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# Waterton News

## A Residential Adventure

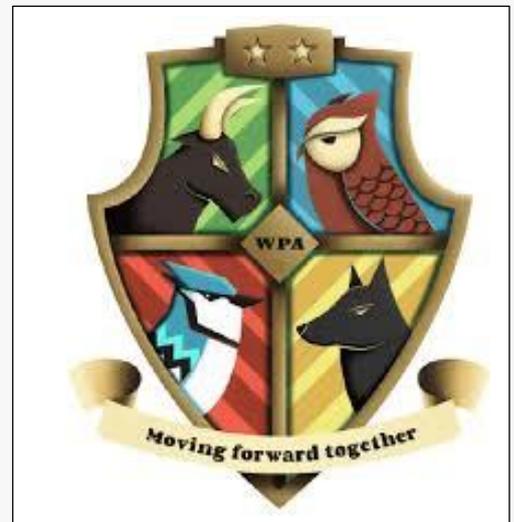
### Congratulations to all children on a amazing residential

*By Lenny and Olle*

#### Robinwood in Wales amazes all students and teachers on their trip.

The adventure – packed Robinwood was a surprising time for every single person in year 5 and 6. It isn't a place you judge by its cover. With its amazingly persuasive leaders, the soul shaking activities, and great food, this residential will make you dumbfounded by the sheer height and speed of the activities.

The children had an amazing time, even though the temperature was below average for the time of year! Everyone challenged themselves to go that little bit higher and even the adults joined in.



#### The scariest activity...

##### Piranaha Pool....

The piranha pool was a shocking time for a few people but we don't name names here. It was more of a escape room than anything but you and your group were against the clock. Two people crawled over to the other side although it fell shut when the two people passed. Each side had a puzzle to be found and worked out. You only had 45 minutes, your probably thinking, "Well thats easy!" it really isn't. Most groups left with a time under ten seconds. There are plenty of puzzles to work out in this intense – feeling area in the indoors of Robinwood.



## Healthy World, Happy Me

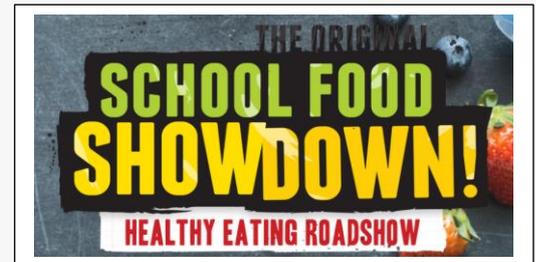


Healthy world, happy me week took place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of July. All week we were privileged to wear sport clothing and do fun activities in each and every class.

On Monday, ready, steady, cook took place in the hall, this was an event to encourage people to eat more healthy meals. Red Chilli and Green Peas competed to make the best meal, the Green Pea's meal had to be vegan and Red Chilli's meal could be cooked with meat. The meals cooked were: a lentil and spinach curry with added vegetables and curried potatoes, and a sweet and sour chicken with noodles on the side.

This challenge excited every single person and the pupils that took part tried their absolute hardest! The experience was amazing and hopefully it will be topped next year!

Reported by Anna and Katie



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## Recycling Rampage

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2019, on our thoroughly enjoyed transition day, when we met our new teachers for next year, the children at Walton Primary Academy absolutely adored our up-cycling project which took place in each and every class. This activity encouraged us to use less single use items and to create something new with these materials. The kids really appreciated these fun recycling tasks and were eager to do more. Lots were created like: welly boot planters, making used crayons into fresh crayons shaped as Lego figures, coke bottle planters, bags made from old t-shirts, weaving baskets and coasters out of paper, bottle cap games, chair pockets, and finally, jean pocket stationary holders. These activities couldn't have been done without the help supplied by our amazing teachers!

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## Sporting Superstar visits School!

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Paralympic cyclist and fencer Craig McCann came into Walton Primary Academy to run an activity day based on gym exercises. He, along with a man from Sports For Schools, led the day by encouraging us and showing us how to do the activities. These exercises were: Spotty Dogs, Leg Drives, Push-Ups and last but not least, Star Jumps. We all enjoyed this day, even the teachers! The event was also to raise funds to support the Paralympic athletes and to buy sports equipment for school.

We have loved our Healthy World, Happy Me Week, during which we had transition day, sports day practice, The School Food Showdown and, of course, the day we learnt about plastic and the effect of it on the environment.



# Art Week Impresses the Toughest Critics, Parents

The whole school spent the week immersed in art. From painting to sculpting, wherever you looked children were busy creating. The week ended with an exhibition afternoon and parents and relatives were invited in to admire the work and to take part in living art projects. The week was a massive success and the visitors were amazed. One parent said they had never seen such creativity before.

