

THE

Waterton News

MATlympics

Outstanding Olympics!

Well done to all the children from our Waterton schools who competed in the fantastic MATlympics.

The MATlympics is an annual sporting event that is held at the end of each school year to celebrate the year of sport in our schools. This year the MATlympics was held at Charlston Community Primary School on Wednesday 6th June.

The format for the tournament is very simple but very effective. Each school picks 10 pupils (boys and girls) from each year group. They compete in a range of different activities and try to accumulate the most points. Some of the activities include: bowling, dribbling, throwing, catching, jumping and many more.



Some children who participated in the MATlympics. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for everyone.

Incredible Talent

The tournament was a huge success with over 500 pupils from our schools competing with passion, dedication and expertise. A huge thank you to Mr Biltcliffe and the team for facilitating an incredible day of sport.

The results from the competition are as follows:

- Year 1 winners = Lee Brigg
- Year 2 winners = Normanton Common
- Year 3 winners = Normanton Juniors
- Year 4 winners = Wrenthorpe
- Year 5 winners = Normanton Junior
- Year 6 winners = Wrenthorpe



Summer 2's Edition of *The Waterton News* is brought to you by children from Normanton Common Primary Academy.



Our School Council

Our Parliament Members

Kyran (Year 6) - is the chair and keeps everything on track and ensures the meetings run smoothly.
George (Year 6) – is the lead councilor and keeps everyone on track. He organizes lots of the meetings and is the voice of the council.

Robins – Grace, Hannah
Hepworth – Ellie, Caleb
Waterton – Eliza, Poppy
Sharman – Io, Sam
Tomlinson – Holly, Luke
Brownlee – Charlotte, Kyle
Adams – Grace, Aleksy
Bronte – Zara, Ruby
Cook – Kyran, Vicky
Hockney – George, Josh
Mentors – Matthew, Logan



Parliament News and Events

In the school council we sort out problems and we create ideas to help out the Headteacher (Mrs Cavell). We also try to think of new ideas that can improve the school. We usually have the council meetings on a Tuesday where Mr Saville and Miss Ho help us to run the sessions. In the school council we recommend things like improving the equipment for lunch times, try to think of different fund raising activities and being a voice for other members in our class.



Where success is a shared experience
Visit: www.watertonacademytrust.org

London

The year 6s have recently been on the 2018 London residential (which was really enjoyable). They all enjoyed it lots, there was a lot of mischief, fun, late nights and shopping.

Day 1 in London:

London was spectacular! On our way to the hotel we had some lunch and also shared a few laughs. On our way to London, we amused ourselves by watching a few movies such as: The Lion King and The Secret Life Of Pets as being in a coach for five hours was very boring. As we arrived at the hotel, we were welcomed by an array of different animals. Walking through the front doors was an enormous giraffe covered with sparkling lights.

As we received for our room keys, we all got partnered up and made our way to our rooms. Opening the door, we were wowed by the safari themed hotel room. A while later we were taken to Planet Hollywood where we were given our chosen foods. After that, we walked to the theatre to see the Lion King. After a long day we all slowly drifted off to sleep as we were tired from our day.



Day 2 in London:

We woke up to the birds chirping outside the window. Waking up at half past seven in the morning was stressful and tiring. We had a delicious full English breakfast at the safari café. After that, we had a tour around London where we had the chance to visit: The Houses Of Parliament, Pizza Express and of course The Famous London Eye!!!

We had a massive picnic at the London eye, it was amazing! everyone was playing tig and help.

Day 3 at London

The journey home was exciting because we were going home!!! And that is what we got up to in London!!



SATs

SATs are always a big shock to year 6 it's something they always end up worrying about. They get worked up for nothing, NOTHING! You say? Yes I'll tell you why. All the students in year 6 did absolutely fantastic, they got their heads down, worked hard and got the results they wanted. Congratulations to all the year 6's for achieving their goals.

After SATs the children have lots of opportunities to finish their life at primary school with a bang, with events such as the leavers' play, the leavers' assembly and the favourite leavers' disco where you get to see the teachers dancing. You also get fish and chips.



Summer 2's Edition of *The Waterton News* is brought to you by children from Normanton Common Primary Academy.



Kingswood

Earlier in the school year, our year 4 and 5 children went on an educational, residential visit to Kingswood, Dearne Valley in Doncaster. Kingswood is a place where you have the opportunity to do lots of activities (some scary, some not quite as scary), have lots of delicious food and make some wonderful memories.

Activities

At Kingswood there are lots of activities that you can do and challenge yourself. Some of the best ones are listed below.

Zipwire – You need to climb up a tower and jump off down a zip wire.

Night line – You are blindfolded and you need to navigate around an obstacle course using a rope, you get wet on this activity.

