



A HEAD FOR NUMBERS

This term Coworth-Flexlands School was invited to take part in the launch of a new mathematics competition organised by NRICH. Four Year 6 girls were chosen to represent the School - Sophie, Claudine, Isabella and Elana.

The competing teams, all from the local area, participated in solving a number of multilayered high level maths problems. Our girls were not only assessed on their problem solving but on their ability to work as a team - communicating and recording their results.



Unfortunately we were 'pipped at the post' but were complimented by NRICH on our excellent teamwork and overall mathematical competence. The girls enjoyed the tasks and agree it is a competition in which we should be involved each year.

NRICH is a team of qualified teachers and practitioners from the mathematics and education faculties at Cambridge University who offer advice, resources and support to both teachers and learners in mathematics. Being directly involved in the development of the National Curriculum they are an organisation with whom the School has strong and long standing ties. Maths games and puzzles, developed by NRICH, can be found in the Childrens' Links section of our website.

CELEBRATION OF DANCE

A Celebration of Dance was the performance of the term with girls and boys from Year 1 to Year 6 treating parents, staff and the children in Early Years to a polished and very imaginative display of dance techniques.



Year Group performances were designed to demonstrate the development of technical skills through the years as well as the wide variety of dance types, formats and tempos. Mrs Guilfoyle, Mrs Davey and Miss Georgina provided the creative direction and stimulus for the 12 individual displays - which included, 'Going to the Zoo', 'Something Landed from Outer Space', 'Clowns' and 'A Day in the Life of a Rice Krispie'. Drama techniques were included in all the displays and from Year 3 upwards the girls were encouraged to create and choreograph their own dance movements.

Creative dance forms an important part of the curriculum at Coworth-Flexlands and was one of the key components in helping us secure the coveted Artsmark "GOLD STANDARD" award. With only 16% of English primary schools securing this award and only a fraction of these at the Gold Level, dance, along with the art, music and drama programmes is something of which we continue to be extremely proud.



COPPERS, CAKES AND CHRISTMAS



This term, the School, the Social Committee and our Class Representatives have again worked hard raising money through a variety of activities

At the start of term, a 'Macmillan Coffee Morning' was arranged to coincide with a nationwide coffee morning to raise funds for this important cancer supporting charity. With cakes and muffins donated by parents and friends of the School, a staggering £600 was raised through the event and the bake sale held after school. Thank you to all the Year 6 girls who helped host the sale.

Just before half term saw the first Inter-House Charity Challenge of the year with a 'penny race'. Children were encouraged to bring in as many copper coins as they could find from home.

With dads' pockets raided and kitchen drawers scoured, the coins were laid out in lines across the newly refurbished tennis courts - with the longest line by House taking the prize. As the final coins were laid there was huge excitement as Ruby House took the prize. In total £416.46 was raised. Four parents, Mrs Thurkle, Mrs Walker, Mrs Hunt and Mrs Keeling deserve special mention for the clearing up, counting and banking of all the coins. No mean feat! The money raised has been presented to the Sam Beare and Woking Hospice, the School's chosen charity for the year.



Finally, the annual Christmas Bazaar, opened by the School's Choir, proved as popular as ever. With over 30 stalls, games and activities, the halls and classrooms were awash with festive excitement. The local community played a significant role this year with many local businesses either setting up stalls or donating prizes for the Raffle- for which we are very grateful.

The Bazaar's old favourites continued to prove the most popular with the children able to spend their own pocket money on 'Jazzy Jars', the 'Cake Walk' or presents for Mum and Dad in the 'Secrets Room'. Santa's Grotto took on a Victorian Theme and the turkey rolls and mulled wine kept everyone warm. A huge thank you to all those who helped make this event happen and to all those who attended. Through your support over £5000 was raised - the most ever.

POETRY IN MOTION

Poetry Week has become a firm and popular fixture on our School calendar thanks to Head of English, Mrs Kafena. This term proved no exception with poetry literally taking over the School in the week before half term. With readings by teachers and parents, a poetry assembly, costume parades and poetry competitions across the year groups, it was a joy to see the children's creativity and enthusiasm for this important form of literary art.

Poetry has long proved important in developing a love and use of language. The various forms of poetry encourage children of all ages to experiment and play with language - learning how to select words carefully, create rhyme and establish rhythm.

After a week of writing, where no subject was off limits, the children in Year 1 and above had the opportunity to enter their best written piece for judging. Congratulations to Zara, Olivia, Shaan, Natasha, Charlotte, Helena and Isabella who secured first places in their respective year groups.



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