



# More Than A



# School Newspaper



On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2022, it was World Book Day but also the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr Men and Little Miss created by Roger Hargreaves. We celebrated this special day by dressing up as Mr Men and Little Miss characters or dressing up as our own.

During World Book Day week, there was a Ridiculous Reading competition. Some rode a horse, some were in the water, some did it on the zipline, some did handstands, some fell off of a chair, some were sitting on the bin and so much more. The winner was Olivia from 1ERS. Her picture was in the SHOWER! I asked Miss Boobyer which Ridiculous Reading picture was her favourite and she stated "Personally, my favourite picture was Olivia in 1ERS, because it was creative and smart, but

honestly they were ALL fantastic and creative." I asked Aarya from 3LB the same question and she replied with "My favourite is of the girl falling off of a chair whilst reading!" I asked Miss Gardner the same question as well and she said "My favourite was of Jack from 3LB who was reading in a rabbit cage!" I even asked Mr Mills and he said "My favourite was Mr Wright because he is ridiculous!"

Demi-Leigh (Yr 3) & Brooke (Yr 6)



# Go Beyond...

**A residential trip for those who needed a break and to make everlasting memories. This took place on the 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March with heaps of activities involved for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6, as well as Mr Taylor and Mrs Winters.**

## 7<sup>th</sup> March (Monday)

Once we arrived, we headed to the lounge room and introduced ourselves to everyone around us. We explored the area; the kitchen, the free time music room, art room, sports room with trampolines and the bedrooms. For dinner, we ate sausages, chips and beans. Yummy!

## 8<sup>th</sup> March (Tuesday)

As soon as we woke up, everyone got ready and we had some free time where most of us bounced on the trampoline. During the day, we also took part in some rock climbing and went for a long walk around. For dinner, we had spaghetti bolognese.

## 9<sup>th</sup> March (Wednesday)

On Wednesday, we went swimming for a long part of the day! As well as this, we visited Nine Ladies Park. This is where the Nine Ladies Stone Circle is, so we explored there for the day.

## 10<sup>th</sup> March (Thursday)

After breakfast, we visited a farm for the day! At the farm, we got to go on a tractor ride and play in the soft play area. In addition, some of us got to hold chicks! However, there were loads of animals around and I was nearly bitten by a goat! We also had a delicious picnic for lunch.

## 11<sup>th</sup> March (Friday)

On the last day, we had a scrumptious cooked breakfast, and then came home. We all had such an amazing trip away!

**Megan (Yr 6)**

# Redridge...

**Year 4 children had the amazing opportunity to go to Redridge with Mr Wright, Mrs Barton and Mrs O'Reilly.**

When we arrived at Red Ridge, we were split into 2 groups and unpacked into our dorms. That day, we completed a high ropes course and almost froze when we were kayaking! We also went on a night walk and saw loads of bats.

The next day, we had to wear lots of layers as it was freezing cold. We went orienteering with a leader called George.

Later on in the week, we went artificial caving in a small tunnel and then we had a go at firing arrows at the speed of light in archery!

During the evenings, we did loads of different activities such as having a movie night watching Boss Baby, and we even had a disco where we danced the night away!