Laserzone – You have different battles inside a play area.

Leap of Faith – You have to climb up this huge pole and climb onto the platform at the top. You then need to try and jump to catch a metal bar.

Aeroball – You are on a trampoline and you need to throw balls into your partner's hoop.

Archery – You play a game called 'Make a Pizza' and you need to hit all the different targets.

Problem Solving – You need to work as a group to try to climb over a 10ft wall.

Food

At Kingswood there is lots of food that you can have. At breakfast there is always a choice of bacon, sausage, eggs and beans. But you can also have as much cereal and fruit as you want. At dinner time there was different sandwiches and jacket potatoes that you could choose from.

At tea time there was usually pizza, chips and other lovely food. At tea there was always a pudding. One child stated, "The chocolate brownie was luxurious." You need lots of energy at Kingswood because you do lots of activities.

Dormitories

When you go to Kingswood you will stay in your own room that has its own Bathroom. You will stay in either 4, 6, 8 or 10 rooms. The first job you need to do is to make your bed. This was the hardest thing ever to do. We also had room inspections to keep our rooms tidy.



A child in year 4 said, "Overall I rate Kingswood ten out of ten. It was certainly an experience to remember."



Transition Day

Recently, at Normanton Common we had our Transition day where we find out where we are going to be next year. It all starts when we go to the hall and Mrs Cavell reads out the children and then reads out the next class that they are in. Each class gets read out. You then spend the day with your new class friends and your new class teaching doing lots of wonderful things and getting to know each other. Some children are excited and some children are nervous but

it is enjoyable for most. It is different for the Year 2 children as they spend the day on the big playground and get to go on the field. They also get their lunch 30 minutes later.

It is also the same day that the Year 6 children go to their new high school and spend the day there.

At the end of the day everyone goes back into the hall and you go back out with your old class.

Scatterball

We decided to hold a Scatterball tournament (for years 1 and 2) at Normanton Common Primary Academy, for all the schools in the Waterton Trust to compete in.

In the extreme heat, the perseverance of the children helped them when they were losing battles. They were all very warm but kept battling all the way through. They tried their best and there was some fantastic battling and bowling.

There were 5 pitches, with 2 referees per pitch. The teams played one another. Each team had 6 or 7 members and everyone would get the chance to have a bat and hit five balls. The fielders can't move until the last ball has been hit. When it has the fielders need to get the balls back in the hoops whilst the batters are running around the pitch. Whoever does this first will get the point.

Congratulations to Mill Dam who were the Scatterball champions.

Ukulele Performance



On Friday 5th July, we had a Ukulele performance to show our parents. All of our children from Years 3 and 4 participated in the event. We kicked off our performance with class 6 playing three different songs. Then class 7 played three different songs. Then class 8 played three different songs. We had to play our Ukuleles and also sing at the same time. It was quite sad because Mr Edwards is leaving to become a high school teacher. Mr Edwards has been teaching us in school for lots of years.

Cycling Tour

Some of our children participated in the Yorkshire Schools Cycling Tour. We had to cycle in the warm weather from our School to Altofts Junior School. One of our children had to carry the baton to give to the next person.

Everyone in our school came out to cheer us on and it was a great day. The bikes were strange because they broke if you pedalled backwards.



Summer 2's Edition of *The Waterton News* is brought to you by children from Normanton Common Primary Academy.



Music Evening

On Tuesday 3rd July we had a musical celebration. We had two concerts, one for children in school and one for family members in the evening. During the concert it gave everyone the opportunity to show their musical talents on different instruments. Some children play at home and some people learn in school. All the children were very nervous but they tried their best.



The evening was fantastic and the children were playing a range of instruments including: guitars, flutes, cellos, pianos, clarinets and many more. We also had a choir singing some of our favourite school songs.

Miss. Rawes, the musical extraordinaire, organised the event after much success in previous years. The parents enjoyed an evening of beautiful music, and the choir did an excellent job of opening and closing the amazing concert. A break in between allowed those performing and watching to talk about the performance, and the performers were treated to a drink of blackcurrant or orange juice!

“It was a great performance, everybody did really well,” exclaimed one person.

Mrs. Cavell watched the performance too, and congratulated the instrumentalists on a fabulous night of music. It was enjoyed thoroughly by all, and it was a great achievement. Let’s hope for the same results next year!

Poetry Recital Competition

This week at school we were running our Poetry recital competition. We had three rounds: a class round, a semi-final and a grand final. For our class heats the children had to remember and read out a poem in front of their class. The teachers put a score on a voting slip to mark the children’s pace, fluency, expression, volume, clarity, poem choice and their performance. The scores were added up and then the highest three children went through to the semi-final.

