

Ali BaBa and the Bongo Bandits



The Middle School children performed brilliantly as they all took a thrilling carpet ride with Ali Baba (Alexander) and his mum Flossy (Amelie) on an amazing Arabian adventure during their performance of 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'.

The ancient city of Old Baghdad is in chaos. Whilst the bustling bazaar is overrun with ruthless robbers, up in the palace, Sultan Pepper's precious

Princess Satsuma (Verity) and the Royal Ruby have both vanished! To make matters worse, it seems the poor Sultan (Thomas) cannot trust his own Vizier, Mustapha Widdle (Austin). So when Ali Baba discovers the secret hideout of Balthazar Bongo (Richard) and his bumbling bandits, it's down to him to save the day!

With the sands of time rapidly running out, will Ali escape the clutches of the

evil Vizier? Will he find and free the imprisoned princess? And what's in store when Ali and Bongo finally meet... fez to fez? These mysteries and many more are revealed as we follow Ali across the dusty desert dunes to face forty filthy thieves, rescue a runaway princess, fly on a magic carpet and release a genie from a bottle of ketchup!

A Triumph!

Ali BaBa and the Bongo Bandits

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Dance Display-A Tribute to Legends

The dance display was a great success this year. The ballet school performed to the music from the Opera "Carmen" by Bizet. The rest of the show was a tribute to David Bowie and Prince. The children enjoyed dancing to many different songs they had never heard before and learning a more contemporary jazz style in their choreography. There were two shows this year and it was watched by hundreds of parents and relatives. Well done children for another successful year!!
Mrs Henderson



Lower School

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Once again we welcomed our nursery children to Westbrook Hay in September with our annual Teddy Bears' Picnic. The children brought their friends, family and Teddy bears to the afternoon. They enjoyed Mr Marvel's

magic show, the bear hunt in the grounds, Chef's delicious picnic tea and Mr Marvel's lively disco. I'm sure that everyone slept well that night.



Tesco Visit

In October, both Year 1 classes enjoyed outings to the supermarket in Tring. The children were able to watch fish being filleted, try different fruits and vegetables and types of bread. They were allowed to see the storage areas, including the deep freezer, but, best of all, the children all had a go at scanning items at the till. They learnt a lot about what happens behind the scenes at a supermarket as well as having a really enjoyable time.



Lower School

Space Wow Day

On Wednesday 2nd November Reception flew to space for their Space Wow day. The children dressed up as astronauts, aliens, planets and rockets and had a great time talking about their favourite planet. In the afternoon the children made their own pizza planet and named it after their favourite planet in the solar system.

We watched videos of Tim Peake and Chris Hadfield in space and imagined what it would be like to live on the International Space Station!



Lower School



Reception Gruffalo Workshop

On Friday 23rd September Reception went to Wendover Woods to search for the Gruffalo. The children took their own picnic to make sure they had enough energy for the adventure. When the children arrived

in the woods they searched for underground houses, tree top houses and of course the Gruffalo. After lunch the children made their own dens in the woods and kept a close watch just in case the Gruffalo decided

to pay them a visit in their den. Everyone had lots of fun and we were very excited to find the Gruffalo!

Lower School

Nativity

On Wednesday 14th December Lower School performed their Christmas tableau. They rehearsed long and hard to learn, then perform, a selection of songs to tell the Christmas story. Year 1 dressed as the tradition-

al nativity characters, with Nursery supporting as stars and Reception coming along for the party. The children did really well and were very proud of themselves.



Middle School

Toy Box Visit for Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed a Toybox visit from St. Albans Museum. They played with Victorian toys and thought about how materials and technology have changed over time. Some had the opportunity to dress up as Victorian children and all explored the differences between life for children of the past and those of today. The children discovered that many toys have stood the test of time and are still available today.



