

Willow Brook News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Remembering is such a key skill. Whether it's remembering those lines for the school play; those tricky spellings that just won't stick or simply remembering a PE kit or a 'wear your own clothes day'...

Our World War 1 short topic this half term has had remembering right at its heart. Stanton Parish Church kindly allowed our children to lay a wreath and take part in a simple ceremony at their memorial to mark the Armistice. Our bank of playground poppies were a perfect backdrop to the Last Post sounding and a minute's silence back at school on Friday, and I was incredibly proud of the six children who represented our school last Sunday as the community came together to remember those who had given their lives from Keyworth. Having studied some of these lives in our lessons, it was moving to see the children recognise names and be proud to hold their wreath at the Memorial Gates. It was right (and very poignant this year) to pass on the importance of remembering. Reception and Year 1 took a peek at the Stanton Church memorial on their Wellie Walk on Monday morning.



Today has, indeed, been a fun-filled Yabba-Dabba-Doo day! Again, there's a great community spirit on days where we are working together to support others. The playground always looks amazing when it's full of costumes and smiles and today was no exception! From cavemen to veloceraptors, Pudseys to pyjamas... and even a prehistoric fire, the Stone Age had truly come back to life in Keyworth! Here are some of our prize winning outfits...



The competitive spirit was certainly at the fore during our morning's Duck Hunt. With 22 ducks to track down around the school, it was a nail biting race to find the final golden duck and make it home. Sami and Dillon eventually scooped victory in a great game that saw our older children teamed up with our infant classes to make sure everyone was included.



Our Year 6 'Ducksters' have been busy tracking the Willow Brook entries to the Children in Need Duck Race and we watched each bird swim for victory after lunch today! With a close finish down the rapids between William Drakespeare, Lucky Ducky and James Pond, the coveted 'colour changing luxury duck' was finally won by Max. Sam also backed James Pond and chose a mini duck for him and his sister as a runner up prize!

I thought it would be a tough job to hold on to my Bake Off medal and the pressure mounted on Wednesday night when at 11pm I still hadn't got a perfect cake out of the oven! My heart sank (as did my cake) when I saw the entries that arrived this morning... Stunning! What talented bakers we have! Elaine our cook selected 6 of the best and then other

members of the kitchen team helped to cut and taste to arrive at the final verdict. It was unanimous that John's woolly mammoth was the best decorated and Maddie's mammoth was the most delicious chocolate cake the panel had ever tasted, but Mazie's exploding dinosaur volcano had both the taste and the clever construction. Mazie was duly awarded star baker and proudly left the hall wearing the medal. Well done!



As always, thank you so much for your efforts. The day was designed to be full of spirit (which it was!) and raise as much as we could for a fabulous cause. By the end of the day I have no doubt that we will be meeting our £500 target – that makes me very happy! Thank you.

Next Friday afternoon will be our Christmas Fair. Zoe Brearley and Sam Kaye and their team are busily organising the event and I do hope you will lend it your support. There will be festivities after school in the playground and the hall will be filled with the usual stalls, and thanks to your generous donations of chocolate and wine, the raffle and tombola will be well stocked! The choir will be making a first festive appearance and there will be details out on Monday about the new silent auction.

For now, I think there are a lot of tired dinosaurs who are ready for a restful weekend. I will leave you with a few more images of the day... including one more award winning cake...

Louise Ballard