**Alexandra & Olivia (Yr 4)**

# Teacher Talk

**Do you like being a teacher ?**

*Yes, because I like teaching children new skills.*

**How long have you been a teacher for?**

*5 years from 2016-2022.*

**Did you like school when you were a kid? Why?**

*No. I didn't like school because my teacher made me feel stupid.*

**What is your favourite food(s)?**

*A breakfast bunch (avocado and poached eggs).*

**What was your favourite toy when you were a kid?**

*A Playmobil doll house*

**Interviewed by: Demi-Leigh (Y3)**



**Do you have any specific people that inspire you? Why?**

*My mum inspires me because she is a nurse and is very caring and hard working.*

**Have you got a subject you are excited to teach? Why?**

*I love literacy and I enjoyed literacy because it was fun!*

**Who is your favourite superhero? Why?**

*Wonder-woman because there aren't female superheroes.*

**If you could add a school value, what value would it be?**

*Positivity!*

**What is your favourite shop?**

*Asda - I love doing food shops.*

**Interviewed by: Alexandra (Y4)**



**Do you enjoy teaching?**

*Yes!*

**What is your favourite animal?**

*Giraffe*

**Which pupil inspires you the most?**

*All of them*

**What is your favourite food?**

*Sushi*

**Do you pray to any religion?**

*Christian*

**Interviewed by: Sophie (Y2)**



**Do you like sparkly things?**

*Yes I Love Them.*

**Would you like to be a superhero?**

*Yes I would because I want to be invisible.*

**Where would you like to go on holiday?**

*The Maldives*

**Would you like to be a robot?**

*No, they scare me.*

**Interviewed by: Arianna (Y1)**



**Do you like your job?**

*Yes, because I enjoy teaching and seeing children's progress.*

**Who inspired you to become a teacher? How?**

*My best friend since she is an assistant head teacher.*

**Did you want to be a teacher? Why/Why not?**

*Yes, I always wanted to be a teacher. I wanted to help children.*

**What is and was your favourite subject?**

*I used to love art!*

**Interviewed by: Olivia (Y4)**



**How long have you been a teacher for?**

*8 years*

**How old is your daughter now?**

*9 months*

**What was your dream job when you were a child?**

*Astronaut*

**What are some of your hobbies?**

*Playing guitar and watching football.*

**Interviewed by: Megan (Y6)**



**Why do you wear dresses so often?**

*Because I have an addiction to buying dresses!*

**Why do you say 'No!' to epic dance parties?**

*Because sometimes we have to learn!*

**What is your favourite book and why?**

*The Kite Runner because it's about a really important topic.*

**What is your favourite app and why?**

*Wordle because it's really fun!*

**Who is your favourite popstar and why?**

*Adele because I like belting the songs out in the car.*

**Interviewed by: Aarya (Y3)**



**When you were a kid what was your favourite TV series?**

*The Bill*

**Do you work another job?**

*No*

**When you were a kid, what was your favourite family fun trip?**

*The seaside*

**What country were you born in?**

*England*

**Is your wish to have a Supercar?**

*Yes*

**Interviewed by: Dragos (Y2)**





# Sport News



## The Golden Athletics!

At North Solihull Sports Centre, an athletics competition was held on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022. At Smith's Wood Primary Academy, children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 competed against other schools. The following children are the owners of the golden medals: Poppy (Y3), Kye (Y4), Thomas (Y4), Nixon (Y5), Reece (Y5), Morgan (Y5), Seanna (Y6), Matthew (Y6), Jadey (Y6) and Rhiannon (Y6).

We asked Mr King "Do you think that it was easy for the athletes?" We asked him this because he was at the athletics competition. He replied "No, because there were very challenging schools."

**Demi-Leigh (Year 3)**

## Going for Gold!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the rowing team went to Ford-bridge Primary School to compete in a competitive rowing competition to try and win another medal. The teams were Megan, Brooke, Eve and Tiana and the other team was Harvey, Macorley, Jaxon and Brayden. Can you believe that the girls team won gold and the boys team came 4<sup>th</sup>? The team went with Mr King, Mr Meers and Mr Hobbis to represent the school.

Megan stated that "By the end of the day, I couldn't feel my legs! There were lots of different teams there and it was really competitive. I was proud to win gold!"

"During the competition, I couldn't believe that we were winning. It was tiring, but worth it for the gold medal!" reported Brooke.

**Megan (Year 6)**



# You. Are. GOLD!

Every week, Mr Hobbs and the children who are in the golden folder go to the candy cart in The Cadbury Room on Friday afternoon at 2:30. The Candyman song plays and everyone gets reminded to hop to The Cadbury Room and collect their sweets. You get the golden folder/sweets for impressing your teacher and/or assistant. I asked Demi-Leigh 'What is your favourite candy?' She replied "Umm a red big one with strawberry sherbet mmm that is

delicious!" We also asked her to answer this question "When you first went to the Candy Cart, what did you feel?" She stated "I loved it because there was so much sweetness ...get it? Haha!"

**Aarya (Year 3)**



## Book Fair News



The Book Fair is always full of wonder! There is always a variety of books available to buy! The book fair will help you develop your reading skills. There are long books and short books for you to buy. This year, Demi-Leigh bought a puppy diary and Pippa Morgan's diary, Dragos bought a book all about different dragons from around the world and Arianna got herself a book with a toy banana to play with!

Over the course of the week, the Book Fair raised just over £1000 each time. That means that since September, we have raised over £2000 from you buying books at the book fair. In school, this means that we have had £1000 to spend on new books! This money has been used to buy class reader books, new books linked to Science and books for raffle tickets!

**Dragos & Sophie (Year 2)**

# Puzzle Page

M	A	T	H	S	T	L
O	R	O	W	C	F	I
S	B	P	P	I	M	T
C	W	I	L	E	S	E
H	M	C	R	N	X	R
O	X	H	F	C	K	A
O	T	Y	G	E	B	C
L	G	P	E	J	Q	Y

## Word Search

Can you find these words?

Maths

Literacy

Topic

Science

School

PE

Alexandra (Yr 4)

# Beat the children!

Have you ever thought that your children are smarter than you? Well, you can beat them in this quiz all about topics during school.

Play this game to see if you're smarter than your children!

**By Megan (Y6)**

## Reception

What is the main character in Peter Pan?

What is the name of the Queen in Frozen?

## Year 1

Who was the first man on the moon?

Can you name an animal in Africa?

## Year 2

What is Florence Nightingale famous for?

What ingredients are used to make Ratatouille?

## Year 3

What was the name of the lady who found the first fossil?

Where is the Colosseum located?

## Year 4

In what AD, did Mount Vesuvius erupt?

What is the capital city of China?

## Year 5

In what country would you find the River Nile?

What was the name of the man who started Cadburys?

## Year 6

When was Tutankhamun's tomb discovered?

Can you name 3 countries from South America?