your families prepare for the break, we certainly all need it and, should the promised snow materialise, happy snowman building!

(Tammy Howard)

Reminders for Week Beginning 20th February

Monday 6th

- Swimming Lesson #6

Friday 27th

- Year 5 Assembly 9am



Year 6 Assembly 'The Diamond Years'

Waverley Early Years

Nursery

We all played in the snow.

Bouncing Bears went to play the djembe and listen to the African drumming.

We had sensory play in the sand.

Pre-Prep 1

Cheeky Chimps went for a walk in the snow and collected ice from the garden.

We were able to watch and talk about ice melting, helping to understand the world we live in.

In the African drumming workshop we joined in playing animal patterns on djembes. It was fun!

Pre-Prep 2

What a great week to be learning about feet and footprints!

We have learnt the names for different parts of our feet and we made full use of the snowy weather to get out and about and make footprints in the snow.

We also looked at different types of shoes such as slippers, wellies, sandals and skating boots, and discussed what each shoe is used for.

Numbered footprints were hidden around the classroom and the children had great fun trying to find and name them. Afterwards they put the numbers into the correct sequence.

Some children made "aquariums" in a shoe box using a variety of materials, while others had their feet painted to make footprints. Miss Lashley ensured that she had a bowl of warm, soapy water to deal with the brightly coloured feet before they found their way around the classroom.

On Thursday the children were treated to a special display of African drums by a visitor to the school. Each child had his/her own drum to play and the enthusiasm and concentration that they displayed while making the drums sound like elephants, mice, snakes or meerkats, showed that they really enjoyed the experience.

Reading vs. Crystal Palace - Saturday 21st April

This is proving to be a very popular event, don't forget to return your completed forms to the school office by Friday 9th March together with a cheque made payable to WFA.

Waverley pupils, family and friends can attend the Reading vs. Crystal Palace game at the Madjeski Stadium on Saturday 21st April.

Note: Existing season ticket holders can request for their seats to be moved for this match so they can sit with their Waverley friends and family. You must still complete and return the forms ensuring that your season ticket number is on your completed form.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers 2012



Do you shop in Sainsburys?

We would be very grateful if you would collect the Active Kids Vouchers for us. The collection box is on the table in the school Reception area.

T.E.D.S. 2012 Dance Show

Tina Edwards of Tina Edwards Dance School who runs our Ballet classes for Pre-Prep and Reception has a production at the Camberley Theatre at the end of February starring the students from her dance school.

Tickets for "The Seasons" can be purchased directly from Camberley Theatre box office on 01276 707600 priced at £10 adults and £6 for children and concessions.

Spotlight on.....African Drum Workshop

On Thursday Rodgell Shadracke from Inspire Works led African Drum workshops from the Nursery through to Year 6. The children had a fantastic time, and Mr Shadracke made a special point of telling Mrs Murphy how attentive and well behaved they had been. He commented that he works in a lot of schools and he could not say the same of all of them and that he had had a particularly enjoyable day at Waverley. He found the school warm and welcoming, with responsive children.

The children would like to thank the WFA for providing this amazing experience which they were all able to appreciate fully.

Pre-Prep and Reception

'It was really loud we played with shakers and rattles too!' (Pre-Prep Age 4)

'I was banging it with my hand, it made a loud noise!' (Pre-Prep Age 3)

'I loved being the Meerkat stopping and looking around' (Reception)



Years 1& 2

'Very very good, super-duper!' (Year 1)

'Most fun thing ever!' (Year 1)

'Asked us lots of questions, a good teacher' (Year 2)

'I thought Mrs Witcher was really good at drumming!' (Year 2)

Years 3 & 4

'It was really nice we learnt rhythms and patterns then we watched a video' (Year 3)

'I loved the way he gave us rules, and didn't shout at us even when some children played their drum when he was talking' (Year 4)



Years 5 and 6

'Really cool making the drums sound dynamic' (Year 6)

'Informative presentation' (Year 5)

'Good direction' (Year 5)

'Made it easy to follow the rhythms, Fish and Chips will not be the same again after tapping the rhythm all together on the drums' (Year 6)