## So what did the children do?

Penguins, Owls and Finches came together to produce a giant installation linked to their 'Bee' topic. The children used papier-mâché to make the bees before suspending them on wire. LKS2 looked at Vincent Vangogh and Hepworth inspired sculptures. UKS2 made dragon eyes, collaged a giant panorama of the school and even had the time to create an outdoor bird house installation.



## CRAZY EXPERIMENTS ENJOYED BY SCHOOL!

By Olle and Lenny.

At Walton Primary Academy the children have enjoyed a science week. All the classes tried weird and wacky experiments and had lots of fun. They presented them to the school in a special assembly.



Exploding cola

The Flamingo class had been looking at magnetic fields and different strengths of different magnets. Some of the magnets they used could hold 2-3 paperclips but some could hold 20 paperclips. The children loved investigating magnets.

While on the topic, the Puffin class had created magnetic cars. They had five children in each group to see who could make the best car. They then went outside and had a race on the playground. They used magnetic forces to pull the car along. When they finished, everyone made a poster that explained how to make them and how they worked. Their teacher, Mrs. Purdy said, "they worked together really well." This was agreed by the class.



Paperclips and magnets

All the other classes worked together to create a fun experiment such as: volcanic eruptions, exploding cola, a messy mixture of milk and coke. Children squealed with delight. Everyone loved the week and cannot wait for the next science week!

# Waterton Trust

## KS1 Bee Keeper.

Reported By Katie

### Children Buzzing over Bee Man

On Thursday 21st June, a bee keeper came into KS1 (classes 1, 2, and 3) and taught them a lot of information about

Bees. Here are some details from KS1 pupils about this one of a kind lesson.

They Learnt that the bee has 3 parts of its body:

1. The Head
2. The Thorax
3. The Abdomen

They said that they had so much fun and the bee man was extremely impressed with their ideas.

This was a great activity for them, to learn about something new and it was a unique experience for the children to increase their knowledge on bees and to let them know that bees are actually friendly and we need bees to survive. They said that they only survive 2-3 weeks in summer. Some children from class 2 told us that when collecting honey, the bee keepers use a special smoker to calm the bees and let them know that they are not trying to harm them.



The bee keeper brought in several professional bee keeping uniforms so that the children could experience how it feels to wear a real bee keeping outfit, bee keepers wear this so that the bees can't sting them, as they may mistake them for people who are trying to threaten or scare them.

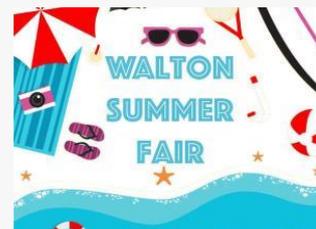
They were absolutely buzzing about him coming in, and found this as a massive opportunity to ask the thousands of questions that were awaiting for him inside the KS1 classes. They were delighted to have the opportunity to meet someone with endless knowledge on bees and experience with bee keeping.

The reason for the invite was because the three classes made a huge display of bees made out of paper mashe (for the body) and clear plastics (for wings), they also decorated hexagons with glitter and paint. This display turned out fantastic! It is now covering the wall outside of KS1's doors and is in the middle of the school hallway for everybody to admire!

## ☺END OF YEAR EXITEMENT☺

*Reported by Anna and Millie*

As the year comes to an end, children are waiting in anticipation for the long-awaited summer holidays. A lot of schools are holding summer fairs, discos, parties etc. As the year comes to an end, the house points are being counted and the children become more and more excited because we are preparing to move on to our next classes.



## ☺Interview☺

After interviewing some children at Walton Primary Academy, we have found some evidence of how a lot of people could feel when the end of the school year comes.

A girl in Class 2 ( a Year 1 and 2 class ) called Lottie said that she was very excited to meet her new teacher. Karen in Year 4 said that she was a bit nervous even though she knew who her next teacher was going to be. Marco in Class 8 ( a Year 5 and 6 class ) stated that he was excited but also anxious and worried because he didn't know if his teacher was going to be strict. "I wonder if anyone else feels like this," said Millie.

## ☺Walton Primary Academy☺

At Walton Primary Academy we are going to enjoy a exercise day led by paralympic cyclist and fencer Craig McCann with arm and leg exercises including Spotty Dogs, Star Jumps, Leg Drives and Press-Ups. Last year we did the same with a different athlete, Caroline Buckle. Another upcoming event is the Summer Fair complete with stalls, food, activities and the Walton Bake-Off. We wonder which other schools across the MAT are doing the same or something different.



In previous years we have held summer discos, raffles, tombolas, and of course fairs. Art weeks have been and gone, science experiments have taken place, We have had animal talks, school trips, residential and more. The school year has been quite fun for us and other schools across the MAT, I am sure we can all agree. Although there could have been some hard work, we have managed to make time fly by. If you are lucky enough to have a school party/fair/disco, remember to have fun!!

*Written by Anna and Millie*