The next round was on Wednesday morning where the winning children performed in front of their Key Stage. We picked three winners from KS1 and 5 from KS2. In the afternoon we had the grand final. The judges were Mrs Cavell, Mrs Beavis and Mrs Simpkins. We had some wonderful poems that were all different. All of the finalist received a poetry book which has 365 poems in it, one for each day of the year.



Sports Days

This year the sports day at Normanton Common had a familiar theme with both Key Stage 1 and 2 both running a similar format. Each child would compete in a series of sporting events. These consisted of Long Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin, Ball Throw, Speed Bounce, as well as lots of track races.

The whole day was a great success and was enjoyed by both parents and children.

The EYFS sports day was held during the same week and they completed a fantastic circuit of events such as the egg and spoon race.

Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a whole hour of jumping, throwing, running and trying their very best at an amazing sports day afternoon. The activities competed in were: track events, such as, hurdle race, beanbag race, hula hoop race and the skipping race, which was fun to see who could skip and who couldn't! Also, there was long jump, the hop, skip jump, the speed bounce, the seated throw, the airflow ball throw and the javelin (everyone's favourite!)

It was an extremely warm day, with temperatures touching the near 30 degrees mark, however, everyone competed to their best ability, trying to get the most points as they could. Everyone persevered in the hot weather to carry on going to the end. The parents of the children were very supportive and enthusiastic to see their kids having a good time in the surprising England sunshine.



It was an extremely warm day, with temperatures touching the near 30 degrees mark, however, everyone competed to their best ability, trying to get the most points as they could. Everyone persevered in the hot weather to carry on going to the end. The parents of the children were very supportive and enthusiastic to see their kids having a good time in the surprising England sunshine.

"I had a great time, having fun with my friends at the sports afternoon," said one boy, eager to move on to the next activity.

It was reported that one boy competing in sports day said that it was a great opportunity to show off what he could do in the events that sports day the at him.

Sports day was loved by all who took part, especially those who played in football teams (they were extremely competitive in what they did!) It was ended with a thank you to the parents for watching and a clap to the children for competing so well.



Summer 2's Edition of *The Waterton News* is brought to you by children from Normanton Common Primary Academy.



Leavers' Play

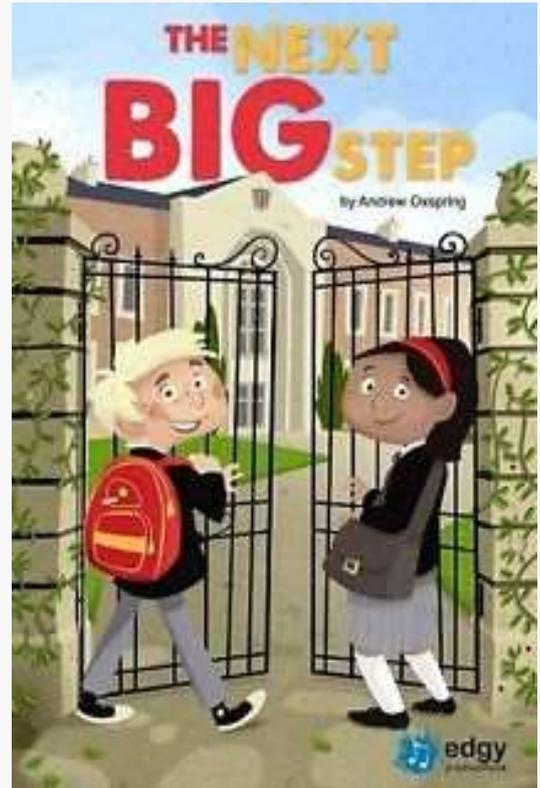
As it is coming to the end of the year, the Year 6s perform a leavers' play to say goodbye to their fellow classmates. The play is a great way to show off the children's talents, at the end of the year, to parents and the whole school.

Y6 have been very busy the past few weeks trying to make their play (The Next Big Step) perfect for the school, they have practised and practised their hardest.

They've enjoyed their chuckles and laughs and had practice with their costumes but they are now ready to perform their funny performance for their parents and the school. Some of us are still getting the rest of their costumes. *Hopefully they are ready for their dress rehearsal on Tuesday 16th July.*

Main characters:

Harry played by Harry, George played by Marcus, Isobel played by Mya and Chloe played by Emily.



Reception Graduation

The tradition of our foundation stage graduation started when an american teacher came to our reception class.

Our Graduation is a celebration of all the hard work that children have done throughout their time in the Foundation Stage. We talk about the things we have particularly enjoyed. We also share photographs and sing enjoyable songs.

We have to wear a special Graduation blue gown and a blue cap with the school logo on.

At the end of the ceremony our Head Teacher (Mrs Cavell) shakes the children's hand and presents us with a scroll.