Hindu Temple



Year 4 enjoyed their annual visit to Bhaktivedanta Manor, the Hare Krishna Temple in Watford, which was donated by George Harrison. The weather was kind, so the children could spend time visiting the dairy, which included a cart-ride pulled by oxen, hunting for song quotes in the George Harrison garden, as well as a tour of the magnificent grounds. The visit also involved dressing up, role play activities and face-painting. The children learned about the various forms of Hindu worship, their beliefs and practices, and daily life at the Manor. After joining in a short service of worship in front of Krishna's magnificent shrine, the children enjoyed lunch; a tasty paneer curry, rice and chips!

Upper School

Healthy Breakfast

Year 7 scientifically tested the WBH school breakfast for protein, starch, fat and hidden sugars and were pleased to learn the school breakfast is a healthy balanced meal and that

with the introduction of fruit and granola now offers even more choice.

The boys found no hidden sugar in the new natural yoghurt last year there was a lot in the fruit yoghurt!. The only unexpected item to contain sugar this year were the hash browns but as Elliot pointed out, we only have them on Fridays.

"Study after study shows that children who eat a large but, healthy breakfast

will go on to out perform their classmates who have skipped breakfast or just eaten a biscuit", Says Dr. William Cochran. Year 7 understand what the importance of eating a good breakfast is to their studies.

Thank you Chef Julie for our excellent meals !



Upper School

Bayeux Tapestry

Mr Young, Mr Lloyd and Mr Woodward took Year 6 to Berkhamsted School to see the 'Alderney Bayeux Tapestry', which for two weeks only, was displayed in their Old School Hall. This served as an ideal run-up to Year 6 medieval studies which will be starting soon. The Alderney Tapestry features what are conceived to be the final four sections of the original tapestry, missing when it was discovered in Bayeux Cathedral and never since found. The first of these shows William of Nor-

mandy feasting after the Battle of Hastings is won; the second shows the nobles of London flocking to Berkhamsted to greet William and swear allegiance to him as he made his way to London to be crowned; the third shows his coronation in London and the fourth his construction of the White Tower. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and were guided around a wonderful display of the tapestry, which included a history of Berkhamsted.



Upper School

Wonderful Wales

For the second consecutive Year 7M were blessed with outstanding weather for their trip to Wales. Based in Barmouth the children climbed Cadir Idris, completed river studies, visited a Victorian slate mine and found out what life in Harlech Castle was like nearly a 1000 years ago. However, the greatest memories will be of the tremendous camaraderie amongst the group while they played manhunt on the beach!

We returned after the five-day trip tired but with many fantastic memories.



Upper School

Maths Challenge

We had a fabulous day at the Year 6 Mathematics Challenge held at Aldwickbury School. There were 30 Prep Schools, including Westbrook Hay, competing against each other. This highly competitive event required the children to demonstrate their mental arithmetic skills and mathematical competence. The children performed extremely well under the pressure and really enjoyed the day – which was further enhanced by the kitkats and biscuits they received at the end! **Satvik and**



Harry finished 6th out of 30, and Fenella and James finished 24th out of 30. Another great

achievement for the pupils at Westbrook Hay Prep School!!

Girls' Survival Camp

The weather was kind and the girls had a fantastic time on this years wonderful school outing to the woods. There was a little trepidation as we left Westbrook Hay, but this soon disappeared as the girls got into the swing of camp survival. There was a whole of host of activities including, knife skills, shelter building and my personal favourite, fire building. The food was particularly scrummy this year, with the highlight being the pannassed salmon; Madame



Souilé is an expert and completed the task in record time!

All in all a great trip and one we will look forward to taking again next year.

Upper School

Chiltern Museum

Year 5 visited The Chiltern Open Air Museum as part of their study on the Victorians. The children enjoyed having a first-hand experience of what it was like for people in the Victorian era.

During the trip, the pupils had the opportunity to see things like a privy (an outside toilet), a cherry tree ladder, used for picking cherries, and a shepherd's hut. The children had a great time visiting and exploring different areas. The pupils were given a simple worksheet to complete with questions about the different buildings and their uses.

