



Newsletter

Spring Term 2 2014



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Tenacres Crime

Year 2 children had lots of fun working together to solve a crime, as an introduction to their new topic Superheroes!

The teachers set up a crime scene in one of the classrooms, where children needed to solve clues and look at evidence to work out the profile of

the villain.

They thoroughly enjoyed it, especially the visit from our local Community Support Officers.



Fund Raising for Sport Relief

On Friday 21st March children and staff at Tenacres took part in the Sport Relief Mile.

The children showed fantastic determination to complete the distance and fun was had by all.

Thank you to everyone who sup-

ported this event by sponsoring children.

We are very pleased and proud

to announce that we raised a fantastic £1,550 for this very worthy cause.





Year 1 at Forest School

Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions.

They have been very busy building alien dens, making space rockets and hunting for hidden aliens.

The children have all demonstrated fantastic team work and communication skills.



Year 3 learning TAG Rugby

Year 2 visit to the Synagogue

On Friday 21st March, Year 2 visited a Synagogue in Birmingham. Children looked at many different Jewish items including Torah scrolls, a Menorah and Kippahs. It was very interesting and we learnt many things about the Jewish religion.

All of the children were very well behaved and really enjoyed their morning at a place of worship.



Key Stage 2 Shakespeare Workshop

Children in Years 3 & 4 were propelled into the world of Shakespeare when West End In Schools came to work with the children for a morning of workshops on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. The children learnt the story and then took on

character roles to act out the main events. Back in class, they completed a series of Shakespeare inspired activities to enrich their knowledge of his life and works.



World Book Day

The whole school celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 6th March by dressing up as their favourite book characters. The children took part in many other exciting activities throughout the day. As a competition, each teacher chose a class winner, which was very difficult as there

were so many fabulous costumes. Then three overall winners were chosen from Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Very well done to them. We hope you enjoy reading your prize books. The day also marked the start of the children's new topic. For the next few weeks their learning was cen-

tred on a book, and they began their topic by creating a canvas based on their text. Key Stage 2 ended their topic with a paperless day, Reception with a theatre trip, Year 1 with a visit from a

planetarium and Year 2 will be enjoying a repeat visit to Warwick Castle.



Family Learning Trip to the Theatre

Our 'Clever Clogs' Parents and children from our Family Learning group visited the Palace Theatre recently.

They enjoyed activities such as story telling, script reading and acting on the stage!

They were treated to a tour of the Theatre by volunteer and Tenacres Governor,

Dave Wilkins.

Dave has recently resigned his position as a Governor at Tenacres, having performed the role

for 4½ years and we have greatly appreciated his time and commitment.



Year 4 enjoying cricket coaching.

Reception Trip to the Theatre

Reception also visited the Palace Theatre, to complete their topic on Aladdin.

They enjoyed a tour of the theatre including back stage dressing rooms, the studio, technical box, auditorium and most amazingly the stage.

Each class took part in performing a retelling of Aladdin for the other class to watch.

All children were fantastic as both actors and audience. Children also had the opportunity to close and raise the beautiful curtain on the stage.

We have some future stars in our classes!



We wish to say a big thank you to TAPA for organising the very enjoyable Bingo, Fish & Chips evening last week.

These events take a lot of hard work and dedication by just a few people.

Funds raised over the year by TAPA have been used to bring in the 'Treasure Island' Pantomime which all Tenacres children enjoyed on Tuesday.

Staffing

We are pleased to welcome new members of staff: Miss Stephens will be joining Reception after Easter whilst Miss Hollands is away having her baby. Miss Maddocks is joining Year 2 after Easter whilst Mrs

Gardiner takes over Miss Hollands' Speech & Language and Nurture Group support role. Mrs Collier will be continuing her role as Dinner Supervisor but also providing classroom support in Key Stage 2.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Dinner Supervisor. Please ask at the School Office for an application form and job description if you are interested.



Speech & Language Tip

Developing talking develops writing. Encourage your child to make up spoken stories. To help their ideas give your child a start such as, 'I walked into a haunted house and ...', 'I was walking down the street one day when I found a puppy, so I decided to ...' or 'at school this morning our Head Teacher was acting really strange ...'. Only get involved if they need a little help to keep going.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair in February. We are very pleased to have received commission of £350 worth of books for Tenacres.

Important Health Reminder

A pupil at Tenacres has recently been very seriously ill in hospital due to a gastroenteritis infection.

We want to remind everyone that in order to prevent infections spreading children must not return to school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.

For more advice on when to keep children away from school due to illness please check out the link below:

www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Yourchildatschool/Pages/Illness

Check out the latest updates on our website: www.tenacres.worcs.sch.uk
Please have a look at our Parents' Information page/Ofsted, where there is a link to Ofsted's Parent View where you can share your views on our school. By contributing, Ofsted hopes you'll be helping the school to improve.

Diary Dates

<u>April</u>	
Friday 11th	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 28th	Return to School
Wednesday 30th	Year 3 Swimming
<u>May</u>	
Wednesday 14th	Open Evening *
Friday 16th	Class photos
Thursday 22nd	Year 2 Warwick Castle *
Friday 23rd	Break up for Half Term
<u>June</u>	
Tuesday 3rd	Return to School
Thursday 19th	7pm Parents' meeting for September Reception new starters
Tuesday 24th	Reception Sports
Wednesday 25th	Years 1 & 2 Sports
Thursday 26th	Years 3 & 4 Sports
NB Monday 2nd June Teacher Training Day	
* more details to follow	