The pupils were fascinated with the farm; exploring the rudimentary tools used by the farmers, compared to the advanced machinery used today, and several different buildings, among them the Rossway Granary which was used for storing grain. The Granary, was seated on mushroom shaped stones to keep the grain dry. They also visited the Cattle Byre, where the cows were milked, and butter was churned and shaped.

It was great to see the children observing what it was like to live in a Victorian home. They enjoyed exploring the High Wycombe Toll House which was built in 1826. They were amazed at how two adults and three children could reside in such a small house with a privy situated outside.

The Shepherd's Hut was used during lambing season by shepherds who would live in the hut. Inside was a mattress, stove, tools and a lantern.

The children enjoyed learning more about the Victorian era in such an interactive and dynamic way!

Film Festival

Year 6 enjoyed a break from revision and seized the opportunity for free tickets to see *Pete's Dragon* as part of the 2016 Into Film Festival. This live-action remake of the 1977 children's classic, that some parents may remember shedding a tear over, is an emotional and adventurous tale of loss, independence and the bonds of friendship.

Pete and his parents are driving along one day – reading a story called *Elliot Gets Lost* – when suddenly the car crashes. Pete spends the next six years of his life in a North American forest – relying on his mother's lingering words reminding him to be brave – with a newfound companion: a big, green dragon that he names Elliot. Fiercely protective of each other, the two must evade capture from a mercenary hunter or risk being separated forever.

Year 6 were captivated, despite the distraction of various confectionary items, and the follow-up in PSHEE & Citizenship lessons have been just as thought provoking.



Upper School



Boarding

Boys and girls from Year 5 experienced their first taste of boarding fun at WBH. The girls dipped strawberries in chocolate, baked cookies and cupcakes and customised their own pizzas while the boys practised stealth at Laser Quest. Year 8 and Year 6 boys opted for a visit to Rogue Racing at their new track in Aylesbury which presented a new challenge to their already impressive driving skills. Year 7 boys had

chosen climbing and high ropes at the XC, but we were unable to book the latter so a visit to Nando's was a consolation. A special thank you to

our GAPs – Georgia, Callum M and Callum K for all their help.



Upper School - WBH meet Tim Peake!

Special Quality Award

The children of Westbrook Hay Prep School have been incredibly honoured. They were selected from the many thousands who applied to the Portsmouth Principia Schools Conference and they were invited not just to attend, but to present their outstanding work to Major Tim Peake himself, and other leading space experts. The school is strongly committed to STEM

activities and has recently been awarded the Space Education Quality Mark by the National STEM Learning Centre and Network.

"Science exploration plays a major role in our curriculum at Westbrook Hay," said Teresa Harris, Head of Science, "and our children were well prepared to embrace this wonderful astrological challenge".

Tim Peake became the first Briton to visit the International Space Station in December 2015. Westbrook Hay children have been following his mission by completing The Principia Mission Space Diary, which achieved its aim of engaging children in STEM learning. Mrs Har-

ris continued, "Over the last six months, the children have followed Tim's mission with a special lesson each month, and by completing their space diaries, which are filled with challenges and activities, Our young space apprentices have been empowered".



Music

Choir

Well done to all the children in the Chamber Choir who gave up their Sunday to sing with 1500 other young voices performing Handel's Messiah with the English Symphony Orchestra at the amazing Royal Albert Hall. Thank you to Mrs Milnes, Mrs Strowger & Mrs Ripley for helping to take the children there for the day.

A Head chorister's review of the Royal Albert Hall

Best uniform, shoes polished and

packed lunches in hand we board the coach bound for the Royal Albert Hall. This is my third and final trip with WBH to sing the Messiah with the Scratch Youth Choirs. This year our school was positioned low, beside the Orchestra where we could really appreciate the musicianship and the soloists, not to mention the beautiful gowns and tails!

A full morning of rehearsals with Ben Parry, a very animated and passionate conductor! By lunchtime we were ready for a break, but really excited at how the sound was coming together.

Mr Wagstaff and the chaperones led

us out of the venue and across the road to Hyde Park, to enjoy our picnic under the gleaming golden statue of Prince Albert. Our immaculate red blazers attracted a lot of attention from the foreign tourists!

As we took our places for the performance, there was palpable excitement in the air, the auditorium was filling up fast and there was much searching for friends and family. Silence fell as the conductors arms raised and the impressive organ (whose giant pipes towered above and around us) came to life. We were swept along by the beautiful music and words. The power of it all made the hairs on the back of my neck stand

up.

Singing the Hallelujah Chorus as a soprano is something I will always remember. To be a part of this magnificent musical piece is a memorable part of my Westbrook experience. I hope that one day I may go back to the Royal Albert Hall and see Westbrook Hay singing once again.

By Imogen



Music

On Thursday 8th December the Chamber Choir and the WBH school orchestra travelled to our neighbours St John's Church, Bourne End to share Christmas celebrations with the congregation there. The orchestra started off the carol service with an introductory verse of 'Once in Royal', with the first verse being sung solo by Isobel. Nineteen soloists sang their solos wonderfully. The children's favourite song was probably 'Come & Join the Celebration' and all in all it was an uplifting time.

On Friday 9th December ten singers from Year 5 and 6 went to lead Christmas carols at Springwood Gardens for the Elderly in Northchurch, although I think most of the volume came from our ten children. The elderly were delighted with the children's solos and descants.

On Wednesday 14th December 25 children from Years 4, 5 and 6 of the choir visited Culwood House Care Home in Chesham. Mr Wagstaff accompanied the children singing carols on the home's beautiful baby grand piano. Residents and visitors all had a great time celebrating Christ's birth and afterwards the children were treated with an excellent array of snack foods.

On Friday 16th December at 6pm inside St John the Evangelist's church in Boxmoor, 46 singers were rehearsing for that evening's West-

brook Hay carol service. Following Rev'd Macey's prayer Ben from Year 5 sang the first verse of 'Once in Royal' unaccompanied. In the next song 'Away in a Manger' we had some very lovely solos from Matthew, Bavan, Henry, Naiya, Zoe, Harriet, Lucy and Sophie in Years 1, 2 and 3 who were surrounded by the Year 4 choir singers holding candles.

Later our Head Chorister Imogen sang 'Silent Night' superbly. All in all twenty-one children from different year groups bravely sang their solos and the Chamber Choir masterfully sang the descant to four of the congregational carols. Perhaps the height of the evening's celebration was the Chamber Choir, Mr & Mrs Tong, Mrs Hall, a visiting tenor and Mrs Magson on organ performing Handel's 'And the Glory of the Lord'.



Sport



The 1st Team enjoyed another excellent term. Our 1st teams from the past four years have been roundly considered the best on the circuit, with each year's side being an improvement on the last. This year was no exception. We have again gone unbeaten on the circuit – our last defeat being in 2012 – and as a team we have shown great ability, pace, power and technique all around the pitch.

This term, Aldwickbury posed our biggest match day challenge with their size and strength but it was a game we won 2-0. The only side to stop us with a 3-1 win at home in the last 16 of the National Cup was Frank

Lampard's old school, Brentwood.

The obvious highlight came in winning the IAPS National 6-A-Side Tournament – more of that to come later! Just as pleasing as the results was the high-quality football we played. Our game revolved around high tempo, pass and move football starting with our goalkeepers Lewis and Harrison (they didn't play in goal at the same time) playing out from the back when possible. Charlie, Elliot Lewis and Ben have been rocks at the back, while Max has pulled the strings in midfield.

Driving runs from midfield have been the signature of Max's game for a while now and he had the pace and trickery

1st Team Heroes!

of Toby and Ibrahim outside of him stretching the game. Will has been a great addition in the midfield and Freddie has been a class above up front and occasionally in midfield.

In football terms, a group of talented boys have played their last game for the school. They have taken us on quite a journey which has included five National Finals over the past four years. I look forward to hearing of future successes as well as possibly being able to manage them again at senior level!

Sport

3rd - 4th Team

We played a variety of games varying from 7 to 9 aside. My overriding memory was the enthusiasm we played with and how many close games we were involved in. There were many standout performances but my own personal highlight was the remarkable goal by Marley from the halfway line.

Colts A Side

The majority of whom were in the team last year, continued to make great progress and really impressed over the term. With Archie, Reece, Finlay and our captain Josh experiencing their second term of Colts A football, and with the excellent additions of Joss in goal, Harry in defence, and Ollie in midfield, we were always in for an exciting term! The boys started strongly with some excellent victories against Edge Grove and Lockers Park. Unfortunately we couldn't seem to find that form when travelling away to Kingshott and Aldwickbury, suffering shock defeats in matches that we should have and could have won.

We learnt from those defeats and were keen to put things right, with a perfect opportunity in the ISFA regional tournament being played at Westbrook Hay.

The boys played some of the best football that I have seen from a Colts A side that day, comfortably defeating every school in the group apart from York House in which we drew. The boys score some excellent goals, with Ollie scoring the pick of the individual efforts with a strike from distance. Harry and Archie were solid at the back, leaving little for Joss to do, however when called upon.

Joss never let us down, only conceding one goal all afternoon.

Reece was always causing problems up top, with Josh breaking up the play and creating chances from the middle of the park.

A special mention to James and Henry who joined the squad and performed superbly when called upon. The standout performance of the day though went to Finlay in the final, with some excellent trickery down the left hand side of midfield, capping it off with a well-deserved goal.

The boys now travel to St Georges Park in May for the national tournament, one that we are very excited for and can't wait to experience. Well done boys on a great term of football.

Roll on May 10th!



Sport

U11 Football

This year all the girls in Years 3-6 started the term with football. With great enthusiasm the girls developed their skills which were then applied to the matches they played. Middle School had an undefeated record winning both of their matches due to excellent teamwork and tactical play. Top performances came from Taitai as a striker, playing with the year fours due to her excellent speed and ball skills. Ruth for her strong defending and Maryam for great attacking skills and speed. The Upper School also competed in a number of matches and were victorious in the majority of them. The team focused on defending and counter attacking which proved a successful tactic. Top performances for the term came from Olivia with her fantastic ball skills helping the teams to dominate some games.

Olivia was also regularly selected for the boy's team. Pippa, Milly and Gracie also shone with their quick dribbling on pitch and Lillie for great attacking skills.

U11 Netball



This half term the girls moved on to netball. Upper school made a good start to the season with the U11 A&B team winning or drawing the majority of their matches. Top performances came from Julia who has demonstrated some very impressive shooting skills which resulted in a large number of goals per match and Maya, Fenella and

Imogen for impressive work as a three in the attacking end.

U10 Netball

The U10 A&B team have also been working hard on their game. The U10A team made a fantastic start winning all their weekly matches and then they

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came runners up at the annual Berkhamsted tournament. The team have come together really well putting up a strong defence with Isobel, Eva and Adun. While Milly playing centre has shown quick movement and strong ball skills helping to bring the ball to the attacking side, which is made up of Gracie, Lillie, Grace and Maddie. The B team have had some mixed results with top performances coming from Ophelia as goal attack and Amy as shooter.

U9 Netball

In Middle School the U9 & U8 teams have played two matches. The U9A team had a superb win in their first game but strong opposition in their second game led to a loss, while the B team showed progress in their team work. With notable performances coming from Ruth for her strong defending skills as goal defence, Verity



as goal attack and Charlotte and Emma for their good movement on court helping to bring the ball to the attacking end.

U8 Netball

The U8 A&B team have been working hard learning how to play netball and the skills needed for the game.



Both teams have competed in a couple of 5 a-side and 7 a-side matches, with some wins and losses.

Top performances this half term came from Freya for quick movement, good defending, some great shooting and Sophie for excellent defending skills. Both girls also played for the Year 4's. Other great performances came from Zoya for good movement on court while Lucy and Lilah showed some great defending skills.



Sport

Arsenal Squad

It's been an interesting term for the top squad in the Under 9s as the group has been infiltrated by a large number of talented Year 3 footballers! It has been great to see their qualities on show but has meant there have been no easy games as invariably the boys have been playing against teams full of Year 4s. Will, Oli, Harvey, Barney, Robin, Will and Rushil have developed well and that's partly due to them having been playing with our strongest Year 4s such as Oliver & Sam. We have also been fortunate to have two very good goalkeepers in Freddie and Thomas.

We have been great advocates of playing 4 and 5 a-side games and festivals with this age group on the circuit and it has paid dividends with the development the boys have shown. More matches, more touches of the ball, more shots, more 1v1 situations and a better understanding of team shape have come out of what we've been doing and this should give the boys a good base to play off when they join the Colts (U11) set-up and play 7-a-side.

Barcelona Squad

The U9 Barcelona Squad have had a fantastic term of football, with all of the boys playing well and making excellent progress each week. We have focused on small sided games, and where possible have played 4 or 5 a-side matches, which has most definitely helped to develop their ability and understanding of the game. For the middle group, we were lucky to have some very good footballers, and the boys developed into a very good side, playing some excellent football. This was clear to see in our final festival at York House last week. We confidently and comfortably passed the ball around

the pitch, defeating both Beechwood Park and York House, scoring a number of impressive team goals. Well done to all of the boys, in particular Jake, Josh, Henry, Oliver and Lutero who were often playing against Year 4s from other schools. Javier, Srinikhil, Leroy, William and Austin's performances also meant that they got to play for our Arsenal Squad on a few occasions. It was a great term, let's hope for more of the same with the rugby!



Sport

Purple A Team

The Purple As were invincible as they maintained an undefeated season.

Their season started with a splendid 4-1 win against a very good Edge Grove team with Connor, Tobi and James scoring some very good team goals in what was a pulsating match. This was followed by a 10-0 humbling of Lockers Park at home before the boys beat Kingshott 5-2 in another exciting match.

The following week our boys travelled to Aldwickbury where they played in a triangular match beating the first team which was also boasting of an unbeaten run 2-1 followed by a 5-0 win against the other team.

Beechwood Park were our next opponents as the boys won 2-0 at home before beating Manor Lodge 4-1 ending the first half of term on a high.

After half term, the boys continued with their winning exploits as they completely dominated Heath Mount to win 7-1 followed by another Lockers Park match which they drew 2-2 to end the term with a whopping 9 unbeaten matches. In total the boys scored 41 goals against 9 meaning they had a 32 goal difference.

This was team play at its best and it was hard to separate the players. Ben was a safe pair of hands between the posts whilst Charlie and Joseph were the pillars in defence with James playing as a linkman in midfield supported by Thomas and Seb, Ronan or Byron on the wing and the goal machine was Connor.

Well done to Joseph who captained the team so well throughout the season, he never put a foot wrong.

Table Tennis

The table tennis boys went to Edge Grove where they pitted against some great Edge Grove players. It was a lovely evening of exciting table tennis. We started the match with the seniors playing against each other with Ibrahim and Elliot making inroads into the Edge Grove team. Ibrahim had a splendid evening winning all his eight matches to claim the Seniors' trophy for the Westbrook Hay side whilst Elliot lost only two matches. In the Juniors' section, Miles won six of his eight matches to run away with the Juniors trophy for Westbrook Hay.



Around the School

Stage Make-up

In September we started an activity for Upper School teaching the children who signed up how to apply blood and gore, burns, open finger wounds, facial hair and old age make up.

During the weeks the children learned how to apply fantasy make up and various animal face paints, robots and also made up their own make ups to a good standard.

Some of the children were exceptionally good, we were pleased to accept help from Amy and Imogen at the Christmas Fair.



Former Pupil

Jemima Loddy was a past pupil and had her first dance lessons with Teresa Henderson. After leaving Westbrook Hay Jemima joined Tring School for the Performing Arts and is now currently a lead dancer in the West End show The Last Tango. A few members of staff went along one Friday night to watch. It was a very proud moment. They shared lots of happy memories after the show.



Around the School

Art & Photography Competition

Now in its third year, the competition encouraged pupils from the whole school to choose an historical site or place of interest and submit photography or a piece of art. The school received a large number of truly fabulous entries. Detailed research and precise fact finding was clearly evident with children also demonstrating wonderful skills in their presentation. Impressive submissions, to name a few, included Hampton Court Palace, The Leaning Tower of Pisa and La Sagrada Familia in Barcelona. The winner in the Upper School category with his photography, sketches and commentary of the Former Federal Reserve Bank was Marley (age 13); winner in the Middle School category with a wonderful studded art board and photographs of Hampton Court Palace was Angel (age 8); and winning the Lower School category was Oliver (age 5), with his stunning photographs and fact finding of Chateau Clisson in France. Prizes include iPad Minis and runners up each received gift vouchers to spend at the Berkhamsted Arts and Crafts Store. The panel of judges included Stewart Woodward (Deputy Head), Victoria Gibbs (Head of Lower School), Donna



Milnes (Head of Art), Roz Sharp (Second Deputy), together with Zoë Stojanovic (Associate Director, Aitchisons Estate Agents).

Stewart Woodward commented, "We are pleased to have run the competition again this year and give our pupils the opportunity to inspire us with their art and photography skills. The competition provides an excel-

lent reason to look beyond the obvious and for the children to improve their knowledge and experiences of some wonderful buildings in the UK and abroad. The entries demonstrated a jaw dropping array of quality observations, unusual creations and special art pieces that I am sure the children will treasure for years to come. Well done to all who entered and to Aitchisons for another successful year.

Around the School

Disability Awareness Day

The Charities Committee has had a busy couple of weeks, raising money for this year's chosen charity Playskills. We started the week with a very inspiring assembly from Gareth Warner, who spoke to the children about his condition, Cerebral Palsy. The children learnt so much from Gareth and celebrated 'Disability Awareness Day' the following day on Wednesday 30th November.

On Disability Awareness Day, all the children took part in a rotation of four activities, which raised their awareness of what it is like to live with a disability. The activities included manoeuvring wheel chairs

around an obstacle course, using blindfolds to identify different shapes of pasta, communicating using Makaton sign language and learning about visual and hearing impairments.

Even lower school joined in with some extra special activities using blind folds during their PE lessons. A big thank you to Mrs Tannett and her team of lovely ladies from Playskills, who helped to run the activities on the day and make it so successful!



Westbrook Hay Association

Curry Night

84 ladies attended the Curry Night which got the 2016/17 year off to a great start. Chef Julie once again prepared an amazing selection of curries and we all left full. The event made almost £800 profit which was a great result considering its late addition to the calendar.



Firework Spectacular

WOW, well our Firework night on November 5th was a sell out and we didn't think we could ever say that. We planned for the high attendance and with the help of the staff it all went very smoothly. It was the last Firework night to be run by the Handscombe Sayer partnership whom have been running the show for over 20 years.



Westbrook Hay Association

This was the second year of holding the Christmas Fair in the PAC and it seemed to have found its feet. Profit was up and we are estimating the WHA made a total of £3000 across Hampers, Christmas Cards and the Fair itself. It takes a lot of time and effort to put the Fair on and its really rewarding to see so many children and parents having such a great time. One of the questions we get asked is

Christmas Fair

what happens to all the cakes. Well there were not many cakes left at the end but those that were, were delivered to local charities so nothing goes to waste.

We hope you have all enjoyed the events this term and look forward to seeing you at the Family Bingo night and Easter Egg Hunt.



Key dates for 2017:

- * Family Bingo & Quiz Night - 25th February
- * Easter Egg Hunt - 25th March
- * Dad's Curry Night - 11th May
- * Camp Out - 1st July

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